DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0559]

Proposed Information Collection (State Cemetery Data sheet and Cemetery Grant Document)

Activity: Comment Request

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 revised collection. We allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on information needed to determine when to begin development of additional acreage for burial space and, in so doing, to anticipate when to provide money to expand or improve these National Cemeteries.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].
ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at www.Regulations.gov or to Willie Lewis, National Cemetery Administration (43D3), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420; or e-mail: willie.lewis@va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0559" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through the FDMS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Willie Lewis at (202) 461-4242 or FAX (202) 501-2240.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Public Law 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, 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.

**Title**: State Cemetery Data, VA Form 40-0241 and Cemetery Grant Documents, 40-0895 Series

**OMB Control Number**: 2900-0559.

**Type of Review**: Revision of an approved collection.

**Abstract**: VA Form 40-0241 and Cemetery Grant Documents, 40-0895 Series, are required to provide data regarding the number of interments conducted at State Veterans cemeteries and support grant applications each year. This data is necessary for budget, oversight and compliance purposes associated with exiting and establishment of new State and Tribal government Veteran cemeteries.

**Affected Public**: Individuals or households.

**Estimated Annual Burden**: 10,049

**Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent**: 15 minutes.

**Frequency of Response**: One-time.

**Estimated Number of Respondents**: 286

DATED: June 11, 2016.

By direction of the Secretary:

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