

regional offices and centers use the information contained on the form to evaluate applicants' experience for the purpose of designating qualified individuals to serve on the fee roster for their stations. Qualifications are stated in 38 CFR 36.4339. Collection of this information is essential in evaluating the professional expertise of fee applicants.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on May 27, 1997 at page 28756.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 2,067 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 20 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 6,200.

Send comments and recommendations concerning any aspect of the information collection to VA's OMB Desk Officer, Allison Eydt, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 (202) 395-4650. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0113" in any correspondence.

Dated: July 29, 1997.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Donald L. Neilson,**

*Director, Information Management Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0178]

### Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C., 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs, has submitted 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; it includes the actual data collection instrument.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before September 26, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY OF**

**THE SUBMISSION CONTACT:** Ron Taylor, Information Management Service (045A4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-8015 or FAX (202) 273-5981. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0178."

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title and Form Number:* Monthly Certification of On-the-Job and Apprenticeship Training, VA Form 22-6553d.

(**Note.** A reference to VA Form 22-6553d also includes VA Form 22-6553d-1 unless otherwise specified. VA Form 22-6553d-1 contains the same information as VA Form 22-6553d.)

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0178.

*Type of Review:* Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

*Abstract:* The form is used by trainees and employers to report the number of hours worked in on-the-job training programs and apprenticeships, and to report terminations of training in such program. The information is used by the VA to determine whether a trainee's education benefits are to be continued, changed or terminated, and the effective date of such action.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on December 30, 1996 at page 68817-68818.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households, business or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions, Federal Government, and State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 17,782 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 5 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* Monthly.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 12,375.

Send comments and recommendations concerning any aspect of the information collection to VA's OMB Desk Officer, Allison Eydt, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503

(202) 395-4650. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0178" in any correspondence.

Dated: August 5, 1997.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Donald L. Neilson,**

*Director, Information Management Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Advisory Committee on the Readjustment of Veterans; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 that a meeting of the Advisory Committee on the Readjustment of Veterans will be held September 11 through 13, 1997. This meeting will be a field meeting conducted primarily at VA facilities in New York City and White River Junction, Vermont. The committee will also visit the VA Vet Centers in Bangor, and Caribou, Maine, to review the availability of services for area rural and minority veterans. The purpose of the meeting is to provide the Committee a first-hand opportunity to review the provision and coordination of VA services for war related post-traumatic stress disorders (PTSD) and other readjustment difficulties specific to war veterans. For this purpose, the Committee will tour facilities, and engage in discussions with VA service providers and veteran consumers.

The meeting on September 11 will begin at 8 a.m. and conclude at 5 p.m. The day's agenda will be conducted concurrently at three different locations. Specifically, the Committee will visit the Manhattan, New York VA Medical Center and Vet Center. The day's agenda will consist of direct observations of VA readjustment counseling and mental health services with particular attention to PTSD programs. An additional focus for the meeting is continuity of care and clinical follow-up between area VA medical centers and Vet Centers. Two separate Committee subgroups will visit the White River Junction, Vermont, VA Medical Center and Vet Center, and the Caribou, Maine, Vet Center to review available services and meet with area veterans.

The meeting on September 12 will also begin at 8 a.m. and conclude at 5 p.m. The second day's agenda will also be conducted concurrently at three different locations. The primary agenda will consist of a continuation of direct observations of VA programs and facilities at the Harlem, and Brooklyn,

New York, Vet Centers. Concurrently, two separate full Committee subgroups will be visiting with VA service providers and local veterans at the White River Junction, Vermont, and Bangor, Maine, Vet Centers. The Committee will also tour the facility and review national operations for VA's National Center for PTSD at White River Junction, Vermont. The third day's agenda will consist of a full Committee executive meeting regarding a review of findings, conclusions, recommendations and future plans. The meeting will be conducted at the St. Moritz on the Park

Hotel, 50 Central Park South, New York New York.

The meeting will be closed from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday, September 11, and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, September 12, in accordance with the provisions cited in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6) pursuant to subsection 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. During this portion of the meeting, the Committee will be engaging in discussions with VA clinical service providers and veteran consumers. The discussions will disclose information of a personal nature for veteran patients which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal

privacy. The meeting on Saturday, September 13, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., will be open to the public to the seating capacity of the facility.

Anyone having questions concerning the meeting may contact Alfonso R. Batres, Ph.D., M.S.S.W., Director, Readjustment Counseling Service, Department of Veterans Affairs Central Office at (202) 273-8967.

Dated: August 19, 1997.

By Direction of the Secretary-Designate.

**Heyward Bannister,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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