

from the Armed Forces of the United States; DD Form 294; OMB Control Number 0704-0453.

Type of Request: Reinstatement.

Number of Respondents: 1800.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 1800.

Average Burden per Response: 45 Minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 1350 Hours.

Needs and Uses: The information collection requirement is necessary to have former members who were separated from the armed forces from between September 11, 2001 and December 31, 2009 due to unfitness for duty due to a medical condition with a disability rating of 20 percent disabled or less; and were found to be not eligible for retirement request a review of that determinations in accordance with the provisions of 10 United States Code Section 1554a.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain a benefit.

OMB Desk Officer: Ms. Jasmeet Seehra.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Ms. Seehra at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

You may also submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by the following method:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

DOD Clearance Officer: Ms. Patricia Toppings.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Ms. Toppings at WHS/ESD Information Management Division, 4800 Mark Center Drive, East Tower, Suite 02G09, Alexandria, VA 22350-3100.

Dated: November 23, 2012.

Patricia L. Toppings,
OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer,
Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Docket No. DOD-2012-OS-0003]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by January 22, 2013.

Title, Associated Forms and OMB

Number: Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) Non-Sponsored Research Program; DoDEA Form 2071.3-F1; OMB control number 0704-0457.

Type of Request: Reinstatement.

Number of Respondents: 30.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 30.

Average Burden per Response: 1 hour.

Annual Burden Hours: 30 hours.

Needs and Uses: DoDEA receives requests from researchers to conduct non-DoDEA sponsored research studies in DoDEA schools, districts, and/or areas. The DoDEA Form 2071.3-F1, "Research Study Request" collects information about the researcher, the research project, audience, timeline, and the statistical analyses that will be conducted during the proposed research study.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; Federal government.

Frequency: On occasion.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Establishment of Department of Defense Federal Advisory Committees

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Establishment of Federal Advisory Committee.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of section 2852(b), of the Ike Skelton National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2011 (Pub. L. 111-383), the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C. Appendix, as amended), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b) ("the Sunshine Act"), and 41 CFR 102-3.50(a), the DoD gives notice that it is establishing the charter for the Independent Review Panel on Military Medical Construction Standards ("the Panel").

The Panel, pursuant to section 2852(b), of the Ike Skelton NDAA for Fiscal Year 2011 (Pub. L. 111-383), is a non-discretionary Federal advisory committee established to provide the Secretary of Defense independent advice and recommendations regarding a construction standard for military medical centers to provide a single standard of care, as set forth below:

- a. Reviewing the unified military medical construction standards to determine the standards consistency with industry practices and benchmarks for world class medical construction;
- b. Reviewing ongoing construction programs within the DoD to ensure medical construction standards are uniformly applied across applicable military centers;
- c. Assessing the DoD approach to planning and programming facility improvements with specific emphasis on facility selection criteria and

proportional assessment system; and facility programming responsibilities between the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs and the Secretaries of the Military Departments;

d. Assessing whether the Comprehensive Master Plan for the National Capital Region Medical (“the Master Plan”), dated April 2010, is adequate to fulfill statutory requirements, as required by section 2714 of the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 (division B of Pub. L. 111–84; 123 Stat. 2656), to ensure that the facilities and organizational structure described in the Master Plan result in world class military medical centers in the National Capital Region; and

e. Making recommendations regarding any adjustments of the Master Plan that are needed to ensure the provision of world class military medical centers and delivery system in the National Capital Region.

The Panel, not later than 120 days after the first meeting, shall submit to the Secretary of Defense a written report containing an assessment of the adequacy of the plan to address the above items relating to the purpose of the Panel and the recommendations of the Panel to improve the Master Plan.

Additional Reports—Each year until the Panel terminates, it shall submit, no later than February 1, an annual report to the Secretary of Defense on the Panel’s findings and recommendations to address any identified deficiencies.

The Panel or its members, with the Department’s approval, may visit military treatment centers and military headquarters in connection with the official duties of the Panel. Such visits shall be undertaken through the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness (USD(P&R)) and in coordination with the appropriate Military Departments and installation commanders.

