normally will be made available within 60 days of the filing of the petition. The deadline for submission of comments on the EA will generally be within 30 days of its service.

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at *http://www.stb.dot.gov*.

Decided: August 24, 2004.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik, Director, Office of Proceedings.

**Vernon A. Williams,**

*Secretary.*

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## INSTITUTE OF PEACE

### Notice of Meeting; Sunshine Act

**AGENCY:** Institute of Peace.

**DATE AND TIME:** Friday, September 17, 2004. 9:15 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

**LOCATION:** 1200 17th Street, NW., Suite 200, Washington, DC 20036–3011.

**STATUS:** Open Session—Portions may be closed pursuant to subsection (c) of section 552(b) of title 5, United States Code, as provided in subsection 1706(h)(3) of the United States Institute of Peace Act, Public Law 98–525.

**AGENDA:** September 2004 Board Meeting; Approval of Minutes of the One Hundred Fifteenth Meeting (June 16–18, 2004) of the Board of Directors; Chairman's Report; President's Report; Committee Reports; Fiscal Years 2005 and 2006 Budget Review; Organizational Review; Approval of 2004 Unsolicited and Solicited Grant; Other General Issues.

**CONTACT:** Tessie Higgs, Executive Office, Telephone: (202) 429–3836.

Dated: August 18, 2004.

**Harriet Hentges,**

*Executive Vice President, United States Institute of Peace.*

[FR Doc. 04–19876 Filed 8–26–04; 3:12 pm]

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

**[OMB Control No. 2900–0003]**

### 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. 3501–3521), 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 29, 2004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Denise McLamb, Records Management Service (005E3), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273–8030, FAX (202) 273–5981 or e-mail *denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov.* Please refer to ''OMB Control No. 2900–0003.'' Send comments and recommendations concerning any aspect of the information collection to VA's OMB Desk Officer, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 (202) 395–7316. Please refer to ''OMB Control No. 2900–0003'' in any correspondence.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Application for Burial Benefits (Under 38 U.S.C. Chapter 23), VA Form 21–530.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900–0003.

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

*Abstract:* VA Form 21–530 is used to apply for burial benefits, including transportation. The information is used to determine if a deceased veteran had appropriate service and/or disability and that the claimant has made payment for burial or has contracted to make appropriate payment.

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 June 15, 2004, at page 33465.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households, Businesses or other for profit.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 100,000 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 20 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* One time.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 300,000.

Dated: August 17, 2004.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Loise Russell,**

*Director, Records Management Service.*

[FR Doc. 04–19682 Filed 8–27–04; 8:45 am]

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

**[OMB Control No. 2900–0212]**

### 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. 3501–3521), 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 29, 2004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Denise McLamb, Records Management Service (005E3), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273–8030, FAX (202) 273–5981 or e-mail *denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov.* Please refer to ''OMB Control No. 2900–0212.'' Send comments and recommendations concerning any aspect of the information collection to VA's Desk Officer, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, (202) 395–7316. Please refer to ''OMB Control No. 2900–0212'' in any correspondence.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Veterans Mortgage Life Insurance Statement, VA Form 29–8636.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900–0212.

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

*Abstract:* VA Form 29–8636 is completed by veterans to decline Veterans Mortgage Life Insurance (VMLI) or to provide information upon which the insurance premium can be based. VMIL provides financial protection to cover an eligible veteran's outstanding home mortgage in the event of his or her death. The insurance is available only to disabled veterans who, because of their disability, have

received a specially adapted housing grant from VA.

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, 2004 at pages 27972—27973.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 113 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 15 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 450.

Dated: August 17, 2004.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Loise Russell,**

*Director, Records Management Service.*

[FR Doc. 04–19683 Filed 8–27–04; 8:45 am]

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

**[OMB Control No. 2900–0539]**

### 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. 3501–3521), 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 29, 2004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Denise McLamb, Records Management Service (005E3), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273–8030, fax (202) 273–5981, or e-mail *denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov*. Please refer to ''OMB Control No. 2900–0539.'' Send comments and recommendations concerning any aspect of the information collection to VA's Desk Officer, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, (202) 395–7316. Please refer to ''OMB Control No. 2900–0539'' in any correspondence.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Application for Supplemental Service Disabled Veterans Insurance, (RH) Life Insurance, VA Forms 29–0188, 29–0189 and 29–0190.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900–0539.

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

*Abstract:* VA Forms 29–0188, 29–0189 and 29–0190 are completed by veterans applying for Supplemental Service Disabled Veterans Insurance. VA uses the information collected to establish a veteran's eligibility for insurance coverage.

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 17, 2004 at page 27973.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 3,333 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:* 20 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 10,000.

By direction of the Secretary.

Dated: August 16, 2004.

**Cindy Stewart,**

*Program Analyst, Records Management Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

**[OMB Control No. 2900–0138]**

### 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. 3501–3521), 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 29, 2004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Denise McLamb, Records Management Service (005E3), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273–8030, fax (202) 273–5981 or e-mail *denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov*. Please refer to ''OMB Control No. 2900–0138.'' Send comments and recommendations concerning any aspect of the information collection to VA's OMB Desk Officer, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 (202) 395–7316. Please refer to ''OMB Control No. 2900–0138'' in any correspondence.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Request for Details of Expenses, VA Form 21–8049.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900–0138.

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

*Abstract:* VA Form 21–8049 is used to gather the necessary information to determine the amounts of any deductible expenses paid by the claimant and/or commercial life insurance received in order to adjust the annual income. Pension is an income-based program, and the payable rate depends on annual income. Without this information, VA would be unable to authorize pension benefits.

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 June 8, 2004, at pages 32098–32099.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 5,700 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:* 15 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* One-time.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 22,800.

By direction of the Secretary.

Dated: August 17, 2004.

**Loise Russell,**

*Director, Records Management Service.*

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