

Database name	Location
Veterans Health Administration Support Service Center (VSSC) .....	Austin Information Technology Center, 1615 Woodward Street, Austin, TX 78772.
Veterans Integrated Registry Platform .....	Austin Information Technology Center, 1615 Woodward Street, Austin, TX 78772.
War Related Illness and Injury Study Center (WRIISC) Database .....	VA Palo Alto Health Care System, 3801 Miranda Avenue, Mail Code 151Y, Palo Alto, CA 94304.

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0826]

### Agency Information Collection Activity: Intent To File a Claim for Compensation and/or Pension, or Survivors Pension and/or DIC

**AGENCY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, 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.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before April 13, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information through Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at [www.Regulations.gov](http://www.Regulations.gov) or to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M33), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420 or email to [nancy.kessinger@va.gov](mailto:nancy.kessinger@va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0826" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through FDMS.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cynthia Harvey-Pryor at (202) 461-5870.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA of 1995, 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 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.

**Authority:** Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3501-3521.

**Title:** Intent to File a Claim for Compensation and/or Pension, or Survivors Pension and/or DIC (VA Form 21-0966).

**OMB Control Number:** 2900-0826.

**Type of Review:** Extension of a currently approved collection.

**Abstract:** VA Form 21-0966 is used to gather the necessary information to determine an effective date for an award granted in association with a complete claim filed within 1 year of such form. VA also uses it as a request for application and responds by mailing the claimant a letter of receipt, along with the appropriate VA form or application for VA benefits.

**Affected Public:** Individuals and households.

**Estimated Annual Burden:** 181,140 hours.

**Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:** 15 minutes.

**Frequency of Response:** On occasion.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 724,561.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Cynthia Harvey-Pryor,**

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### Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act that the Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses will meet on March 20-21, 2018, at Nova Southeastern University, Center for Collaborative Research, 3321 College Avenue, Suite 242, in Davie, FL 33314, from 2:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. (Eastern) on March 20 and from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Eastern) on March 21. All sessions will be open to the public, and for interested parties who cannot attend in person, there is a toll-free telephone number (800) 767-1750; access code 56978#.

The purpose of the Committee is to provide advice and make recommendations to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on proposed research studies, research plans, and research strategies relating to the health consequences of military service in the Southwest Asia theater of operations during the Gulf War in 1990-1991.

The Committee will review VA program activities related to Gulf War Veterans' illnesses, and updates on relevant scientific research published since the last Committee meeting. Presentations will include updates on the VA Gulf War research program, descriptions of new areas of research involving airborne hazards, blast injuries and neuroscience, and phenotyping research that can be applied to the health problems of Gulf War Veterans. Also, there will be a discussion of Committee business and activities.

The meeting will include time reserved for public comments in the afternoon. A sign-up sheet for 5-minute comments will be available at the meeting. Individuals who wish to address the Committee may submit a 1-2 page summary of their comments for inclusion in the official meeting record. Members of the public may also submit written statements for the Committee's