The Panel is not established to provide advice on individual DoD procurements. No matter shall be assigned to the Panel for its consideration that would require any Panel members to participate personally and substantially in the conduct of any specific procurement or place him or her in the position of acting as a contracting or procurement official. The Panel reports to the Secretary of Defense. The USD(P&R), pursuant to DoD policy, may act upon the Panel’s advice and recommendations.

The Panel shall be comprised of no more than 14 members appointed by the Secretary of Defense.

The Secretary of Defense shall appoint 10 members. Those members

shall include medical facility design experts; military healthcare professionals; representatives of premier health care centers in the United States; and former retired senior military officers with joint operational and budgetary experience.

The Chairman and ranking members of the Committees on the Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives may each designate one member of the Panel, for a total of four members. Individuals designated by the Chairman and ranking members of the Committees on the Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives shall be appointed by the Secretary of Defense.

Panel members appointed by the Secretary of Defense shall be appointed for the duration of the Panel, with annual renewals of appointments. Panel members, who are not full-time or permanent part-time Federal officers or employees, shall be appointed to serve as experts or consultants under the authority of 5 U.S.C. 3109 and serve as special Government employee (SGE) member. Each member of the Panel 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. With the exception of travel and per diem for travel related to the Panel, members of the Panel shall serve without compensation. Under the provisions of Public Law 111–383 § 2852(b)(2)(D), any additional experts or consultants adviser called in for consultation on behalf of the Panel shall also be reimbursed for necessary travel expenses.

The Secretary of Defense may appoint additional experts and consultants, with relevant expertise, to assist the Panel on an ad-hoc basis. These non-member experts and consultants, who do not count toward the Panel’s total membership, shall be appointed to serve as SGEs under the authority of 5 U.S.C. 3109; however, these experts and consultants have no voting rights on the Panel and are prohibited from engaging in Panel deliberations.

The Department, when necessary and consistent with the Panel’s mission and DoD policies/procedures, may establish subcommittees, task groups, and working groups to support the Panel. 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 USD(P&R).

Such subcommittees shall not work independently of the Panel and shall report all of their recommendations and

advice solely to the Panel for full deliberation and discussion.

Subcommittees have no authority to make decisions and recommendations, verbally or in writing, on behalf of the Panel; nor can any subcommittee or its members update or report directly to DoD or any Federal officers or employees.

All subcommittee members shall be appointed in the same manner as the Panel members; that is, the Secretary of Defense shall appoint subcommittee members even if the member in question is already a Panel member. Subcommittee members, with the approval of the Secretary of Defense, may serve a term of service for the life of the Panel with annual renewals; however, no member shall serve more than two consecutive terms of service on the subcommittee. Subcommittee members, if not full-time or part-time Government employees, shall be appointed to serve as experts and consultants under the authority of 5 U.S.C. 3109, and serve as SGEs, 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 related to the Panel or its subcommittees, subcommittee members shall serve without compensation.

Each subcommittee operates under the provisions of FACA, the Sunshine Act, governing Federal statutes and regulations, and governing DoD policies/procedures.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Panel shall meet at the call of the Panel’s Designated Federal Officer (DFO), in consultation with the Panel’s Chairperson(s). The estimated number of meetings by the Panel is four per year.

The Panel’s DFO, pursuant to DoD policy, shall be a full-time or permanent part-time DoD employee, and shall be appointed in accordance with established DoD policies/procedures. In addition, the Panel’s DFO is required to be in attendance at all meetings of the Panel and its subcommittees for the entire duration of each and every meeting. However, in the absence of the Panel’s DFO, a properly approved Alternate DFO, duly appointed to the Panel according to DoD policies/procedures, shall attend the entire duration of meetings of the Panel or subcommittees. The DFO, or the Alternate DFO, shall call all of the Panel’s and subcommittees’ meetings;

prepare and approve all meeting agendas; adjourn any meeting when the DFO, or the Alternate DFO, determines adjournment to be in the public interest or required by governing regulations or DoD policies/procedures; and chair meetings when directed to do so by the official to whom the Panel reports.

Pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.105(j) and 102–3.140, the public or interested organizations may submit written statements to the Panel membership about the Panel's mission and functions. Written statements may be submitted at any time or in response to the stated agenda of planned meeting of the Panel.

