

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR RETRIEVABILITY OF RECORDS:

The Vet Center Client Record is indexed by the Vet Center number in conjunction with the Veteran's name, social security number (SSN) and unique Veteran client number.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR RETENTION AND DISPOSAL OF RECORDS:

(a) All obsolete Vet Center paper client records are being archived through VA Records Management and will be retained at one or more of the authorized Department of Veterans Affairs Records Center Vaults for 50 years after the date of last activity. Destruction of paper counseling folders will be by shredding.

(b) The Client Record will be maintained for the duration of the program. Destruction will be by deleting all sensitive information on all RCS national data support center servers and all stand-alone personal computers connected to the program electronic database located at all RCS Vet Centers, regional management offices, and RCS VACO.

PHYSICAL, PROCEDURAL, AND ADMINISTRATIVE SAFEGUARDS:

(a) Access to the Vet Center Client Record is limited to authorized RCS staff (Vet Center, District Director Office, and/or the Office of the Chief Readjustment Counseling Officer in VACO) with a legitimate need to know connected to direct service delivery and/or the quality oversight of services provided. RCS staff access to the electronic Vet Center Client Record is via standalone computers located in locked RCS facilities. RCS program computers are user name and password protected. Computer security is in compliance with RCS and VA computer security policy and protocol.

(b) RCS staff access to the paper Client Record will be controlled by staff during working hours. During after hours, records will be maintained in locked file cabinets. In higher crime areas, Vet Center offices are equipped with alarm systems.

(c) Access to Veterans' or Servicemember's counseling records by elements outside of RCS, VA or non-VA, is contingent upon the Veteran or Servicemember's signed authorization, or to one of the routine uses identified above.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S):

Chief Readjustment Counseling Officer (10RCS), VA Central Office, 810 Vermont Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20420.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURE:

An individual (or duly authorized representative of such individual) who seeks access to or wishes to contest records maintained under his or her name or other personal identifier may write, call or visit the individuals listed under Notification Procedure below.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

(See Record Access Procedures above.)

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

A Veteran who wishes to determine whether a record is being maintained by the Readjustment Counseling Service Vet Center Program under his or her name or other personal identifier or wishes to determine the contents of such records should submit a written request or apply in person to: (1) The Team Leader of the Vet Center, or the RCS District Director having supervisory responsibility for the Vet Center, with whom he or she had contact, or (2) the Chief Readjustment Counseling Officer (10RCS), VA Central Office, 810 Vermont Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20420. Inquiries should include the individual's full name and social security number.

EXEMPTIONS PROMULGATED FOR THE SYSTEM:

None.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0003]

Proposed Information Collection (Application for Burial Benefits (Under 38 U.S.C. Chapter 23), VA Form 21P-530); Activity: Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), 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 revision 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 August 8, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at 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. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0003" 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 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3501-21), 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.

Title: Application for Burial Benefits (Under 38 U.S.C. Chapter 23), VA Form 21P-530.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0003.

Type of Review: Revision of a Currently Approved Collection.

Abstract: The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), through its Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), administers an integrated program of benefits and services established by law for veterans, service personnel, and their dependents and/or beneficiaries. Information is requested by this form under the authority of 38 U.S.C. Chapter 23 "Burial Benefits," including 38 U.S.C. 2302, 2303, 2304, 2307, and 2308.

VA uses the information provided on the form to evaluate the respondent's eligibility for monetary burial benefits, including the burial allowance, plot or

internment allowance, and transportation reimbursement.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 33,750 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 15 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 135,000.

By direction of the Secretary.

Kathleen M. Manwell,

Program Analyst, VA Privacy Service, Office of Privacy and Records Management, Department of Veterans Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0138]

Agency Information Collection (Request for Details of Expenses, VA Form 21P-8049) Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3521), 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 July 7, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through 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 oir_submission@omb.eop.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0138" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cynthia Harvey-Pryor, Enterprise Records Service (005R1B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 461-5870 or email cynthia.harvey-pryor@va.gov. Please refer to "OMB control No. 2900-0138."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Request for Details of Expenses, VA Form 21P-8049.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0138.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA uses the information collected on this form as evidence of additional circumstances which may affect entitlement determinations pursuant to 38 U.S.C. 1522. The information is used as a counterbalance to a claimant's substantial estate and/or annual income.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on March 28, 2016, at 81 FR 17245.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 5,700 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 15 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 22,800.

By direction of the Secretary.

Kathleen M. Manwell,

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0652]

Proposed Information Collection (Request for Nursing Home Information in Connection With Claim for Aid and Attendance (VA Form 21-0779)); Activity: Comment Request.

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), 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

revision of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice.

VA Form 21-0779 is used to gather the necessary information to determine eligibility for pension and aid and attendance benefits based on nursing home status. The form also requests information regarding Medicaid status and nursing home care charges, so VA can determine the proper rate of payment.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before August 8, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at 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. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0652" 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 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3501-21), 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.

Title: Request for Nursing Home Information in Connection With Claim for Aid and Attendance (VA Form 21-0779).

OMB Control Number: 2900-0652.

Type of Review: Revision of an approved collection.

Abstract: VA Form 21-0779 is used to gather the necessary information to