

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.

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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.

Dated: April 30, 2004.

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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