

Board will also discuss plans for future consideration of scientific and technical aspects of specific strategies, tactics, and policies as they may affect the U. S. national defense posture and homeland security.

In accordance with section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. No. 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. 2) and 41 CFR 102-3.155, the Department of Defense has determined that these Defense Science Board Quarterly meeting will be closed to the public. Specifically, the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), with the coordination of the DoD Office of General Counsel, has determined in writing that all sessions of these meetings will be closed to the public because they will be concerned throughout with matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1).

Interested persons may submit a written statement for consideration by the Defense Science Board. Individuals submitting a written statement must submit their statement to the Designated Federal Official at the address detailed above, at any point, however, if a written statement is not received at least 10 calendar days prior to the meeting, which is the subject of this notice, then it may not be provided to or considered by the Defense Science Board. The Designated Federal Official will review all timely submissions with the Defense Science Board Chairperson, and ensure they are provided to members of the Defense Science Board before the meeting that is the subject of this notice.

Dated: April 16, 2008.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Meeting of the Secretary of Defense's Defense Advisory Board for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (DAB-ESGR)

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the DAB-ESGR. This meeting will focus on the status of DoD actions and recommendations from previous DAB meetings, and discussion of the board's mission and future goals. This meeting is open to the public.

DATES: May 21, 2008 (8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.)

ADDRESSES: Alexandria Room, Marriott Crystal Gateway, 1700 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Interested attendees may contact MAJ Elaine M. Gullotta at 703-696-1385 ext 540, or e-mail at elaine.gullotta@osd.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda

- 8:30 Convene, (Mr. James G. Rebholz, Chairman).
- 8:35 Oath of Office (Mr. Frank Wilson).
- 8:40 Minutes approval, Due Outs from last meeting (Mr. James G. Rebholz, Chairman).
- 8:50 Review and discussion of DAB Nomination List (Mr. James G. Rebholz, Chairman).
- 9:30 Vice Admiral John G. Cotton, Chief of Navy Reserve, Commander, Navy Reserve Force.
- 10:45 Break.
- 11:00 Institute for Defense Analyses, Briefing (Mr. Colin Doyle).
- 12:00 Working Lunch (Discussion and Selection of DAB Nominees) (Mr. James G. Rebholz, Chairman).
- 1:30 Mr. Paul Wagner Presentation.
- 2:45 Board Discussion, Due Outs-Subcommittee tasks (Mr. James G. Rebholz, Chairman).
- 3:30 Break.
- 4:00 Summary of Proceedings, administrative announcements.
- 4:45 Adjourn.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Threat Reduction Advisory Committee Closed Meeting

AGENCY: Defense Threat Reduction Agency, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics); Department of Defense.

ACTION: Federal Advisory Committee meeting notice.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended) and the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended) the Department of Defense announces the following

Federal advisory committee meeting of the Threat Reduction Advisory Committee (hereafter referred to as the Committee).

DATES: Thursday, May 8, 2008, (8 a.m. to 4 p.m.).

ADDRESSES: Defense Threat Reduction Agency, Defense Threat Reduction Center Building, Brittigan Conference Room, Room 1252, 8725 John J. Kingman Road, Fort Belvoir, Virginia 22060-6201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Contact Mr. Eric Wright, Defense Threat Reduction Agency/AST, 8725 John J. Kingman Road, MS 6201, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060-6201, Phone: (703) 767-5717, Fax: (703) 767-5701, E-mail: eric.wright@dtra.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of Meeting: To obtain, review and evaluate information related to the Committee's mission to advise on technology security, combating weapons of mass destruction (WMD), chemical and biological defense, transformation of the nuclear weapons stockpile, and other matters related to the Defense Threat Reduction Agency's mission.

Meeting Agenda: The Committee will receive summaries of current activities related to combating WMD as well as nuclear deterrent transformation activities from the USD AT&L, ATSD(NCB) and Director of DTRA. Panel summaries from five ad-hoc working Panels (Chemical-Biological Warfare Defense, Systems and Technology, Combating Weapons of Mass Destruction, Nuclear Deterrent Transformation, and Intelligence) will be provided for committee discussion.

Meeting Accessibility: Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended, and 41 CFR 102-3.155, the Department of Defense has determined that the meeting shall be closed to the public. The Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), in consultation with the Office of the DoD General Counsel, has determined in writing that the public interest requires that all sessions of this meeting be closed to the public because they will be concerned with matters listed in section § 552b(c)(1) of title 5, United States Code.

Written Statements: Pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.105(j) and 102-3.140, the public or interested organizations may submit written statements to the membership of the Committee at any time or in response to the stated agenda of a planned meeting. Written statements should be submitted to the Committee's Designated Federal Officer; the Designated Federal Officer's contact information can be obtained from the

GSA's FACA Database—<https://www.fido.gov/facadatabase/public.asp>.

