

Member of Group Certified to Have Performed Active Duty with the Armed Forces of the United States, DD Form 2168, OMB Control Number 0704-0100.

Needs and Uses: This information collection requirement is necessary to implement section 401 of Public Law 95-202 (codified at 38 U.S.C. 106 note), which directs the Secretary of Defense: (1) To determine if civilian employment or contractual service rendered to the Armed Forces of the United States by certain groups shall be considered Active Duty service, and (2) to award members of approved groups an appropriate certificate where the nature and duration of service so merits. This information is collected on DD Form 2168, "Application for Discharge of Member of Group Certified to have Performed Active Duty with the Armed Forces of the United States," which provides the necessary data to assist each of the Military Departments in determining if an applicant was a member of a group which has performed active military service. Those individuals who have been recognized as members of an approved group shall be eligible for benefits administered by the Veterans Administration.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Annual Burden Hours: 285 hours.

Number of Respondents: 569.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden per Response: .5 hours.

Frequency: On occasion.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

Section 401 of Public Law 95-202 (codified at 38 U.S.C. 106 note) authorized the Secretary of Defense: (1) To determine if civilian employment or contractual service rendered to the Armed Forces of the United States by certain groups shall be considered active duty service, and (2) to issue members of approved groups an appropriate certificate of service where the nature and duration of service so warrants. Such persons shall be eligible for benefits administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs. The information collected on DD Form 2168, "Application for Discharge of Member or Survivor of Member Group Certified To Have Performed Duty with the Armed Forces of the United States," is necessary to assist the Secretaries of the Military Departments in: (1) Determining if an applicant was a member of an approved group that performed civilian employment or contractual service for the U.S. Armed Forces and (2) to assist in issuing an appropriate certificate of service to the

applicant. Information provided by the applicant will include: the name of the group served with; dates and place of service; highest grade/rank/rating held during service; highest pay grade; military installation where ordered to report; specialty/job title(s). If the information requested on a DD Form 2168 is compatible with that of a corresponding approved group, and the applicant can provide supporting evidence, he or she will receive veteran's status in accordance with the provisions of DoD Directive 1000.20E. Information from the DD Form 2168 will be extracted and used to complete the DD Form 214, "Certificate for Release or Discharge from Active Duty."

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Renewal of Department of Defense Federal Advisory Committees

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Renewal of Federal Advisory Committee.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, (5 U.S.C. Appendix), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b), and 41 CFR 102-3.50(d), the Department of Defense gives notice that it is renewing the charter for the Board of Advisors to the Presidents of the Naval Postgraduate School and the Naval War College (hereafter referred to as "the Board").

The Board of Advisors to the Presidents of the Naval Postgraduate School and the Naval War College, pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.50(d), is a discretionary Federal advisory committee established to provide the Secretary of the Navy through the Chief of Naval Operations and the Presidents of the Naval Postgraduate School and the Naval War College, advice and recommendations on items such as, but not limited to, organizational management, curricula, and methods of instructions, facilities, and other matters of interest.

The Secretary of the Navy may act upon the Board's advice and recommendations. The Board shall be comprised of no more than 10 members, who are eminent authorities in the fields of academia, business, national

defense and security, the defense industry, and research and analysis. Not less than 50 percent of Board members shall be eminent authorities in the field of academia. Board members shall be appointed by the Secretary of Defense, with annual renewals.

The Board's Chairperson shall be elected by vote of the membership.

The Chief of Naval Personnel and the Commanding General, Training and Education Command, United States Marine Corps, shall serve as ex-officio members of the Board. Board members appointed by the Secretary of Defense, who are not full-time or permanent part-time Federal employees, shall be appointed to serve as experts and consultants under the authority of 5 U.S.C. 3109, and to serve as special government employees.

The Secretary of Defense may approve the appointment of Board members for one to four year terms of service; however, no member, unless authorized by the Secretary of Defense, may serve more than two consecutive terms of service. This same term of service limitation also applies to any DoD authorized subcommittees.

Regardless of the individual's approve term of service; all appointments to the Board shall be renewed on an annual basis. In addition, they shall serve without compensation, except for travel and per diem for official Board-related travel.

Each Board member is appointed to provide advice on behalf of the government on the basis of his or her best judgment without representing any particular point of view and in a manner that is free from conflict of interest.

The Department, when necessary, and consistent with the Board's mission and DoD policies and procedures, may establish subcommittees, task groups, or working groups deemed necessary to support the Board. Establishment of subcommittees will be based upon a written determination, to include terms of reference, by the Secretary of Defense, the Deputy Secretary of Defense, or the advisory committee's sponsor.

