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DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before April 18, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Denise McLamb, Records Management Service (005E3), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., or e-mail denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov.

Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0215." Send comments and recommendations concerning any aspect of the information collection to VA's OMB Desk Officer, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, (202) 395-7316. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0215" in any correspondence.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Request for Information To Make Direct Payment to Child Reaching Majority, VA, Form Letter 21-863.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0215.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA Form Letter 21-863 is used to determine a schoolchild's continued eligibility to VA death benefits and eligibility to direct payment at the age of majority. Death pension or dependency and indemnity compensation is paid to an eligible veteran's child when there is not an eligible surviving spouse and the child is between the ages of 18 and 23 and attending school. Until the child reaches the age of majority, payment is made to a custodian or fiduciary on behalf of the child. An unmarried schoolchild, who is not incompetent, is entitled to begin receiving direct payment on the age of majority.

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 on November 17, 2004 at page 67389.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 3 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 10 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One-time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 20.

Dated: February 28, 2005.

By direction of the Secretary.

Loise Russell,

Director, Records Management Service.

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[OMB Control No. 2900-0653]

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-21), this notice announces that the Veterans Health Administration (VHA), Department of Veterans Affairs, has submitted 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 includes the actual data collection instrument.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY OF THE SUBMISSION CONTACT: Denise McLamb, Records Management Service (005E3), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-8030, fax (202) 273-5981 or e-mail: denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov. Please refer to "2900-0653."

Send comments and recommendations concerning any aspect of the information collection to VA's OMB Desk Officer, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 (202) 395-7316. Please refer to "2900-0653."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Veterans Survey on Bio-terrorism, VA Form 10-21074(NR).

OMB Control Number: 2900-0653.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The Veterans Survey on Bio-terrorism is in response to PL 107-188, "Public Health Security and Bio-terrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002". This act calls: "To improve the ability of the United States to prevent, prepare for and respond to bio-terrorism and other public health emergencies". Section 101 of this act outlines a variety of preparedness goals, one of which includes the effective dissemination of relevant information in a timely and secure manner to the public. VA will use the information collected to evaluate how veterans obtained information about bio-terrorism in the past, or how they wish

to obtain information in the future; their knowledge about the three different types of potential biological agents; their attitude, and perceptions of surviving a bio-terrorism attack in the future as well as their confidence in the role VA will play in the event of a bio-terrorism act.

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 on December 1, 2004 at pages 69993-69994.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 1,760 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 27 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Twice.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 7,382.

Dated: February 28, 2005.

By direction of the Secretary.

Loise Russell,

Director, Records Management Service.

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National Research Advisory Council; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the National Research Advisory Council will hold a meeting on Tuesday, March 29, 2005, at the Hamilton Crowne Plaza Hotel, 14th & K Streets, NW., Washington, DC, from 8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Council is to provide advice to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on research and development sponsored and/or conducted by the Department of Veterans Affairs to include policies and programs of the Research and Development Office.

The meeting will begin with opening remarks by the Acting Chief Research and Development Officer. The Council will receive informational briefings on the status of the VA research program and the research portfolio.

Any member of the public wishing to attend the meeting or wishing further information should contact Ms. Karen Scott, Designated Federal Officer, at (202) 254-0200. Oral comments from

the public will not be accepted at the meeting. Written statements or comments should be transmitted electronically to karen.scott@hq.med.va.gov or mailed to

Ms. Scott at Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Research and Development (12C), 810 Vermont Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20420.

Dated: March 9, 2005.

By Direction of the Secretary.

E. Philip Riggins,

Committee Management Officer.

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