businesses. Title 38 U.S.C. vests the Secretary with broad authority and responsibility to assist veterans. Therefore, we requested that approval be granted to include veteran-owned business in addition to Vietnam Era and disabled veteran-owned businesses information on SF 18 and SF 129. The information requested will be a self certification that a firm is veteran-owned. It allows VA to ensure that eligible veteran-owned firms are given an opportunity to participate in VA acquisitions and to monitor our success in implementing these regulatory provisions. The information requested on the SF 18 and SF 129 will be solicited from the respondents on a voluntary basis.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Annual Burden: 14,181 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: Additional burden imposed on SF 18 and SF 129 is 15 seconds.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 3,403,500.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the reports should be directed to Department of Veterans Affairs, Attn: Ron Taylor, VA Clearance Officer (045A4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, Telephone (202) 565–4412 or FAX (202) 565–8267.

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By direction of the Secretary.

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Management Analyst.

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Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on this information collection. This request for comment is being made pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104–13; 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Comments should address the accuracy of the burden estimates and ways to minimize the burden including the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology, as well as other relevant aspects of the information collection.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposal for the collection of information should be received on or before May 28, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M30), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420. All comments will become a matter of public record and will be summarized in the VBA request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. In this document VBA is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection:

OMB Control Number: 2900–0101.

Title and Form Number: Eligibility Verification Reports.

a. Old Law Eligibility Verification Report (Surviving Spouse), VA Form 21–0511S.

b. Old Law Eligibility Verification Report (Veteran), VA Form 21–0511V.

c. Section 306 Eligibility Verification Report (Surviving Spouse), VA Form 21–0512S.

d. Section 306 Eligibility Verification Report (Veteran), VA Form 21–0512V.

e. Old Law and Section 306 Eligibility Verification Report (Children Only), VA Form 21–0513.

f. DIC Parent's Eligibility Verification Report, VA Form 21–0514.

g. Improved Pension Eligibility Verification Report (Veteran With No Children), VA Form 21–0516.

h. Improved Pension Eligibility Verification Report (Veteran With Children), VA Form 21–0517.

i. Improved Pension Eligibility Verification Report (Surviving Spouse With No Children), VA Form 21–0518.

j. Improved Pension Eligibility Verification Report (Child or Children), VA Form 21–0519C.

k. Improved Pension Eligibility Verification Report (Surviving Spouse With Children), VA Form 21–0519S.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Need and Uses: These reports are used by VA regional offices to verify continued eligibility for pension and parents' Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) and to determine whether adjustments in the rate of payment are necessary. These reports are also used for developing supplemental income and estate information from claimants who have previously filed a formal application for pension or parents' DIC. It would be impossible to administer the pension and parents' DIC programs without the collection of information.

Current Actions: Until recently, VA was required by 38 U.S.C. 1315(e) and 38 U.S.C. 1506(2) to secure a completed Eligibility Verification Report (EVR) at least once a year from every pension beneficiary and every parents' DIC beneficiary under the age of 72, showing the beneficiary's income and dependency status and verifying other entitlement factors. Public Law 103–271, the Board of Veterans' Appeals Administrative Procedures Improvement Act of 1994, amended 38 U.S.C. 1315 and 1506 to give the Secretary of veterans Affairs discretionary authority to require submission of income and resource reports by recipients of income-based benefits. VA amended 38 CFR 3.256 and 38 CPR 3.277 to require submission of an EVR in three instances. First, VA will require submission of an EVR by any beneficiary whose Social Security number, or whose spouse's Social Security number, has not been verified by the Social Security Administration. VA will also require beneficiaries who receive income other than Social Security to submit an EVR. Further, VA will require completion of an EVR if it determines that submission of an EVR is necessary to preserve program integrity.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 406,250 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 30 minutes per report.

Frequency of Response: Semi-annually.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 325,000.

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Agency Information Collection; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Health Administration, Veterans Affairs.