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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0799]

Agency Information Collection Activity: Casket and Urn Allowance

AGENCY: National Cemetery Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Cemetery Administration (NCA), 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 on the information needed that implements statutory authority for NCA to provide an allowance for the purchase of caskets and urns for the interment of the remains of Veterans without next of kin (NOK) or sufficient resources available for burial.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or June 20, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at www.Regulations.gov or to Brian Hurley, National Cemetery Administration (42E), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420 or email to Brian.Hurley1@va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0799" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through FDMS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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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(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, NCA invites comments on: (1) whether the proposed

collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of NCA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of NCA'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: 38 U.S.C. 2306; 38 CFR 38.628.

Title: Casket/Urn Allowance, VA Form 40-10088.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0799.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The Department of Veterans Affairs, National Cemetery Administration has established VA regulations to implement statutory authority for NCA to provide allowance for the purchase of caskets and urns for the interment of the remains of Veterans without next of kin and sufficient resources available for burial.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 56 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per

Respondent: 10 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Once.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 336.

By direction of the Secretary.

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VA PRA Clearance Officer, (Alt.), Office of Enterprise and Integration/Data Governance Analytics, Department of Veterans Affairs.

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