

recommendations to the Secretary regarding such activities.

On the morning of Tuesday, May 15, 2018, the Committee will convene with an open session at the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Memorial Building, 200 Maryland Avenue NE, Washington, DC 20002 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. eastern time. The agenda will include Ethics refresher training, introductions of new member appointments, and status updates on NCA's Long Range Plan, status updates from Ex-Officios, and the divestiture of military cemeteries.

On May 16, 2018, the meeting will convene an open session at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Building, 200 Maryland Avenue NE, Washington, DC 20002 from 8:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m. During the morning session, the agenda will include status updates on the 2017 Recommendation for Digital Memorialization and the National Cemetery Scheduling Office. The Committee will also conduct a tour of the Congressional Cemetery, which will be closed to the Public. During the afternoon session, the agenda will include status updates on the remaining 2017 Recommendations, state and Tribal Veterans Cemeteries; and discussions on any new charges and next steps.

Any member of the public wishing to attend the meeting should contact Ms. Christine Hamilton, Designated Federal Officer, at (202) 461-5681. The Committee will also accept written comments. Comments may be transmitted electronically to the Committee at [Christine.hamilton1@va.gov](mailto:Christine.hamilton1@va.gov) or mailed to the National Cemetery Administration (40A1), 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Room 400, Washington, DC 20420. In the public's communications with the Committee, the writers must identify themselves and state the organizations, associations, or persons they represent.

Dated: April 24, 2018.

**LaTonya L. Small,**

*Federal Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0788]

### Agency Information Collection Activity: Description of Materials

**AGENCY:** Loan Guaranty Service, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Loan Guaranty Service, Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), 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.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before June 29, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information through Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at [www.Regulations.gov](http://www.Regulations.gov) or to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M33), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420 or email to [nancy.kessinger@va.gov](mailto:nancy.kessinger@va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0788" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through the FDMS.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 632-8924 or FAX (202) 632-8925.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA of 1995, 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, VBA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VBA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VBA'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.

*Authority:* Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3501-3521.

*Title:* Description of Materials.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0788.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Abstract:* VA Form 26-1852 is completed by builders in Specially Adapted Housing (SAH) projects involving construction as authorized under Title 38, U.S.C., section 2101 (a), section 2101 (b), and the Temporary Residence Adaptations (TRA) grant under Title 38, U.S.C., section 2102A. This form is also completed by builders who propose to construct homes to be purchased by veterans using their VA home loan benefit as granted in Title 38 U.S.C., section 3710(a)(1). SAH field staff review the data furnished on the form for completeness and it is essential to determine the acceptability of the construction materials to be used. In cases of new home construction, a technically qualified individual, not VA staff, is required to review the list of materials and certify they meet or exceed general residential construction material requirements, as specified by the International Residential Code and residential building codes adopted by local building authorities, and are in substantial conformity with VA Minimum Property requirements.

*Affected Public:* Private Sector.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 9,251 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:* 30 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* One time.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 18,501 per year.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Cynthia D. Harvey-Pryor,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Joint Biomedical Laboratory Research and Development and Clinical Science Research and Development Services Scientific Merit Review Board; Notice of Meetings

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Federal Advisory Committee Act that the subcommittees of the Joint Biomedical Laboratory Research and Development and Clinical Science Research and Development Services Scientific Merit Review Board (JBL/CS SMRB) will meet from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the dates indicated below (unless otherwise listed):

Subcommittee	Date	Location
Oncology-C	May 16–17, 2018	20 F Conference Center.
Nephrology	May 17, 2018	Hilton Garden Inn.
Hematology	May 18, 2018	20 F Conference Center.
Oncology-A/D	May 18, 2018	20 F Conference Center.
Cellular & Molecular Medicine	May 21, 2018	20 F Conference Center.
Endocrinology-B	May 21, 2018	20 F Conference Center.
Oncology-B	May 21, 2018	20 F Conference Center.
Neurobiology-C	May 22, 2018	20 F Conference Center.
Infectious Diseases-B	May 23, 2018	Training Development Center.
Surgery	May 23, 2018	20 F Conference Center.
Cardiovascular Studies-A	May 24, 2018	20 F Conference Center.
Infectious Diseases-A	May 24, 2018	20 F Conference Center.
Immunology & Dermatology-A	May 30, 2018	20 F Conference Center.
Neurobiology-B	May 30, 2018	20 F Conference Center.
Oncology-E	May 30, 2018	20 F Conference Center.
Gulf War Research	May 31, 2018	* VA Central Office.
Pulmonary Medicine	May 31, 2018	20 F Conference Center.
Neurobiology-R	May 31, 2018	* VA Central Office.
Endocrinology-A	June 1, 2018	20 F Conference Center.
Neurobiology-A	June 1, 2018	20 F Conference Center.
Neurobiology-E	June 1, 2018	20 F Conference Center.
Gastroenterology	June 5, 2018	20 F Conference Center.
Special Emphasis Panel on Million Veteran Prog Proj	June 5, 2018	* VA Central Office.
Mental Health & Behavioral Sciences-A	June 6, 2018	20 F Conference Center.
Neurobiology-F	June 6, 2018	* VA Central Office.
Cardiovascular Studies-B	June 7, 2018	20 F Conference Center.
Epidemiology	June 7, 2018	* VA Central Office.
Mental Health & Behavioral Sciences-B	June 7, 2018	20 F Conference Center.
Neurobiology-D	June 8, 2018	20 F Conference Center.
Eligibility	July 16, 2018	20 F Conference Center.

The addresses of the meeting sites are:  
 20 F Conference Center, 20 F Street NW, Washington, DC.  
 Hilton Garden Hill, 1225 First Street NE, Washington, DC.  
 Training Development Center, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Washington, DC.  
 VA Central Office, 1100 First Street NE, Suite 600, Washington, DC.  
 \* Teleconference.

The purpose of the subcommittees is to provide advice on the scientific quality, budget, safety and mission relevance of investigator-initiated research proposals submitted for VA merit review evaluation. Proposals submitted for review include various medical specialties within the general areas of biomedical, behavioral and clinical science research.

These subcommittee meetings will be closed to the public for the review, discussion, and evaluation of initial and renewal research proposals, which involve reference to staff and consultant critiques of research proposals. Discussions will deal with scientific merit of each proposal and qualifications of personnel conducting the studies, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Additionally, premature disclosure of research information could significantly obstruct implementation of proposed agency action regarding the research proposals. As provided by subsection 10(d) of Public Law 92–463, as amended by Public Law 94–409, closing the subcommittee meetings is in accordance with Title 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (6) and (9)(B).

Those who would like to obtain a copy of the minutes from the closed subcommittee meetings and rosters of the subcommittee members should contact Holly Krull, Ph.D., Manager, Merit Review Program (10P9B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420, at (202) 632–8522 or email at [holly.krull@va.gov](mailto:holly.krull@va.gov).

Dated: April 24, 2018.  
**LaTonya L. Small,**  
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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**[OMB Control No. 2900–0718]**

**Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review: Yellow Ribbon Agreement**

**AGENCY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs, will submit the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden; it includes the actual data collection instrument.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before May 30, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information through [www.Regulations.gov](http://www.Regulations.gov), or to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attn: VA Desk Officer; 725 17th St. NW, Washington, DC 20503 or sent through electronic mail to [oira\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oira_submission@omb.eop.gov). Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0718” in any correspondence.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cynthia D. Harvey-Pryor, Department Clearance Officer—OI&T (005R1B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC