

## SUPPORTING STATEMENT - PART A

Survivor Advisory Working Group Application – 0702-0144

### Summary of Changes from Previously Approved Collection

- *“Application” added to collection title for clarity*
- *Telephone interview no longer part of SAWG selection process and eliminated from this ICR*
- *Decrease in burden due to the removal of the telephone interview and a decrease in applications received from Survivors*

### 1. Need for the Information Collection

The information collected on the Survivor Advisory Working Group (SAWG) Application will be used to accept new members into the Army’s working group. The SAWG membership term will be for three years.

The authorities that authorize this collection are in Public Law 116-92, Sec. 580B, “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020,” and the Army Surviving Advisory Working Group (SAWG) Charter.

### 2. Use of the Information

The Department of the Army is collecting information from Army casualty survivors to participate in the Army’s Survivor Advisory Working Group, chaired by the Chief of Staff, Army (CSA). Respondents are individuals applying to be survivor board members, who will meet bi-annually with senior Army leadership to address worldwide Army survivor related issues.

Eligible applicants are fallen service members’ spouses, parents, and children over 18 years of age. Applicants will be nominated by the Army’s Survivor Outreach Services office or survivor-related Non-Federal Entities. Individuals will receive a fillable PDF application and cover letter outlining the SAWG’s purpose and length of service. They will need access to a computer to complete. Upon completion, applicants will email their application and personal statement to a group email address (Army.Survivors@mail.mil) in the Pentagon.

Applicants will define via their application: basic personal information; activism in the military survivor community; involvement with civic, federal, and non-governmental organizations; and social media information. Additionally, applicants will submit a personal statement on how they will positively impact survivor programs. This information will be used to help vet applicants to ensure their validity and obtain the best qualified applicants.

The staff reviews all applications and verifies the applicant is an Army Survivor. Applications are sorted into a list of 1-20 based on the criteria listed in the SAWG Charter and the list is provided to the CSA for final approval. Individuals not selected will be

notified by email that they were not selected. Those selected will be notified by telephone by program manager.

At the completion of this process, the CSA will select new members to fill up to 12 positions every year the SAWG exists.

3. Use of Information Technology

100% of the applications will be completed by pdf and received electronically via email (Army.Survivors@mail.mil). Upon completion of the application by the applicant, they will email their application to a group email inbox within the Pentagon.

4. Non-duplication

The information obtained through this collection is unique and is not already available for use or adaptation from another cleared source.

5. Burden on Small Businesses

This information collection does not impose a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small businesses or entities.

6. Less Frequent Collection

The information collected will be done annually to replace half (6 of 12) of the SAWG panel to ensure panel members represent an array of Army casualty demographics and experiences and to not overburden members with SAWG requirements.

7. Paperwork Reduction Act Guidelines

This collection of information does not require collection to be conducted in a manner inconsistent with the guidelines delineated in 5 CFR 1320.5(d)(2).

8. Consultation and Public Comments

Part A: PUBLIC NOTICE

A 60-Day Federal Register Notice (FRN) for the collection published on Monday, May 17, 2021. The 60-Day FRN citation is 86 FR 26706.

No comments were received during the 60-Day Comment Period.

A 30-Day Federal Register Notice for the collection published on Tuesday, July 20, 2021. The 30-Day FRN citation is 86 FRN 38319.

Part B: CONSULTATION

No additional consultation apart from soliciting public comments through the Federal Register was conducted for this submission.

9. Gifts or Payment

No payments or gifts are being offered to respondents as an incentive to participate in the collection.

10. Confidentiality

The application requires individuals to furnish sensitive information. A Privacy Act Statement is provided on the application.

A System of Record Notice (SORN) is not required for this collection because records are not retrievable by PII.

A Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) is not required for this collection because PII is not being collected electronically.

The Army will utilize records management outlined in ARIMS, Series 600. For individuals who are not selected to serve on the SAWG, their records will be stored under Sub-Series 600B, duration for 0-6 years. Records of those individuals selected on the SAWG will be stored under Sub-Series 600B, duration permanent.

11. Sensitive Questions

The Department of the Army's SAWG application will cover sensitive information for potential applicants, such as: gender; past involvement in survivor outreach groups (locally, nationally, non-governmental); published works; and their social media profile information.

Information provided will be used to validate individuals' eligibility and ensure SAWG panel diversity (e.g. male representation, various components represented). Additionally, information will be used to conduct an informal background check via social media (Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn) to ensure there are no significant character outliers that could cause embarrassment to the Department of the Army or the Federal Government.

12. Respondent Burden and its Labor Costs

Part A: ESTIMATION OF RESPONDENT BURDEN

1) Collection Instruments

Army Survivor Advisory Working Group Application

- a) Number of Respondents: 20
- b) Number of Responses Per Respondent: 1
- c) Number of Total Annual Responses: 20
- d) Response Time: 2 hours
- e) Respondent Burden Hours: 40 hours

2) Total Submission Burden

- a) Total Number of Respondents: 20
- b) Total Number of Annual Responses: 20

- c) Total Respondent Burden Hours: 40 hours

**Part B: LABOR COST OF RESPONDENT BURDEN**

- 1) Collection Instruments
  - Army Survivor Advisory Working Group Application
    - a) Number of Total Annual Responses: 20
    - b) Response Time: 2 hours
    - c) Respondent Hourly Wage: \$7.25
    - d) Labor Burden per Response: \$14.50
    - e) Total Labor Burden: \$290
  
- 2) Overall Labor Burden
  - a) Total Number of Annual Responses: 20
  - b) Total Labor Burden: \$290

Due to the diversity of respondent wages the Federal minimum wage of \$7.25 is used to estimate labor cost of respondent burden.

13. **Respondent Costs Other Than Burden Hour Costs**

There are no annualized costs to respondents other than the labor burden costs addressed in Section 12 of this document to complete this collection.

14. **Cost to the Federal Government**

**Part A: LABOR COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

- 1) Collection Instrument(s)
  - Army Survivor Advisory Working Group Application
    - a) Number of Total Annual Responses: 20
    - b) Processing Time per Response: 30 minutes
    - c) Hourly Wage of Worker(s) Processing Responses: \$53
    - d) Cost to Process Each Response: \$26.50
    - e) Total Cost to Process Responses: \$530
  
- 2) Overall Labor Burden to the Federal Government
  - a) Total Number of Annual Responses: 20
  - b) Total Labor Burden: \$530

**Part B: OPERATIONAL AND MAINTENANCE COSTS**

- 1) Cost Categories
  - a) Equipment: \$0
  - b) Printing: \$50
  - c) Postage: \$0
  - d) Software Purchases: \$0

- e) Licensing Costs: \$0
- f) Other: \$0

2) Total Operational and Maintenance Cost: \$50

Part C: TOTAL COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

- 1. Total Operational and Maintenance Costs: \$50
- 2. Total Labor Cost to the Federal Government: \$530
- 3. Total Cost to the Federal Government: \$580

15. Reasons for Change in Burden

The burden has decreased since the previous approval due to the elimination of the telephone interview and the decreased number of applicants.

16. Publication of Results

The results of this information collection will not be published.

17. Non-Display of OMB Expiration Date

We are not seeking approval to omit the display of the expiration date of the OMB approval on the collection instrument.

18. Exceptions to "Certification for Paperwork Reduction Submissions"

We are not requesting any exemptions to the provisions stated in 5 CFR 1320.9.