

manufactured housing, refinances, and real estate purchase and construction loans). Lenders are required to pay the funding fee in an internet-based application, VA Funding Fee Payment System (FFPS), that permits lenders to pay the funding fee online to obtain a VA loan guaranty. The application calculates the appropriate fee, including any late fees and interest that may be due. Lenders may also choose to pay the funding fee via batch payment processing by uploading an XML file into FFPS. VA notes that although the frequency of the estimated completion time is unchanged since the last revision. However, the annual burden decreased due to a reduction in the total number of respondents, which fell from 800,000 to 465,000 and is directly tied to the decrease in the volume of VA-guaranteed loans.

Affected Public: Individuals and households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 15,500 hours annually.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 2 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One-time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 465,000 annually.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Rehabilitation Research and Development Service (RR&D) Scientific Merit Review Board; Federal Register Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. Ch. 10, that a meeting of the RR&D Scientific Merit Review Board (Board) will be held March 4, 2026, from 1-1:30 p.m. EST, via WebEx. The meeting will be open to the public from 1-1:10 p.m. EST. The remainder of the meeting, from 1:10-1:30 p.m. EST, will be closed to the public and used for scientific review and discussion, examination of, and reference to the research applications. Discussions will involve staff and consultant critiques of research proposals. Discussions will also cover the scientific merit of each proposal and the qualifications of the 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. Therefore, portions of the Board meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4), (6) and (9)(B).

The objective of the Board is to provide for the fair and equitable selection of the most meritorious research projects for support by VA research funds and to offer advice for research program officials on program priorities and policies. The ultimate objective of the Board is to ensure that the VA rehabilitation research program promotes functional independence and improves the quality of life for impaired and disabled Veterans.

Board members will advise the Director of Rehabilitation Research, Development and Translation, Acting Deputy Chief Research and Development Officer for Investigators, Scientific Review, and Management, and Acting Chief Research and Development Officer on the scientific and technical merit, mission relevance, and protection of human and animal subjects of the proposals submitted to RR&D. The Board does not consider grants, contracts, or other forms of extramural research.

Members of the public may attend the open portion of the meeting from 1-1:10 p.m. EST via WebEx (in listen-only mode, as the time limited agenda does not allow for public comment or presentations). To attend the open portion of the meeting, the public may dial the WebEx phone number (1-833-558-0712) and enter the meeting access code (2821 163 5522).

Written comments from members of the public should be sent to Kristy Benton-Grover, Designated Federal Officer, RR&D, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420, or to Kristy.Benton-Grover@va.gov, at least five (5) days before the meeting. The written public comments will be shared with the Board members. The public may not attend the closed portion of the meeting.

Dated: January 28, 2026.

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Officer.*

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0365]

Agency Information Collection Activity: Request for Disinterment

AGENCY: National Cemetery Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Cemetery Administration (NCA), 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: Comments must be received on or before April 3, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Comments must be submitted through www.regulations.gov

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Program-Specific information: Brian Hurley, 202-957-2093, Brian.Hurley1@va.gov.

VA PRA information: Dorothy Glasgow, 202-461-1084, VAPRA@va.gov.

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, NCA invites comments on: (1) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of NCA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of NCA'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.

Title: Request for Disinterment.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0365.
<https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRASearch> (Once at this link, you can enter the OMB Control Number to find

the historical versions of this Information Collection).

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Claimants complete VA Form 40-4970 to request removal of remains from a national cemetery for interment at another location. Interments made in national cemeteries are permanent and final. All immediate family members of the decedent, including the person who initiated the

interment, (whether or not he/she is a member of the immediate family) must provide a written consent before disinterment is granted. VA will accept an order from a court of local jurisdiction in lieu of VA Form 40-4970.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 233 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 10 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,400.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

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