

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. 3501-21.

*Title:* (Notice to Department of Veterans Affairs of Veteran or Beneficiary Incarcerated in Penal Institution (VA Form 21-4193)).

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0116.

*Type of Review:* Extension of an approved collection.

*Abstract:* VA Form 21-4193 is used to gather information from penal institutions about incarcerated VA beneficiaries. When beneficiaries are incarcerated in penal institutions in excess of 60 days after conviction, VA benefits are reduced or terminated. Without this collection of information, VA would be unable to accurately adjust the rates of incarcerated beneficiaries and overpayments would result.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 416.  
*Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:* 15 minutes.  
*Frequency of Response:* One time.  
*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,664.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Cynthia Harvey-Pryor,**  
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## VETERANS AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

[OMB Control No. 2900-0654]

### Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review: Annual Certification of Veteran Status and Veteran Relatives

**AGENCY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration, 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 and it includes the actual data collection instrument.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before May 12, 2017.

**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 [oir\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oir_submission@omb.eop.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0500" in any correspondence.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Authority:* 44 U.S.C. 3501-21.

*Title:* Annual Certification of Veteran Status and Veteran relatives (VA Form 20-0344).

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0654.

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

*Abstract:* VA Form 20-0344 is completed by VBA employees, non-VBA employees in VBA space and Veteran Service Organization (VSO) employees who have access to benefit records. These individuals are required to provide personal identifying information for themselves and any veteran relatives, so VA is able to identify and properly protect these benefit records.

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 at 82 FR 7918 on January 23, 2017.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or Households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 14,000 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:* 10 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* One time.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 5,834.

By direction of the Secretary.

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