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Title: Board of Veterans' Appeals Voice of the Veteran Appellant Surveys.
OMB Control Number: 2900–NEW, Board of Veterans' Appeals Voice of the Veteran Appellant Surveys.

Type of Review: New collection.

Abstract: Currently, the Board collects customer satisfaction on a very limited basis. Surveys are distributed after the hearing is conducted relying on respondents to mail in the postcard. The survey card only measures the appellant's satisfaction with the hearing process and response rates are low. The Board will benefit from obtaining direct feedback from Veterans regarding their experience with the Board with either the hearing or non-hearing experience. Specifically, the Veterans' feedback will provide the Board three key benefits: (1) Identify what is most important to Veterans in determining their satisfaction with both the hearing and non-hearing process; (2) determine what to do to improve experience; and (3) serve to guide training and/or operational activities aimed at enhancing the quality of service provided to Veterans.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 32,988.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 8.5 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Quarterly.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 117,816.

Dated: September 3, 2013.

By direction of the Secretary:

Crystal Rennie,

VA Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900–NEW]

Proposed Information Collection (Board of Veterans' Appeals, Voice of the Veteran Call Center Survey) Activity: Comment Request

AGENCY: Board of Veterans Affairs, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Board of Veterans Affairs (BVA), 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 new collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments information needed to enable the Board to gauge the effectiveness of its Veterans Information Office (VIO) Call Center in delivering information and assistance to its Veterans, as well as assess the Veterans' overall level of satisfaction with the VIO Call Center experience. In addition, the data will be used by the Board to make improvements to the VIO Call Center operational processes and service delivery, which in turn, will enable the Board to serve its Veterans in the most efficient and effective way possible.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before November 5, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at www.Regulations.gov or to Sue Hamlin, BVA, (01C2), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420 or email sue.hamlin@va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900–NEW Board of Veterans' Appeals, Voice of the Veteran

Call Center Survey" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through FDMS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sue Hamlin at (202) 632–632–5100.

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Affected Public: Individuals or Households.
Estimated Annual Burden: 2,000.
Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 4 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Quarterly.
Estimated Number of Respondents: 20,000.
Dated: September 3, 2013.

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