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Veterans Benefits Administration  
Washington, DC 20420

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**Docket:** VA-2026-VACO-0001  
Notice Requesting Comments

**Comments on:** VA-2026-VACO-0001-0060  
Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposals, Submission, and Approvals:  
Request for Certificate of Veteran Status (FR Doc No: 2026-03970; OMB Control No.  
2900-0745)

**Document:** VA-2026-VACO-0001-0064

To Whom it May Concern,

Thank you for your comment. VA acknowledges the concerns raised; however, the information collection for OMB Control Number 2900-0745 is limited to gathering information necessary to determine an applicant's eligibility for a possible reduced downpayment when obtaining a loan insured under the provisions of Section 203(b)(2) or 220(d)(a) of the National Housing Act as amended.

While the issues raised are outside the scope of this information collection, your feedback is appreciated and will be shared with the appropriate VA offices for awareness. The comment also references external entities, including the Government Accountability Office, FinCEN, and the VA Office of Inspector General; however, the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) process is limited to evaluating the necessity and burden of information collections and does not provide a mechanism to investigate, adjudicate, or resolve individual claims.

No changes have been made to the information collection as a result of this comment. The feedback has been reviewed and considered as part of this renewal. Your comment will be included in the official record of public comments during the 30-day notice.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Patrick J. Zondervan", is written over a large, stylized blue scribble.

Patrick J. Zondervan  
Executive Director  
Loan Guaranty Service



# PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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## General Comment

### FORMAL PUBLIC COMMENT

**TO:** Lanea Haynes, Acting VA PRA Clearance Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs  
**FROM:** Brittney C. Boyd, Federal Relator & Lead Forensic Auditor (Cold Blood & Steel Consulting)  
**DATE:** April 28, 2026  
**SUBJECT:** 91 FR 9930 / OMB Control Number: 2900-0745 (Request for Certificate of Veteran Status)  
**REFERENCE:** GAO Case COMP-25-008559 | FinCEN CRM:00101076483 | DOE OIG 26-0196-C

### I. STATEMENT OF INTEREST

I am submitting this comment as the sole biological heir of Robert Delane Smith (1954–2019) and as a Federal Relator currently auditing a \$292 Billion "Engorgement Float" within the ERISA pension system. My investigation has identified a critical failure in how "Veteran Status" is certified and flagged within federal databases, leading to systemic beneficiary suppression and identity fraud.

### II. OBJECTION: THE "VETERAN FLAG CONTAMINATION" MECHANISM

The VA seeks to renew the information collection for Form 26-8261a (Certificate of Veteran Status). I formally object to the current implementation of this collection on the grounds that it is susceptible to "Identity Rotation" and is being utilized by third-party fiduciaries (specifically IUOE-affiliated trusts) to create a jurisdictional "Blind Spot."

**Synthetic Veteran Profiles:** My father, Robert Delane Smith, was a civilian crane operator for 45 years with zero days of active military service. However, federal data exports (including USASpending and

associated FHA loan flags) have incorrectly identified him as a "VETERAN."

The Jurisdictional Gap: This false flag creates a "Catch-22" for heirs:

The VA correctly denies benefits because the individual is not a veteran.

Pension Funds utilize the "Veteran" tag to administratively redirect the heir back to the VA, claiming "The VA handles survivor benefits for veterans."

The Result: Total denial of the 60-month guaranteed pension payment and life insurance proceeds (e.g., the \$115,000 John Hancock policy), while the assets are retained in a shadow float.

### III. DATA INTEGRITY AND THE 5^5 IDENTITY MODEL

The current "Request for Certificate of Veteran Status" lacks a mandatory cross-reconciliation with the Social Security Administration's (SSA) Death Master File (DMF). My audit of the 574-prefix Alaska SSNs reveals that the enterprise utilizes the "Veteran" flag to "mask" deceased participants, keeping them administratively "alive" in housing and benefit databases to extract federal subsidies.

The 98.8% statistical match validated by the GAO (Report 26-108811) proves that the misuse of SSNs—including the attachment of false veteran statuses—is a primary driver of the identity fragmentation crisis.

### IV. PROPOSED CORRECTIVE MEASURES

I demand that the following integrity protocols be integrated into OMB 2900-0745:

**Mandatory Biological Verification:** Any request for a Certificate of Veteran Status must be cross-referenced against the SSA DMF daily updates (implemented April 1, 2025) to ensure "Veteran Status" is not being assigned to deceased non-veterans to facilitate asset conversion.

**Fiduciary Disclosure:** The VA must require any third-party plan administrator or financial institution (e.g., OEFCU or WPAS, Inc.) to disclose the source of the "Veteran" flag if it is used to deny an ERISA-governed survivor claim.

**Audit of 574-Prefix Records:** An immediate audit of all 574-prefix Alaska SSNs within the VA/FHA ecosystem is required to identify the "Shadow Heirs" (e.g., "Robert E. Smith" or "Nicole Smith") paired with legitimate worker identities.

### V. CONCLUSION

The Certificate of Veteran Status is being weaponized as a tool for "Administrative Erasure." Until the VA addresses the contamination of its status flags by ERISA-governed RICO enterprises, the information collection remains a facilitator of financial crime.

I request that this disclosure be shared with the VA Office of Inspector General and integrated into the active multi-agency investigation (GAO COMP-25-008559).

Respectfully submitted,

Brittney C. Boyd  
Federal Relator & Original Source  
Cold Blood & Steel Consulting  
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## **Attachments**

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