Written statements that do not pertain to a scheduled meeting of the Committee may be submitted at any time. However, if individual comments pertain to a specific topic being discussed at a planned meeting then these statements must be submitted no later than five business days prior to the meeting in question. The Designated Federal Officer will review all submitted written statements and provide copies to all committee members.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Meeting To Discuss the TRICARE Voluntary Agreements for Retail Refunds (VARRs) Program

AGENCY: Department of Defense, Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In response to pharmaceutical industry interest in the TRICARE VARRs Program, Department of Defense will host a meeting to discuss policies and procedures for VARRs.

DATES: Thursday, May 1, 2008 (8 a.m.–12 p.m.).

ADDRESSES: Marriott Wardman Park, 2600 Woodley Road, NW., Washington, DC 20008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: LTC Travis Watson, Deputy Director, Skyline 5, Suite 810, 5111 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, Virginia 22041-3206, Telephone: (703) 681-2890; Fax: (703) 681-1940, E-mail Address: UFVARR@tma.osd.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of Meeting: To provide pharmaceutical manufacturers the policies and procedures TRICARE Management Activity uses under the VARRs Program.

Meeting Agenda: Sign-in; welcome and opening remarks; review of program; discussion of reporting; questions and answers; closing remarks.

Meeting Accessibility: The availability of space in this meeting is open to the public. Seating is limited and all persons must sign in legibly.

Written Statements: The public or interested organizations may submit

written statements to UFVARR@tma.osd.mil at any time or in response to the stated agenda of a planned meeting.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Record of Decision To Develop, Test, Deploy, and Plan for Decommissioning of the Ballistic Missile Defense System

AGENCY: Missile Defense Agency, Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Missile Defense Agency (MDA) is issuing this Record of Decision (ROD) to develop, test, deploy, and plan for decommissioning of the Ballistic Missile Defense System (BMDS). This decision includes the development, testing, deployment, and planning for decommissioning of land-, sea- and air-based platforms for BMDS weapons components and space-based sensors. This action will enable MDA to develop and field an integrated, layered, BMDS to defend the United States (U.S.), its deployed forces, allies, and friends against all ranges of enemy ballistic missiles in all phases of flight. The BMDS is a key component of U.S. policy for addressing ballistic missile threats worldwide.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information on the BMDS Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) or this ROD please contact Mr. Rick Lehner, MDA Director of Public Affairs at (703) 697-8997. Downloadable electronic versions of the Final PEIS and ROD are available on the MDA public access Internet Web site <http://www.mda.mil/mdalink/html/enviro.html>. Public reading copies of the Final PEIS and the ROD are available for review at the following public libraries:

- Anchorage Municipal Library (Anchorage, AK).
- Mountain View Branch Library (Anchorage, AK).
- California State Library (Sacramento, CA).
- Sacramento Public Library (Sacramento, CA).
- Hawaii State Library (Honolulu, HI).
- University of Hawaii at Manoa (Honolulu, HI).

- Arlington County Public Library, Central Branch (Arlington, VA).
- District of Columbia Public Library, Central Branch (Washington, DC).

Dated: April 11, 2008.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. MDA Decision

The MDA is issuing this ROD, selecting Alternative 1 as described in the BMDS PEIS, to develop, test, deploy, and plan for decommissioning of the BMDS. This decision includes the development, testing, deployment, and planning for decommissioning of land-, sea-, and air-based platforms for BMDS weapons components. Alternative 1 also includes space-based sensors. MDA is deferring a decision on the development, testing, and deployment of space-based interceptors (Alternative 2) pending further concept development and policy discussion.

B. Background

The MDA has a requirement to develop, test, deploy, and prepare for decommissioning the BMDS to protect the U.S., its deployed forces, friends, and allies from ballistic missile threats. The proposed action would provide an integrated BMDS using existing infrastructure and capabilities, when feasible, as well as emerging and new technologies, to meet current and evolving threats in support of the MDA's mission. Consequently, the BMDS would be a layered system of defensive weapons, sensors, command and control, battle management, and communications (C2BMC), and support assets; each with specific functional capabilities, working together to defend against all classes and ranges of ballistic missile threats in all phases of flight. Multiple defensive weapons would be used to create a layered defense comprised of multiple intercept opportunities along the trajectory of the incoming ballistic missiles. This would provide a layered defensive system of capabilities designed to back up one another.

On December 17, 2002, the President announced his decision to field an initial defensive operation capability. The initial fielding would provide a modest protection of the U.S. and would be improved over time. Prior to the initiation of the BMDS PEIS, MDA and its predecessor agencies prepared several programmatic National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documents regarding ballistic missile defense. In addition, each program