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**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 contact Sandra C. Garmon Bibb, DNSc, RN, Department of Health Systems, Risk and Contingency Management, Graduate School of Nursing, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences; (301) 295–1206.

*Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number:* Military Nurse Recruitment Surveys; OMB Control Number 0720–TBD.

*Needs and Uses:* The information collection requirement is necessary to obtain and assess the willingness of potential student populations to consider accepting an undergraduate nursing education in return for a commission as a nurse officer in the Armed Forces with a required service obligation.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 1,000 hours.

*Number of Respondents:* 4,000 (2,000 non-nursing students and 2,000 nursing students).

*Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Average Burden per Response:* 15 minutes.

*Frequency:* One time.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Summary of Information Collection**

Respondents are students in nursing school programs, or attending institutions where nursing school programs are offered; possibly to include qualified applicants who are not accepted for admission due to space limitations.

The United States healthcare system is facing an acute nursing shortage of

unprecedented magnitude. This shortage is also affecting the Nursing Corps of the three military services. In this environment of a short supply of nurses, several initiatives are being explored to increase the number of nurses recruited annually by the military services. Data are needed for planning that will allow for an assessment of the potential impact of recruitment incentives on the receptiveness of targeted populations of likely future nurses and nursing students. In order to maintain the level of recruitment required by the military to maintain an adequate nursing workforce, a more thorough assessment of the future military nursing workforce is required. The national survey of young adults ages 18–40 will capture critical information on public perceptions of and interest in nursing and military careers and aid policy planning efforts to estimate available labor supply. The survey of nursing students enrolled in nursing programs throughout the US will provide critical data on the willingness of those with a demonstrated interest in nursing to consider a military nursing career.

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**Patricia L. Toppings,**

*OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer,  
Department of Defense.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

### **Office of the Secretary**

[Docket No. DoD–2009–HA–0157]

#### **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 November 1, 2010.

*Title and OMB Number:* Retired Troops to Nurse Teachers Survey; OMB Control Number 0720–TBD.

*Type of Request:* New.

*Number of Respondents:* 1,744.

*Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Annual Responses:* 1,744.

*Average Burden per Response:* 20 minutes.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 576 hours.

*Needs and Uses:* The 2008 National Defense Authorization Act (Conference

Report) gives impetus to this study, which calls for an evaluation of the provision in the Troops to Nurse Teachers (TNT) Act of 2008. Specifically, DoD will examine the feasibility and merits of this congressional proposal that outlines a program to encourage former military nurses to take faculty positions in nursing schools, for the purpose of encouraging more nurse graduates to consider military service. The Department will survey military nurses who are on active duty but close to retirement eligibility (20 years of service), or recently retired. The primary purpose of collecting data from this group is to determine what factors would attract a retiree to teach nursing. The survey will also cover civilian nursing school students to determine what incentives might entice them to seek positions in the military.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Frequency:* One time.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Mr. John Kraemer.

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

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*DOD Clearance Officer:* Ms. Patricia Toppings.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Ms. Toppings at WHS/ESD/Information Management Division, 1777 North Kent Street, RPN, Suite 11000, Arlington, VA 22209–2133.

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