All written statements shall be submitted to the DFO for the Panel, and this individual will ensure that the written statements are provided to the membership for their consideration. Contact information for the Panel's DFO can be obtained from the GSA's FACA Database—<https://www.fido.gov/facadatabase/public.asp>.

The DFO, pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.150, will announce planned meetings of the Panel. The DFO, 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.

Dated: December 17, 2012.

Aaron Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Meeting of the Department of Defense Military Family Readiness Council (MFRC); Cancellation of Meeting and Rescheduling of Meeting

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of meeting cancellation; rescheduling of meeting.

SUMMARY: On November 27, 2012 (77 FR 70740), the Department of Defense Military Family Readiness Council (MFRC) announced a meeting to be held on Thursday, January 31, 2013, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Pentagon Conference Center B6. The meeting on January 31, 2013 has been cancelled. The meeting is rescheduled for Tuesday, January 22, 2013, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Pentagon Conference Center B6.

DATES: The meeting is rescheduled for January 22, 2013, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Pentagon Conference Center B6.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Melody McDonald or Ms. Betsy Graham, Office of the Deputy Under Secretary (Military Community & Family Policy), 4800 Mark Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22350–2300, Room 3G15. Telephones (571) 372–0880; (571) 372–0881 and/or email:

FamilyReadinessCouncil@osd.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Section 10(a), Public Law 92–463, as amended, the Department of Defense announces that this meeting is rescheduled to occur on January 22, 2013, due to scheduling issues. The purpose of the Council meeting is to review the military family programs and finalize the Council recommendations that will appear in the Council's Annual Report.

The meeting is open to the public, subject to the availability of space. Persons desiring to attend may contact Ms. Melody McDonald at 571–372–0880 or email

FamilyReadinessCouncil@osd.mil no later than 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 10, 2013 to arrange for parking and escort into the conference room inside the Pentagon. Interested persons may submit a written statement for consideration by the Council. Persons desiring to submit a written statement to the Council must notify the point of contact listed in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** no later than 5:00 p.m., Thursday, January 3, 2013.

Dated: December 17, 2012.

Aaron Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Renewal of Department of Defense Federal Advisory Committees

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Renewal of Federal Advisory Committee.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of 10 U.S.C. 1114, the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b) (“the Sunshine Act”), and 41 CFR 102–3.50(a), the Department of Defense (DoD) gives notice that it is renewing the charter for the Department of Defense Medicare-

Eligible Retiree Health Care Board of Actuaries (“the Board”).

The Board is a non-discretionary Federal advisory committee that shall provide the Secretary of Defense with independent advice and recommendations related to actuarial matters associated with the Department of Defense Medicare-Eligible Retiree Health Care Fund (“the Fund”).

The Board, under the authority of FACA, shall provide independent advice and recommendations related to actuarial matters associated with the Fund and on matters referred by the Secretary of Defense, including those regarding: (a) Valuation of the Fund under 10 U.S.C. 1115(c); (b) Recommendations for such changes as in the Board's judgment are necessary to protect the public interest and maintain the Fund on a sound actuarial basis; and (c) Advise the Secretary of Defense on all actuarial matters necessary to make determinations in order to finance liabilities of the Fund on an actuarially sound basis.

The Board shall report to the Secretary of Defense. The Board shall report annually on the actuarial status of the Fund, and the Board shall furnish its advice and opinion on matters referred to it by the Secretary. The Board shall report periodically, but not less than once every four years, to the President and the Congress on the status of the Fund and shall include recommendations for such changes as in the Board's judgment are necessary to protect the public interest and maintain the Fund on a sound actuarial basis.

The Secretary of Defense, through the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness (USD(P&R)), may act upon the Board's advice and recommendations.

The Board shall be composed of three members who are appointed by the Secretary of Defense from among qualified professional actuaries who are members of the Society of Actuaries. The Board members shall serve for a term of 15 years; except those Board members appointed to fill a vacancy occurring before the end of the term for which the predecessor was appointed, shall serve only until the end of such term. Board members may serve after the end of the term until a successor has taken office.

Members of the Board shall be appointed by the Secretary of Defense and their appointments shall be renewed on an annual basis according to DoD policies/procedures. Members of the Board who are not full-time or permanent part-time Federal employees shall be appointed to serve as experts and consultants under the authority of