

authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR 222–226), and the Fur Seal Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1151 *et seq.*).

The general purpose of the research is to study various aspects of disease afflicting marine mammals. Infectious disease investigations include viral pathogens such as West Nile virus, St. Louis Encephalitis virus, herpesvirus, and poxviruses. Other projects include development of a marine mammal histology database and atlas, research on the effects of boat strikes on cetacean bone, and investigation into acute phase proteins in cetaceans. Cell lines are proposed to be developed for some projects. The applicant has requested authorization to receive, import, and export specimen samples (hard and soft parts) world-wide from all marine mammals under NMFS jurisdiction (up to 250 samples per species per year). Specimens that would be received, imported, and exported would be taken from the following sources in the U.S. and/or abroad: (1) routine husbandry sampling of captive animals; (2) samples taken from live animals by other permitted/authorized researchers; (3) samples taken from stranded animals; and (4) samples taken from animals during legal subsistence hunts.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an initial determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: April 30, 2004.

Stephen L. Leathery,

Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by June 7, 2004.

Title, Form, and OMB Number: United States Air Force Academy Evaluation of Candidate; USAFA Form 145; OMB Number 0701—[To Be Determined].

Type of Request: New Collection.

Number of Respondents: 1,800.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 1,800.

Average Burden Per Response: 20 minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 600.

Needs and Uses: The information collected on this form is required by 10 U.S.C. 9346. The respondents are students who are applying for admission to the United States Air Force Academy. Each student's background and aptitude is reviewed to determine eligibility. The information provides candidates the opportunity to show through their English, Math, or Chemistry/Physics instructors that they can meet Air Force academic performance and character standards.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Frequency: On Occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to Obtain or Retain Benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: Ms. Jacqueline Zeiher.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Ms. Zeiher at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

DoD Clearance Officer: Mr. Robert Cushing.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Cushing, WHS/ESCD/Information Management Division, 1225 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 504, Arlington, VA 22202–4326.

Dated: April 28, 2004.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness).

ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) announces the following proposed reinstatement of a public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by July 6, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) (Military Community and Family Policy/MWR Policy), ATTN: Colonel Michael A. Pachuta, 4000 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301–4000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the above address or call at (703) 602–4994.

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Control Number: "Application for Discharge of Member or Survivor of Member of group Certified to Have Performed Active Duty with the Armed Forces of the United States," DD Form 2168, 0704–0100.

Needs and Uses: This information collection requirement is necessary to

implement Public Law 95–202, section 401, which directs the Secretary of Defense to determine if civilian employment or contractual service rendered by groups to the Armed Forces of the United States shall be considered active duty. This information is collected on DD Form 2168, “Application for Discharge of Member or Survivor of Member of Group Certified to Have Performed Active Duty with the Armed Forces of the United States,” which provides the necessary data to assist each of the Military Departments in determining if an applicant was a member of a group which has performed active military service. Those individuals who have been recognized as a member of an approved group are eligible for benefits provided for by laws administered by the Veteran’s Administration.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Annual Burden Hours: 1,500 hours.

Number of Respondents: 3,000.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: .5 hours.

Frequency: On occasion.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

Public Law 95–202 directed the Secretary of Defense to determine if civilian employment or contractual service rendered by groups to the Armed Forces of the United States shall be considered active duty. Individuals recognized as a member of an approved group will be eligible for benefits provided for by the laws of the Veteran’s Administration. The information collected on DD Form 2168, “Application for Discharge of Member or Survivor of Member of Group Certified to Have Performed Active Duty with the Armed Forces of the United States,” is necessary to assist each of the Military Departments in determining if an applicant was a member of a group which has been found to have performed active military service and to assist in issuing an appropriate certificate of service. Information provided by the applicant will include: The name of the group served with; dates and place of service; highest grade/rank/rating held during service; highest pay grade; military installation where ordered to report; specialty/job title(s). If the information requested on the DD Form 2168 is compatible with that of a corresponding approved group, and the applicant can provide supporting evidence, he or she will receive veteran’s status in accordance with provisions of DoD Directive 1000.20. Information from the DD Form

2168 will be extracted and used to complete the DD Form 214, “Certificate for Release or Discharge from Active Duty.”

Dated: April 28, 2004.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, DoD.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by June 7, 2004.

Title, Form, and OMB Number:

Record of Arrivals and Departures of Vessels at Marine Terminals; ENG Form 3926; OMB Number 0710–0005.

Type of Request: Reinstatement.

Number of Respondents: 400.

Responses Per Respondent: 13.5 average.

Annual Responses: 5,400.

Average Burden Per Response: 30 minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 2,700.

Needs and Uses: The Corps of Engineers uses the ENG Form 3926 in conjunction with ENG Forms 3925, 3925B, and 3925P as the basic source of input to conduct the Waterborne Commerce Statistics data collection program. ENG Form 3926 is used as a quality control instrument by comparing the data collected on the Vessel Operation Report with that collected on the 3926. The information is voluntarily submitted by respondents to assist the Waterborne Commerce Statistics Center in the identification of vessel operators who fail to report significant vessel moves and tonnage.

Affected Public: Business or Other-for-profit.

Frequency: Monthly.

Respondent’s Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: Mr. Jim Laity.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Mr. Laity at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

DOD Clearance Officer: Mr. Robert Cushing.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Cushing, WHS/ESCD/Information Management Division, 1225 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 504, Arlington, VA 22202–4326.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Notice of Availability of the Mobile Launch Platform Environmental Assessment and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact

AGENCY: Missile Defense Agency, Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulations, the Missile Defense Agency (MDA) is initiating a public review and comment period for an Environmental Assessment (EA) and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). This notice announces the availability of the Mobile Launch Platform (MLP) EA that analyzes the potential environmental impacts of activities associated with using the existing MLP as a platform for testing sensors and launching target and interceptor missiles. The MLP could operate from any of the following locations: Western Range, Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF)/Kauai Test Facility (KTF), U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll (USAKA)/Ronald Reagan Ballistic Missile Defense Test Site (RTS), and the Board Ocean Area (BOA) of the Pacific Ocean. The EA considers the impacts resulting from the proposed use of the MLP to support specific tests. The EA also considers cumulative impacts associated with the proposed use of the MLP to support test events.

Based on the analysis documented in the EA, the MDA has concluded that no significant impacts are expected to result from the proposed action. The Draft FONSI was prepared to document this preliminary conclusion.

DATES: The public review and comment period for this EA and Draft FONSI begins with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. All comments on this EA and Draft FONSI