

September 9, 2024

Daniel Fletcher
Assistant Director, Compensation and Pension Policy
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States
200 Maryland Ave., N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20002

RE: OMB Control No. 2900-0222, VA Form 40-1330, Claim for Standard Government Headstone or Marker, and VA Form 40-1330M, Claim for Government Medallion for Placement in a Private Cemetery.

Dear Mr. Fletcher,

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) National Cemetery Administration (NCA) appreciates the comment submitted on behalf of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States' (VFW's) in response to the renewal notice for the 2900-0222 information collection.

NCA agrees that changing the title in Block 16 from "War Service" to "Periods of War" would more accurately reflect service during a period of war, as defined by 38 CFR § 3.2. We believe this clarification on the form will help applicants provide information about a decedent's wartime service that NCA will verify as part of its development for eligibility and inscription accuracy purposes. Enclosed is a copy of the revised VA Form 40-1330 which shows the change Block 16 to reflect "Periods of War".

Again, we thank the VFW for the comment on this collection of information and support of our Nation's Veterans.

Respectfully,

Eric D. Powell, Ph.D.
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