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Comment on ICR-Application for Dependency and Indemnity Compensation, Death Pension and Accrued Benefits by a Surviving Spouse or Child; Application for Dependency and Indemnity Compensation by a Surviving Spouse or Child-In-Service Death; Application for DIC, Death Pension, and/or Accrued Benefits; Amthor, Noelle

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General Comment

When I look at the "With respect to the following collection of information, VBA invites comments on: (1) Proposed collection of information . . . (2) the accuracy of VBA's . . . (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information . . . ; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the connection of information . . . or the use of other forms of information technology.", and then I look at the, "Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection."

I'm wondering what type of revision you're looking to do to these forms and what pertinent information you've left out of this proposed change not specified in this Notice for Change. What do you want to add, delete, or change in these forms, and quite honestly, what is the cost to We the People with said changes?

How many years have these forms been in existence, has the VBA already had people make comments not presented here as to changes they stated would streamline the process for surviving family members and are there any time limits you're trying to impose on these forms that would cause a burden to families if they do not submit a claim in the appropriate timeline? There are far too many undisclosed concerns to adequately give an opinion on the matter at hand with the information left out of this Notice.

Generally, there are personnel who help families fill out these forms, or review to ensure that all the pertinent information is annotated on them before submission, so what changes or revisions are you proposing but not

mentioning here in the Notice and what revisions are you wanting to include, remove, or changes in regards to the forms mentioned here in this Notice?

Generally, members have their families identified well in advance beforehand, so this process if anything should be streamlined to ensure it is easy to make a claim based off all information necessarily needed to ensure there is no lapse in time to allow family members to make a claim with the VBA.

I do have questions about the indemnity, but that would be better served speaking to someone about what didn't occur with my father after the 30 years it took the VA to determine he had a service connected disability and should have been paid all along from 1986 through the end of his life instead of taking four years from 2007 through 2011 to determine what disability he should be at till he passed away in 2015. Very sketchy as to how he wasn't properly taken care of as a Veteran after he retired from the Army.