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Title: President Memorial Certificate (PMC), VA Form 40-0247.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0567.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The purpose of the PMC insert is to allow next of kin, other relatives and friends to request additional certificates and/or replacement or corrected certificates upon the receipt of the original PMC. PMC are automatically issued without a request from the next of kin as part of processing death benefits claims.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 8,004.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 2 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 240,132.

Dated: October 19, 2006.

By direction of the Acting Secretary.

Denise McLamb,

Initiative Coordination Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0578]

Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Health Administration (VHA) is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on information needed to request preauthorization of

certain health care services and benefits for children of Vietnam veterans.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before January 2, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through www.Regulations.gov: or to Ann Bickoff, Veterans Health Administration (193E1), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail ann.bickoff@mail.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0578" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at www.Regulations.gov. **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ann Bickoff at (202) 273-8310.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3501-3521), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VHA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VHA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VHA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

Titles:

a. Health Care for Certain Children of Vietnam Veterans—Spina Bifida and Covered Birth Defects—Regulation.

b. Claim for Miscellaneous Expenses, VA Form 10-7959e.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0578.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA's medical regulations 38 CFR part 17 (17.900 through 17.905) established regulations regarding provision of health care for women Vietnam veterans' children born with spina bifida and certain other covered birth defects. The information collected will be used to determine whether to approve requests for preauthorization of certain health care services and benefits for children of Vietnam veterans; the

appropriateness of billings for such services; and to make decisions during the review and appeal process.

Beneficiaries complete VA Form 10-7959e to claim payment/reimbursement of expenses related to spina bifida and certain covered birth defects. Health care providers complete standard billing forms such as: Uniform Billing-Forms (UB) 92, and HCFA 1500, Medicare Health Insurance Claims Form. Without the requested information VA will be unable to determine the correct amount to reimburse providers for their services or beneficiaries for covered expenses.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, Business or other for-profit, and Not for profit institutions.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 3,400 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 6 1/2 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 3,600.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 31,400.

Dated: October 19, 2006.

By direction of the Secretary.

Denise McLamb,

Program Analyst, Initiative Coordination Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Veterans' Disability Benefits Commission; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the Veterans' Disability Benefits Commission has scheduled a meeting for November 16, 2006, at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 900 10th Street, NW., Washington, DC. The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 4:15 p.m. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Commission is to carry out a study of the benefits under the laws of the United States that are provided to compensate and assist veterans and their survivors for disabilities and deaths attributable to military service.

The agenda for the meeting will include updates on the progress of the studies being conducted by the Center for Naval Analyses (CNA) and the Institute of Medicine (IOM). The Commission will receive initial presentations on several draft Issue Papers. The Commission will also review and approve an Issue Paper outlining the Commission's position to

recommend lump sum payments be removed from consideration as an option for compensating veterans with disabilities.

Interested persons may attend and present oral statements to the Commission, November 16. Oral presentations will be limited to five minutes or less, depending on the

number of participants. Interested parties may also provide written comments for review by the Commission prior to the meeting or at any time, by e-mail to veterans@vetscommission.com or by mail to Mr. Ray Wilburn, Executive Director, Veterans' Disability Benefits Commission, 1101 Pennsylvania

Avenue, NW., 5th Floor, Washington, DC 20004.

Dated: October 25, 2006.

By Direction of the Secretary.

E. Philip Riggin,

Committee Management Officer.

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