

Information may also be disclosed to the FLRA in order for it to address matters properly before the Federal Services Impasses Panel, to investigate representation petitions, and to conduct or supervise representation elections.

(13) VA may disclose information from this system to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) when requested in connection with investigations of alleged or possible discriminatory practices, examination of Federal affirmative employment programs, or other functions of the Commission as authorized by law or regulation.

DISCLOSURE TO CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCIES:

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(12), VA may disclose records from this system to consumer reporting agencies as defined in the Fair Credit Reporting Act 15 U.S.C. 1681a(f) or the Federal Claims Collection Act of 1966 31 U.S.C. 3701(a)(3). The disclosure is limited to information necessary to establish the identity of the individual, including name, address, and taxpayer identification number (Social Security number), the amount, status and history of the claim; and the agency or program under which the claim arose for the sole purpose of allowing the consumer reporting agency to prepare a commercial credit report. Title 31 U.S.C. 3711(e) governs the release of names and addresses of any person to consumer reporting agencies under certain circumstances.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

STORAGE:

Paper documents and electronic storage media.

RETRIEVABILITY:

These records may be retrieved using various combinations of name or identification number (credit card number) of the individual on whom the records are maintained.

SAFEGUARDS:

This list of safeguards furnished in this System of Record is not an exclusive list of measures that has been,

or will be, taken to protect individually-identifiable information.

The Financial Services Center will maintain the data in compliance with applicable VA security policy directives that specify the standards that will be applied to protect sensitive personal information. Security complies with applicable Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) issued by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

Access to these records is restricted to authorized VA employees, contractors, or subcontractors who have been cleared to work by the VA Office of Security and Law Enforcement, on a "need to know" basis. They are required to take annual VA data privacy and security training.

Offices where these records are maintained are locked after working hours and are protected from outside access by the Federal Protective Service, other security officers, and alarm systems. Access to computerized records is restricted to authorized VA employees, contractors, or subcontractors by means of unique user identification and passwords.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

In accordance with General Records Schedule 6, Item 1a(2), retain in inactive storage 1 year after the close of the fiscal year, then transfer to a Federal Archives and Records Center. Destroy 6 years and 3 months after period covered by account.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Finance (047), VA Central Office, Washington, DC 20420.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES:

Individuals seeking information concerning the existence of a record pertaining to them must submit a written request to the VA station where the records are maintained. Such request must contain a reasonable description of the records requested. In addition, identification of the individual requesting the information will be required in the written request and will consist of the requester's name, signature, and address, at a minimum.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

See "Notification Procedure" above.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

See "Notification Procedure" above.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Information received from individuals and the private credit card contractor.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice to delete system of records.

SUMMARY: The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is deleting a system of records entitled "Veterans and Dependents Inactive Award Account Records—VA" (39VA047). The system contained information on payments made to or on behalf of an individual veteran and/or dependents. This system of records is being deleted since it is no longer being used by the Department because records pertaining to this system have been incorporated into "Compensation, Pension, Education, and Rehabilitation Records—VA" (58VA21/22).

A "Report of Intention to Publish a Federal Notice of Deletion of a System of Records" and a copy of the deletion of system notice have been provided to the appropriate Congressional committees and to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), as required by 5 U.S.C. 552a(r) and guidelines issued by OMB, 65 FR 77677 (Dec. 12, 2000).

DATES: *Effective Date:* March 31, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Peter Mulhern, Office of Financial Policy (047G), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 461-6487 (this is not a toll-free number).

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Chief of Staff, Department of Veterans Affairs.

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