

in connection with the loan; and (3) the purchaser qualifies from a credit standpoint. Also, veteran-borrowers may sell their home to veteran-transferees in accordance with 38 U.S.C. § 3702(b)(2). However, eligible transferees must meet all the requirements of 38 U.S.C. § 3713(a) in addition to having sufficient available loan guaranty entitlement to replace the amount of entitlement used by the seller in obtaining the original loan.

In performing the credit underwriting functions associated with processing a veteran's request for release from liability and/or substitution of entitlement, loan specialists at VA field stations must collect and verify information from the current holder or servicer of the loan. Form Letter 26-559 collects information on the mortgage loan amount, payment terms, taxes, insurance and liens which are used to compute the total monthly mortgage cost to the borrower.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit—Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 2,500 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 10 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One-time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 15,000.

Dated: May 15, 1997.

By direction of the Secretary.

Donald L. Neilson,

Director, Information Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0113]

Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Extension.

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) 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 requirements relating to the application to become a fee basis appraiser to appraise residential real estate and recommend value for loan purposes.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before July 28, 1997.

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. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0113" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 273-8310 or FAX (202) 275-4884.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 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 and Form Number: Application for Fee Personnel Designation, VA Form 26-6681.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0113.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The form solicits information on the fee personnel applicant's background and experience in the real estate valuation field. VA regional offices and centers use the information contained on the form to evaluate applicants' experience for the purpose of designating qualified individuals to serve on the fee roster for their stations. Qualifications are stated in 38 CFR 36.4339. Collection of this information is essential in evaluating the professional expertise of fee applicants.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 2,067 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 20 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 6,200.

Dated: May 15, 1997.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0567]

Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Extension

AGENCY: National Cemetery System, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Cemetery System (NCS) 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 requirements relating to requests for additional or the reissue of memorial certificates.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before July 28, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to Frances Willis, National Cemetery System (402D), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0567" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Frances Willis at (202) 273-5189.

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, NCS invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of NCS's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of NCS'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: PMC (Presidential Memorial Certificate) Insert.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0567.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The PMC Program was initiated in March 1962 by President John F. Kennedy to honor the memory of honorably discharged, deceased veterans, and has been continued by all subsequent Presidents. A PMC is mailed to deceased veterans relatives and friends honoring their military service to our Nation. In most cases involving recent deaths, the local VA regional office originates the process without a request from the next-of-kin. With the automation of the program, the insert will accompany the issuance of the original certificate. The insert provides a convenient method for the recipients of the original PMC to request additional certificates and/or replacement or corrected certificates. The information will be used by the NCS to promptly reissue or provide additional certificates.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 925 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 2 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 27,740.

Dated: May 15, 1997.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0091]

Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Revision

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 revision of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on requirements relating to the collection of information from veterans during the medical care application process and when making funeral and burial arrangements.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before July 28, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to Ann Bickoff, Veterans Health Administration (161A1), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0091" in any correspondence.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 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, 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) way 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 and Form Numbers: Application for Medical Benefits, VA Form 10-10; Insurance Information, VA Form 10-10I; Financial Worksheet, VA Form 10-10F; and Funeral Arrangements, VA Form 10-2065.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0091.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The forms are used to collect information in connection with providing medical care benefits, obtaining health insurance information for third party billing purposes, obtaining income and asset information, and for the purposes of making funeral and burial arrangements for deceased veterans. The purpose of the collection of information is outlined below:

a. VA Form 10-10 is used to establish a system of records on veterans applying for medical benefits. The information is used to identify the veterans applying for medical care, establish initial eligibility for care, and to provide emergency contacts, employment information, military service data, and income screening for pharmacy co-payment.

b. VA Form 10-10F is used to collect financial information on veterans whose eligibility for VA health care benefits is based on income. Nonservice-connected veterans and noncompensable service-connected veterans rated 0% seeking care for their nonservice-connected conditions complete the form to establish their eligibility for cost-free health care, mileage reimbursement and prescription co-payment exemption benefits. Veterans with compensable service-connected disabilities rated 0, 10 or 20% may provide their income information to establish their eligibility for prescription co-payment exemption and mileage reimbursement. Veterans with service-connected disabilities rated 30 or 40% may provide their income information to determine their eligibility for prescription co-payment exemption.

c. VA Form 10-10I is used to collect health insurance information and to bill health insurance carriers to recover the cost of medical care furnished to veterans for treatment of nonservice-connected conditions.

d. VA Form 10-2065 serves as an official record of the funeral director to which the person making funeral arrangements wishes the remains to be released. It is used as a control document when VA is requested to arrange for the transportation of the deceased from the place of death to the