### Request for Comments

Comments are invited on:

(a) 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;

(b) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information;

(c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, e.g., the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: March 10, 2017.

Marcie Lovett,
Records and Information Governance Division Director, OCTO United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Native American Tribal Insignia Database

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) will submit

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**Estimated Total Annual (Non-hour) Respondent Cost Burden:** $5,744,000.00.

There are no capital start-up, maintenance, or record keeping costs associated with this information collection. However, some filings in this collection have filing fees. The petitions to cancel, the notices of opposition, the notices of appeal, the extensions of time to file an opposition, and the additional papers filed in inter partes and ex parte cases must be submitted to the USPTO electronically or served on other parties by email. Express or first-class mail through the United States Postal Service or hand delivery to the TTAB is only available under extraordinary circumstances. There are also filing fees associated with this collection. This includes new fees as well as fees being returned from collection 0651–0072, which has been discontinued. These fees are listed in the accompanying table below.
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 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).


Title: Native American Tribal Insignia Database.

OMB Control Number: 0651–0048.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Number of Respondents: 4 responses per year.

Average Hours per Response: The USPTO estimates that a recognized Native American tribe will require an average of 1 hour to complete a request to record an official insignia, including time to prepare the appropriate documents and submit the completed request to the USPTO.

Burden Hours: 4 hours.

Cost Burden: $4.80.


The USPTO database of official tribal insignias provides evidence of what a federally or state-recognized Native American tribe considers to be its official insignia. The database thereby assists trademark examining attorneys in their examination of applications for trademark registration by serving as a reference for determining the registrability of a mark that may falsely suggest a connection to the official insignia of a Native American tribe. The entry of an official insignia into the database does not confer any rights to the tribe that submitted the insignia, and entry is not the legal equivalent of registering the insignia as a trademark under 15 U.S.C. 1051 et seq.

This information collection is used by the USPTO to enter an official insignia submitted by a federally or state-recognized Native American tribe into the database. There are no forms associated with this collection.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent’s Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: Nicholas A. Fraser, email: Nicholas_A_Fraser@omb.eop.gov.

Once submitted, the request will be publicly available in electronic format through reginfo.gov. Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB. Further information can be obtained by:

- Email: InformationCollection@uspto.gov. Include “0651–0048 copy request” in the subject line of the message.
- Mail: Marcie Lovett, Records and Information Governance Division Director, Office of the Chief Technology Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313–1450.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent on or before April 21, 2017 to Nicholas A. Fraser, OMB Desk Officer, via email to Nicholas_A_Fraser@omb.eop.gov, or by fax to 202–395–5167, marked to the attention of Nicholas A. Fraser.

Dated: March 10, 2017.

Marcie Lovett,
Director, Records and Information Governance Division, Office of the Chief Technology Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

Board of Visitors of the U.S. Air Force Academy; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: U.S. Air Force Academy Board of Visitors, DOD.

ACTION: Meeting notice.

In accordance with 10 U.S.C. Section 9355, the U.S. Air Force Academy (USafa) Board of Visitors (BoV) will hold a meeting at Polaris Hall, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO on Thursday, 6 April and Friday, 7 April, 2017. The meeting for 6 April is for BoV members only. The meeting on 7 April will begin at 0900 and conclude at 1345. The purpose of this meeting is to review morale and discipline, social climate, strategic communication, infrastructure, and other matters relating to the Academy. Specific topics for this meeting include a Superintendent’s Update; Capital Projects and Construction Update; Status of Discipline; Graduate Assessment Update. Public attendance at this USafa BoV meeting shall be accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis up to the reasonable and safe capacity of the meeting room. In addition, any member of the public wishing to provide input to the USAFA BoV should submit a written statement in accordance with 41 CFR Section 102–3.140(c) and section 10(a)(3) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and the procedures described in this paragraph. Written statements must address the following details: The issue, discussion, and a recommended course of action. Supporting documentation may also be included as needed to establish the appropriate historical context and provide any necessary background information. Written statements can be submitted to the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) at the Air Force address detailed below at any time. However, if a written statement is not received at least 10 calendar days before the first day of the meeting which is the subject of this notice, then it may not be provided to or considered by the BoV until its next open meeting. The DFO will review all timely submissions with the BoV Chairman and ensure they are provided to members of the BoV before the meeting that is the subject of this notice. If after review of timely submitted written comments and the BoV Chairman and DFO deem appropriate, they may choose to invite the submitter of the written comments to orally present the issue during an open portion of the BoV meeting that is the subject of this notice. Members of the BoV may also petition the Chairman to allow specific personnel to make oral presentations before the BoV. In accordance with 41 CFR Section 102–3.140(d), any oral presentations before the BoV shall be in accordance with agency guidelines provided pursuant to a written invitation and this paragraph. Direct questioning of BoV members or meeting participants by the public is not permitted except with the approval of the DFO and Chairman. For the benefit of the public, rosters that list the names of BoV members and any releasable materials presented during the open portions of this BoV meeting shall be made available upon request.

Contact Information: For additional information or to attend this BoV meeting, contact Major James Kuchta, Accessions and Training Division, AF/A1PT, 1040 Air Force Pentagon, Washington, DC 20330, (703) 695–4066, James.L.Kuchta.mil@mail.mil.

Henry Williams,
Acting Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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