

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3521), this notice announces that the Veterans Health Administration (VHA), Department of Veterans Affairs, will submit the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden and includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before November 20, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through www.Regulations.gov, or to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attn: VA Desk Officer; 725 17th St. NW., Washington, DC 20503 or sent through electronic mail to oir_submission@omb.eop.gov. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0427 (Former Prisoner of War Medical History)” in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through the FDMS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Crystal Rennie, Enterprise Records Service (005R1B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 632–7492 or email crystal.rennie@va.gov. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0427 (Former Prisoner of War Medical History)” in any correspondence.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13; 44 U.S.C. 3501–3521), 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) 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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Titles: Former Prisoner of War Medical History.

OMB Control Number: 2900–0427.

Type of Review: Revision.

Abstract: VA Form 10–0048, Former POW Medical History, is used to collect data in response to Public Law 97–37, the “Former Prisoner of War Benefits Act of 1981,” that liberalizes eligibility requirements and extends the existing benefits. Additionally, the National Advisory Committee on Former Prisoners Of War requires this information for their annual submission to Congress.

VA physician will obtain the information on the VA Form 10–0048 during a medical examination. If these questions were not asked, the physician would be unable to assess the health care, disability compensation or rehabilitation needs of the Former Prisoner Of War (FPOW). The importance of collecting this very detailed information when the veteran is first seen is critical, not only with the physician evaluating the veteran but also by the rating specialist who will rate this claim. The rater also reviews the statements given by the veteran on this form not only at the first claim submission but in future years when other disabilities are claimed. Feedback from POW physicians in the field indicates their appreciation of the well thought out content and structure of the form. It is useful not only for Compensation and Pension examinations but also as a guide and reference for treatment planning for the FPOW patient. The questions in the form make it relevant for FPOWS of current as well as prior conflicts.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 113 burden hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 90 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Annually.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 75.

By direction of the Secretary.

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Program Analyst, VA Privacy Service, Office of Privacy and Records Management, Department of Veterans Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**Notice of Availability of the Record of Decision (ROD) for the San Francisco VA Medical Center Long Range Development Plan and Environmental Impact Statement, San Francisco VA Medical Center**

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice of Availability ROD.

SUMMARY: The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), San Francisco Health Care System (SFHCS) announces the availability of the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Long Range Development Plan (LRDP)/Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the San Francisco VA Medical Center (SfVAMC).

ADDRESSES: Copies of the ROD are available by request by writing to Robin Flanagan, Planning Office, SfVAMC 4150 Clement Street, San Francisco, CA 94121, telephone (415) 750–2049. The document is also available on the internet at the SfVAMC Web site: <http://www.sanfrancisco.va.gov/planning>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robin Flanagan, San Francisco VA Medical Center, 4150 Clement Street, San Francisco, CA 94121 or by telephone, (415) 750–2049.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: SfVAMC, the only VA medical center in San Francisco County, has major space and parking deficiencies at its existing Fort Miley Campus. The mission of SfVAMC is to continue to be a major primary and tertiary care health care center providing cost-effective and high-quality care to eligible Veterans in the San Francisco Bay Area and North Coast. SfVAMC strives to deliver needed care to Veterans while contributing to health care knowledge through research and education. VA can better meet its mission by integrating clinical care, education, and research, because such integration makes for more efficient and progressive overall care for Veterans. SfVAMC is also a ready resource for Department of Defense (DoD) as backup for Federal emergencies and serves as the local Federal Coordinating Center (FCC) in the event of a national emergency. SfVAMC has completed the waiting period for the Final EIS and is going forward with the ROD.

VA issues the ROD for the Final LRDP/EIS as approved by the VA Sierra Pacific Network (VISN 21) Director. The LRDP/EIS analyzed four alternatives, including a no-action alternative. The full range of foreseeable environmental

consequences were assessed, and appropriate management and/or mitigation measures were identified and implemented to ensure less-than-significant major impact(s) from execution of the Preferred Alternative.

VA's decision is to implement Alternative 1 (hereinafter referred to as the "selected action"), which was identified in the final LRDP/EIS as the preferred alternative. VA's selected action consists of LRDP construction, retrofitting, and operation on the 29-acre Fort Miley Campus to meet seismic safety requirements, and to provide an additional 554,452 net new gross square feet (gsf), which will include 322,200 gsf of medical facilities space and 232,252 gsf for 306 net new parking garage spaces. This will allow the SFVAMC to continue offering combined clinical, research, and educational programs to satisfy the needs of all San Francisco Bay Area and North Coast Veterans over the next 15 years. Under the selected action, VA would construct the LRDP in phases, with the first phase including 384,000 gsf of net new development, as well as seismic retrofits schedule for completion by 2020. The second phase would include an additional 170,000 gsf of net new development scheduled for completion by 2026.

The ROD includes a summary of the purpose and need for action, identifies the selected action and all alternatives considered by the SFVAMC, lists measures to minimize environmental harm, details about the monitoring and mitigation plans, and describes the environmentally preferable alternative.

Signing Authority

The Secretary of Veterans Affairs, or designee, approved this document and authorized the undersigned to sign and submit the document to the Office of the Federal Register for publication electronically as an official document of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Robert L. Nabors II, Chief of Staff, Department of Veterans Affairs, approved this document on October 15, 2015, for publication.

Dated: October 16, 2015.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0518]

Proposed Information Collection (Income Verification) Activity: Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), 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 revision of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice.

VA Form 21-0161a is used to gather information to determine entitlement to income-dependent benefits.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before December 21, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at 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. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0518" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through the FDMS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 632-8924 or FAX (202) 632-8925.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3501-21), 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: Income Verification (VA Form 21-0161a).

OMB Control Number: 2900-0518.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA Form 21-0161a is used to gather information to determine entitlement to income-dependent benefits. The VA compensation and pension programs require the accurate reporting of income by those who are in receipt of income-dependent benefits. This form solicits information from employers of beneficiaries who have been identified as having inaccurately reported their income to VA.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 15,000.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 30,000.

By direction of the Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Disciplinary Appeals Board Panel

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice with request for comments.

SUMMARY: Section 203 of the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Personnel Act of 1991 (Pub. L. 102-40), dated May 7, 1991, revised the disciplinary grievance and appeal procedures for employees appointed under 38 U.S.C. 7401(1). It also required the periodic designation of employees of the Department who are qualified to serve on Disciplinary Appeals Boards. These employees constitute the Disciplinary Appeals Board Panel from which Board members in a case are appointed. This notice announces that the roster of employees on the Panel is available for review and comment. Employees, employee organizations,