



[OMB Control No. 2900-0036]

Agency Information Collection Activity: Statement of Disappearance

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Veterans Benefits Administration, 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 proposed extension of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

ADDRESSES: Comments must be submitted through www.regulations.gov

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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, VBA invites comments on: (1) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VBA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VBA'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: Statement of Disappearance (VA Form 21P-1775).

OMB Control Number: 2900-0036. <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRASearch> (Once at this link, you can enter the OMB Control Number to find the historical versions of this Information Collection).

Type of Review: Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The major use of the form is used to gather the necessary information to determine if a decision of presumptive death can be made for benefit payment purposes. 38 U.S.C. 108 requires a formal "presumption of death" when a veteran has been missing for seven years. It would be impossible to administer the Survivor Benefits program without this collection of information. This is an extension only, no substantive changes.

Affected Public: Individuals and households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 28 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 2.75 hours.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 10.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.

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