

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Veterans Health Administration (VHA), 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 new collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments for information needed to identify gender-specific treatment needs of returning Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) and Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) veterans.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before November 10, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information through <http://www.Regulations.gov>; or to Mary Stout, Veterans Health Administration (193E1), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420; or e-mail: [mary.stout@va.gov](mailto:mary.stout@va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-New (10-21089)" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at <http://www.Regulations.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mary Stout (202) 461-5867 or FAX (202) 273-9381.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3501-3521), 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, VHA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VHA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VHA'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:** Survey of Post-Deployment Adjustment Among OEF and OIF Veterans, VA Form 10-21089.

**OMB Control Number:** 2900-New (10-21089).

**Type of Review:** New collection.

**Abstract:** The data collected on VA Form 10-21089 will be used to access health conditions, occupational, family and social adjustment and functioning of veterans who were deployed to Afghanistan and/or Iraq. The goal is to identify the gender-specific treatment needs of OEF and OIF veterans with an emphasis on the needs of female veterans who experienced war zone stressors beyond traditional combat and sexual trauma during deployment. VA will use the data to identify how homecoming experiences (healthcare, relationship and parenting readjustment) differently affect male and female veterans.

**Affected Public:** Individuals or households.

**Estimated Annual Burden:** 1,333 hours.

**Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:** 20 minutes.

**Frequency of Response:** On occasion.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 4,000.

Dated: September 4, 2008.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Denise McLamb,**

*Program Analyst, Records Management Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-New (10-21091)]

### Proposed Information Collection (Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation Iraqi Freedom Veterans Health Needs Assessment) Activity; Comment Request

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Veterans Health Administration (VHA), 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 new collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments for information to develop a program that will improve the quality and relevance of care, as it pertains to access for mental health and use of mental health facilities for returning Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation Iraqi Freedom veterans and their families.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before November 10, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information through <http://www.Regulations.gov>; or to Mary Stout, Veterans Health Administration (193E1), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail: [mary.stout@va.gov](mailto:mary.stout@va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-New (10-21091)" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at <http://www.Regulations.gov>.

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With respect to the following collection of information, VHA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VHA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VHA'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:** Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation Iraqi Freedom Veterans Health Needs Assessment, VA Form 10-21091.

**OMB Control Number:** 2900-New (10-21091).

**Type of Review:** New collection.

*Abstract:* VA Form 10–21091 will be used to gather input from returning war zone veterans to identify their needs, concerns and health care preferences. VA will use the data collected to improve the quality and relevance of care offered as well as access to care through the removal of identified barriers to care and to develop care pathways as indicated by veterans' responses to the survey.

*Affected Public:* Individuals and households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 1,000 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:* 20 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 3,000.

Dated: September 4, 2008.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Denise McLamb,**

*Program Analyst, Records Management Service.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

### **Blue Ribbon Panel on VA-Medical School Affiliations; Notice of Renewal**

In compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–

463), the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice that the Blue Ribbon Panel on VA-Medical School Affiliations has been renewed through September 30, 2009.

The Panel advises the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Under Secretary for Health on the framework for guiding VA's affiliations with medical schools and academic medical centers.

Dated: August 29, 2008.

By direction of the Secretary.

**E. Philip Riffin,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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