The Board shall establish two permanent subcommittees:

a. The Naval Postgraduate School subcommittee shall be comprised of no more than 15 members and shall focus on the Naval Postgraduate School. The Chief of Naval Personnel/Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Manpower, Personnel, Training and Education Command; the Commanding General USMC Training and Education Command; the Commandant Army War College; the Chief of Naval Research; the President of the National Defense University; and the President of the Air

University, will serve as ex-officio members of the subcommittee. The subcommittee shall meet a minimum of two times annually.

b. The Naval War College subcommittee shall be comprised of no more than 10 members and shall focus on the Naval War College. The Chief of Naval Personnel/Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Manpower, Personnel, Training and Education will serve as ex-officio member of the subcommittee. The subcommittee shall meet a minimum of two times annually.

These subcommittees shall not work independently of the chartered Board, and shall report all of their recommendations and advice to the Board for full deliberation and discussion. Subcommittees have no authority to make decisions on behalf of the chartered Board; nor can any subcommittees or any of its members update or report directly to the Department of Defense or any Federal officers or employees.

Such subcommittee members shall be appointed in the same manner as the Board members; that is, the Secretary of Defense shall appoint subcommittee members even if the member in question is already a Board member. Subcommittee members, with the approval of the Secretary of Defense, may serve a term of service on the subcommittee of one to four years; however, no member shall serve more than two consecutive terms of service on the subcommittee. Subcommittee members, if not full-time or permanent part-time government employees, shall be appointed in the same manner as the Board members. Such individuals, shall be appointed to serve as experts and consultants under the authority of 5 U.S.C. 3109, and serve as special government employees, whose appointments must be renewed by the Secretary of Defense on an annual basis. With the exception of travel and per diem for official travel, subcommittee members shall serve without compensation.

All subcommittees operate under the provisions of FACA, the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b), governing Federal statutes and regulations, and governing DoD policies/procedures.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Freeman, Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer for the Department of Defense, 703-692-5952.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Board shall meet at the call of the Board's Designated Federal Officer, in consultation with the Board's Chairperson and the Presidents of the

Naval Postgraduate School and the Naval War College. The estimated number of Board meetings is one per year.

In addition, the Designated Federal Officer is required to be in attendance at all Board and subcommittee meetings for the entire duration of each and every meeting; however, in the absence of the Designated Federal Officer, the Alternate Designated Federal Officer shall attend the entire duration of the Board or subcommittee meeting.

Pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.105(j) and 102-3.140, the public or interested organizations may submit written statements to the Board of Advisors to the Presidents of the Naval Postgraduate School and the Naval War College membership about the Board's mission and functions. Written statements may be submitted at any time or in response to the stated agenda of planned meeting of Board of Advisors to the Presidents of the Naval Postgraduate School and the Naval War College.

All written statements shall be submitted to the Designated Federal Officer for the Board of Advisors to the Presidents of the Naval Postgraduate School and the Naval War College, and this individual will ensure that the written statements are provided to the membership for their consideration. Contact information for the Board of Advisors to the Presidents of the Naval Postgraduate School and the Naval War College Designated Federal Officer can be obtained from the GSA's FACA Database—<https://www.fido.gov/facadatabase/public.asp>.

The Designated Federal Officer, pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.150, will announce planned meetings of the Board of Advisors to the Presidents of the Naval Postgraduate School and the Naval War College. The Designated Federal Officer, at that time, may provide additional guidance on the submission of written statements that are in response to the stated agenda for the planned meeting in question.

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Office of the Secretary

Renewal of Department of Defense Federal Advisory Committees

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Renewal of Federal Advisory Committee.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of 10 U.S.C. 2166(e), the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, (5 U.S.C. Appendix), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b), and 41 CFR 102-3.50(a), the Department of Defense gives notice that it is renewing the charter for the Board of Visitors for the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation (hereafter referred to as "the Board").

The Board shall provide the Secretary of Defense, through the Secretary of the Army, with independent advice and recommendations on matters pertaining to the operations and management of the Institute.

The Board shall: (a) Inquire into the curriculum, instruction, physical equipment, fiscal affairs, and academic methods of the Institute; other matters relating to the Institute that the Board decides to consider; and any other matter that the Secretary of Defense determines appropriate; (b) Review the curriculum to determine whether it adheres to U.S. doctrine, complies with applicable U.S. laws and regulations, and is consistent with U.S. policy goals toward Latin America and the Caribbean; and (c) Determine whether the Institute emphasizes human rights, including the rule of law, due process, civilian control of the military, and the role of the military in a democratic society.

The Board shall report to the Secretary of Defense through the Secretary of the Army.

The Board shall be comprised of no more than fourteen members appointed by the Secretary of Defense. All Board member appointments must be renewed by the Secretary of Defense on an annual basis. The Board shall be comprised of: (a) Two Members of the Senate (the Chair and Ranking Member of the Armed Services Committee or their designees); (b) two Members of the House of Representatives (the Chair and Ranking Members of the Armed Services Committee or their designees); (c) one person designated by the Secretary of State; the senior military officer responsible for training and education in the U.S. Army (or designee); the commanders of the combatant commands with geographic responsibility for the Western Hemisphere (U.S. Northern Command and U.S. Southern Command (or designees); and (d) six persons designated by the Secretary of Defense, including, to the extent practicable, persons from academia, religious