

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Office of the Secretary****[Docket ID: DoD–2024–OS–0121]****Submission for OMB Review;
Comment Request**

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness (OUSD(P&R)), Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: 30-Day information collection notice.

SUMMARY: The DoD has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by February 10, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Reginald Lucas, (571) 372–7574, whs.mc-alex.esd.mbx.dd-dod-information-collections@mail.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number: DoD Mortuary Affairs Forms; DD Form(s) 0565, 3045, 3046, 3047, 3048, 3049, 3050, 3116, 3122; OMB Control Number 0704–0581.

Type of Request: Revision.

Number of Respondents: 252,350.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 252,350.

Average Burden per Response: 15 minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 63,088.

Needs and Uses: The information collection requirement is necessary to obtain and document information related to deceased personnel and their family members. The information collection documents selections made by family members and others as part of the required mortuary case file. As stated in 10 U.S.C. 1481, the DoD may provide for the recovery, statement of recognition for identification purposes, care, and disposition of the remains for active-duty Regulars, Reserve Component members, applicants, trainees, military prisoners, and others. The DoD is further authorized, per 10 U.S.C. 1482 and 10 U.S.C. 1482a, to

provide reimbursement, cover expenses, or otherwise provide mortuary services for decedents, including civilian employees serving with the armed forces. Mortuary affairs personnel must document information on the information collections to ensure proper care, transportation, escort, military funeral honors and disposition of remains, as applicable. Depending on the circumstances, a Person Authorized to Direct Disposition (PADD) or person authorized to effect disposition (PAED) may be asked to complete up to six forms. All PADDs will complete the DD Form 3045 but may additionally be asked to provide information on the DD Forms 565, 3046, 3047, 3048, 3049, and/or 3050. The DD Forms 3116 and 3122 are completed by a Service member and a funeral service provider respectively. A description of each form has been provided to clarify under which circumstances each form may be used.

The DD Form 565, “Statement of Recognition of Deceased,” is a form to assist mortuary personnel with the identification of the remains of deceased personnel, family members, civilians, or other personnel that may be in the care of the Department of Defense. Identification of deceased persons is a critical step in providing proper disposition of the remains. Information collected includes information on the respondent and a witness.

The DD Form 3116, “Escort Report,” is a report filed with Service casualty and mortuary affairs offices with information regarding the transportation of human remains of deceased active-duty personnel to their place of interment. The escort also reports on the condition of remains, casket and any incident during transportation to assist the Service casualty and mortuary affairs offices in their support of the person authorized to direct disposition of the remains. The report also informs the Service casualty and mortuary affairs offices of any issue needed to be resolved with the receiving funeral home.

The DD Form 3122, “Military Funeral Honors Request Form,” is an official request for military funeral honors at the funeral or memorial of an eligible deceased veteran. A request for military funeral honors for an eligible veteran must be supported by law. The form will be sent to military funeral honors coordinators for their review, analysis for eligibility, scheduling, and to capture costs to provide the required military funeral honors elements. The form contains contact information for the next-of-kin requesting military funeral honors.

Upon the death of a service member, the PADD is notified by the Service Casualty Office and provided a mortuary briefing. They will complete the DD Form 3045, “Statement of Disposition of Military Remains,” which provides a written declaration as to their intent, wishes, and directions for the Service to ensure the expedition embalming/preparation, restoration, and return of remains of an active-duty service member. The form is presented to the PADD when discussing mortuary entitlements by the Casualty Assistance Officer, Casualty Assistance Calls Officer or Mortuary Officer during the mortuary briefing. A PADD may additionally relinquish their rights as PADD and identify a new PADD to whom the authority to direct disposition passes.

In DD Form 3046, “Disposition of Remains Election Statement Initial Notification of Identified Partial Remains,” the Department documents the PADD’s elections about the disposition of partial remains of a service member and how they would like to be notified if additional remains are found. This form was created to allow the family the right to be notified of the condition of the remains and allow them to make the decision to be notified of subsequent additional remains, or to relinquish the disposition of additional remains to the Department. Without this form the family may not have the option to have the Department make disposition of additional remains and would be notified after identification of additional remains.

In DD Form 3047, “Disposition of Remains Election Statement Notification of Subsequently Identified Partial Remains,” the Department documents the PADD’s choice about the disposition of identified partial remains of a service member, as well as the notification options of identified additional remains. This form was created to allow the family to make the decision and indicate their desire to be notified of subsequent identification of additional remains, or to relinquish the disposition of additional remains to the Department. Without this form the family would not have the option to have the Department make disposition of additional remains and would be notified of the identification of each additional remains.

DD Form 3048, “Disposition of Organs Retained for Extended Examination,” documents the PADD/PAED decisions about the notification and disposition of organs retained by the Armed Forces Medical Examiner.

DD Form 3049, “Advanced Restorative Art of Remains,” documents

the PADD's decision to authorize the service to embalm and perform post-mortem reconstructive surgery on the deceased.

DD Form 3050, "Election for Air Transportation of Remains of Casualties Dying Overseas and Returned Through Dover Air Force Base," documents the PADD's election for the type of air transportation for the remains of a service member to the receiving funeral home or interment site.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: As required.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

DoD Clearance Officer: Mr. Reginald Lucas.

Dated: January 3, 2025.

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Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

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[Docket ID: DoD-2025-HA-0006]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs (OASD(HA)), Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: 60-Day information collection notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, the Defense Health Agency (DHA) announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by March 11, 2025.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

Mail: Department of Defense, Office of the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Privacy, Civil Liberties, and Transparency, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Mailbox #24, Suite 05F16, Alexandria, VA 22350-1700.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to Defense Health Agency, 7700 Arlington Blvd., Falls Church, VA 22042, Amanda Grifka, 703-681-1771.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title; Associated Form; and OMB No.: Assistance Reporting Tool; OMB Control No. 0720-0060.

Needs and Uses: The Assistance Reporting Tool (ART) is a secure web-based system that captures feedback on, and authorization related to TRICARE benefits. Users are comprised of Military Health System (MHS) customer service personnel, to include Beneficiary Counseling and Assistance Coordinators, Debt Collection Assistance Officers, personnel, family support, recruiting command, case managers, and others who serve in a customer service support role. The ART is also the primary means by which Defense Health Agency-Great Lakes staff capture medical authorization determinations and claims assistance information for remotely located service members, line of duty care, and for care under the transitional care for Service-related conditions benefit. ART data reflects the customer service mission within the MHS: It helps customer service staff users prioritize and manage their case workload; it allows users to track beneficiary inquiry workload and resolution, of which a major component is educating beneficiaries on their TRICARE benefits.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Annual Burden Hours: 43,596.

Number of Respondents: 174,385.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 174,385.

Average Burden per Response: 15 minutes.

Frequency: On occasion.

Dated: January 3, 2025.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number: National Language Service Corps; DD Form 2932, DD Form 2933, DD Form 2934; OMB Control Number 0704-0449.

Type of Request: Extension.

Number of Respondents: 1,700.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 1,700.

Average Burden per Response: 12 minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 340.

Needs and Uses: The National Language Service Corps (NLSC) recruits from the public and enrolls individuals who would like to volunteer their language skills. The NLSC identifies U.S. citizens who can provide high