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Title: Request for Determination of Loan Guaranty Eligibility—Unmarried Surviving Spouses, VA Form 26–1817.

OMB Control Number: 2900–0055.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA Form 26–1817 is completed by unmarried surviving spouse of veterans as a formal request for a certificate of eligibility for home loan benefits. An unmarried surviving spouse may be entitled to home loan benefits if the veteran's death occurred while serving on active duty or was a direct result of service-connected disabilities. VA uses the data collected to verify the veteran's service-connected death and status of the applicant as unmarried surviving spouse.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 250 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per

Respondent: 15 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,000.

Dated: January 12, 2005.

By direction of the Secretary:

Loise Russell,

Director, Records Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900–0094]

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 whether a claimant served in the Commonwealth Army of the Philippines or in recognized guerrilla organizations.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before March 28, 2005.

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. 2900–0094” 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. 3501–3521), 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: Supplement to VA Forms 21–526, 21–534, and 21–535 (For Philippine Claims), VA Form 21–4169.

OMB Control Number: 2900–0094.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA Form 21–4169 is used to collect certain applicants' service information, place of residence, proof of service, and whether the applicant was a member of pro-Japanese, pro-German, or anti-American Filipino organizations. VA use the information collected to

determine the applicant's eligibility for benefits based on Commonwealth Army or recognized guerrilla services.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 250 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per

Respondent: 15 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One-time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,000.

Dated: January 12, 2005.

By direction of the Secretary:

Loise Russell,

Director, Records Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Advisory Committee on Women Veterans; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92–463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the Advisory Committee on Women Veterans will meet February 8–10, 2005, from 8:15 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day, in room 630, VA Central Office, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs regarding the needs of women veterans with respect to health care, rehabilitation, compensation, outreach, and other programs and activities administered by VA designed to meet such needs. The Committee will make recommendations to the Secretary regarding such programs and activities.

On February 8, the agenda will include briefings and updates on issues related to women veterans' in the Veterans Health Administration (VHA), including any treatment issues related to Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom combat veterans and VA's “Seamless Transition” initiative; next steps and implementation of the Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services (CARES) recommendations; briefings and updates on issues in the Veterans Benefits Administration; a briefing from VHA's Women Veterans Health Program Director; legislative issues related to veterans; presentation of Certificates of Appointment to four new Committee members, and a briefing from the National Cemetery Administration. On February 9, the Committee will receive updates and briefings on VA research and studies related to women's health issues, upcoming initiatives of the

Center for Women Veterans, and will discuss any new issues that the Committee members may introduce. On February 10, the Committee will be briefed on VA's homeless programs, VA's National Veterans Employment Program, the VA/DoD Health Executive Council, and research efforts related to the rate of PTSD in women veterans by ethnicity and geographic location.

Any member of the public wishing to attend should contact Ms. Rebecca Schiller, at the Department of Veterans Affairs, Center for Women Veterans (00W), 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. Ms. Schiller may be contacted either by phone at (202) 273-6193, fax at (202) 273-7092, or e-mail at 00W@mail.va.gov. Interested persons may attend, appear before, or

file statements with the Committee. Written statements must be filed before the meeting, or within 10 days after the meeting.

Dated: January 13, 2005.

By direction of the Secretary.

E. Philip Riggin,

Committee Management Officer.

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