

Dated: January 27, 2003.

Joel C. Richard,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The nature of the information collection is described as well as its expected burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on October 31, 2002. No comments were received.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before March 3, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joe Strassburg, Maritime Administration (MAR-782), 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: 202-366-4161; FAX: 202-366-7901 or e-mail: joe.strassburg@marad.dot.gov. Copies of this collection also can be obtained from that office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Maritime Administration (MARAD).

Title: Seamen's Claims'

Administrative Action and Litigation.

OMB Control Number: 2133-0522.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Officers or members of a crew who suffered death, injury, or illness while employed on vessels owned or operated by the United States. Also included are surviving dependents, beneficiaries, and legal representatives of officers or crew members.

Form(s): None.

Abstract: The collection consists of information obtained from claimants for death, injury, or illness suffered while serving as officers or members of a crew on board a vessel owned or operated by the United States. The Maritime Administration reviews the information and makes a determination regarding agency liability and payments.

Annual Estimated Burden Hours: 1,875 hours.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention MARAD Desk Officer.

Comments Are Invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

A comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

Issued in Washington, DC on January 24, 2003.

Joel C. Richard,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Departmental Offices; Notice of Availability of the Treasury Department's Annual Reports on Alternative Fuel Vehicle Acquisitions

AGENCY: Departmental Offices, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public how it may access the Treasury Department's annual reports on alternative fuel vehicle acquisitions for FY 1999-2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carolyn Austin-Diggs, Director, Office of Asset Management, 202-622-0500 (not a toll-free call).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with section 8 of the Energy Policy Act, Pub. L. 105-388, as amended (42 U.S.C. 13218), the Department of the Treasury gives notice that the Department's annual reports on alternative fuel vehicle acquisitions for FY 1999-2001 are available at the following website: <http://www.treas.gov/offices/management/asset-management/personal-property/fleet-and-aviation>.

Dated: January 24, 2003.

Timothy L. Weatherford,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0570]

Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Health Administration (VHA) 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 extension of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on the burden estimates relating to customer satisfaction surveys.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before March 31, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to Ann W. Bickoff (193B1), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail: ann.bickoff@hq.med.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0570" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ann Bickoff at (202) 273-8310.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C., 3501-3520), Federal agencies must obtain approval from 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, VHA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VHA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VHA'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: Generic Clearance for the Veterans Health Administration Customer Satisfaction Surveys.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0570.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Executive Order 12862, Setting Customer Service Standards, requires Federal agencies and departments to identify and survey its customers to determine the kind and quality of services they want and their level of satisfaction with existing services. VHA uses customer satisfaction surveys to gauge customer perceptions of VA services as well as customer expectations and desires. The results of these information collections lead to improvements in the quality of VHA service delivery by helping to shape the direction and focus of specific programs and services.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 108,617 hours.

a. Special Emphasis Programs Conducted at Headquarters—72,882 hours.

b. Local Facilities Surveys (VA Medical Facilities)—35,735 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:

a. Special Emphasis Programs Conducted at Headquarters—18 minutes.

b. Local Facilities Surveys (VA Medical Facilities)—16 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents:

a. Special Emphasis Programs Conducted at Headquarters—241,312.

b. Local Facilities Surveys (VA Medical Facilities)—136,229.

Dated: January 15, 2003.

By direction of the Secretary.

Loise A. Russell,

Acting Director, Records Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0013]

Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; 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 extension of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on the information needed to determine eligibility for issuance of a burial flag for a deceased veteran.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before March 31, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20S52), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail: irmnkess@vba.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0013" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 273-7079 or FAX (202) 275-5947.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C., 3501-3520), 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 United States Flag for Burial Purposes, VA Form 21-2008.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0013.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA Form 21-2008 is used to determine eligibility for issuance of a burial flag to a family member or friend of a deceased veteran.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, Federal Government and State, Local or Tribal Government.

Estimated Annual Burden: 162,500 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 15 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 650,000.

Dated: January 15, 2003.

By direction of the Secretary.

Loise Russell,

Acting Director, Records Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0112]

Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; 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 extension of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments for information needed to determine whether a veteran can be released from liability on a Government home loan.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed