

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.

Title: VA Loan Electronic Reporting Interface (VALERI) System And Title Requirements For Conveyance Of Real Property To The Secretary.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0021.
<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 currently approved collection.

Abstract: The information collection for the VA Loan Electronic Reporting Interface (VALERI) System and Title Requirements For Conveyance Of Real Property To The Secretary is used by VA in cases where loss mitigation efforts are unsuccessful and a VA-guaranteed loan goes into foreclosure. Statutory requirements for conveyance of properties to the Secretary are found in chapter 37 of title 38, United States Code. The implementing regulations are found in part 36 of title 38, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). In 38 CFR 36.4323, titled "Election to convey security", VA explains that each conveyance or transfer of real property to the Secretary pursuant to this section shall be acceptable if:

The holder thereby covenants or warrants against the acts of the holder and those claiming under the holder (e.g., by special warranty deed); and It vests in the Secretary or will entitle the Secretary to such title as is or would be acceptable to prudent lending institutions, informed buyers, title companies, and attorneys, generally, in the community in which the property is situated.

Affected Public: Individuals and households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 11,977 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 41 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One-time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 17,527.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

National Research Advisory Council, Amended, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. Ch. 10, that the National Research Advisory Council (NRAC) will hold a meeting on Tuesday, March 24, 2026, at 811 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20571, in Room 4042. A virtual attendance option is available via Teams. The teleconference number is 1-872-701-0185, Phone Conference ID: 431 546 419# or the meeting link is: https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_MmIxNWJlMwYtZWYyYS00MDEyLWlWizYzQ?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22e95f1b23-abaf-45ee-821d-b7ab251ab3bf%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22bbe000de-64c3-4465-99a0-83e8fddd9836%22%7d.

The meeting will convene at 10:00 a.m. and end at approximately 4:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. This meeting is open to the public and will include time reserved for public comments at the end of the meeting. The public comment period will be 30 minutes. Individual stakeholders will be given up to 5 minutes to express their comments.

The purpose of NRAC is to advise the Secretary on research conducted by the Veterans Health Administration, including policies and programs targeting the high priority of Veterans' health care needs.

On March 24, 2026, the agenda will include a summary of the previous meeting, next steps for the Council regarding possible recommendations related to research partnerships between the Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense; presentations from the VA Office of Research and Development; and public comments.

Members of the public may submit written statements for review by the NRAC in advance of the meeting. Public comments may be received no later than close of business March 18, 2026, for inclusion in the official meeting record. Please send statements to Amanda

Garcia, Designated Federal Officer, Office of Research and Development (14RD), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, MS: 14RD, Washington, DC 20420, at 202-304-3540, or Amanda.Garcia@va.gov. Any member of the public seeking additional information should contact Amanda Garcia at the phone number or email address noted above.

Dated: February 12, 2026.

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Federal Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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[Docket No. VA-2026-VACO-0001]

Veterans and Survivors Pension and Parents' Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLA)

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As required by law, VA is hereby giving notice of COLA in certain benefit rates and income limitations. These COLAs affect the Pension and Parents' DIC programs. The rate of the adjustment is tied to the increase in Social Security benefits effective December 1, 2025, as announced by the Social Security Administration (SSA). SSA has announced an increase of 2.8%.

DATES: The COLAs became effective December 1, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janel Keyes, Assistant Director, Pension and Fiduciary Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, 202-632-8863.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the provisions of 38 U.S.C. 5312 and The Veterans' and Survivors' Pension Improvement Act of 1978, Sec. 306, Public Law 95-588, 92 Stat. 2497, 2508-10 (1978), VA is required to increase the benefit rates and income limitations in the Pension and Parents' DIC programs by the same percentage, and effective the same date, as increases in the benefit amounts payable under Title II of the Social Security Act. VA is required to publish the increased rates and income limitations in the **Federal Register**.

The Social Security Administration announced a 2.8% COLA increase in Social Security benefits effective December 1, 2025. 90 FR 49047. Therefore, applying the same percentage and rounding in accordance with 38