

(b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by October 21, 2013.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- **Mail:** Federal Docket Management System Office, 4800 Mark Center Drive, East Tower, Suite 02G09, Alexandria, VA 22350-3100.

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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, Force Health Protection and Readiness, ATTN: CAPT John Eckert, 7700 Arlington Boulevard, Suite 5101 (CODE: FHP&R), Falls Church, VA 22042-5101, or call (703) 681-8356.

Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number: Researcher Responsibilities Form, OMB Number 0720-0042.

Needs and Uses: The information collection requirement is necessary to document researcher's understanding and acceptance of the regulatory and ethical responsibilities pertaining to including humans as subjects in research. Principal and associate investigators must have the proposed, signed form on file before they may engage in research conducted or supported by entities under the purview of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness (USD(P&R)).

Affected Public: Federal Government, for-profit businesses, not-for-profit businesses.

Annual Burden Hours: 44.5.

Number of Respondents: 89.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden per Response: 30 minutes.

Frequency: On occasion; original document submitted one time per researcher. Once their document is on file, a researcher may reaffirm their commitment every three years electronically if they remain engaged in human subject research.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

Federal Government institutions wishing to conduct or support research on human subjects must first submit for approval to duly designated authorities an Assurance that they will comply with established guidelines in such research. Such Assurances are granted by components of DoD and by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). DoD guidance requires principal and associate investigators individually and explicitly to acknowledge that they understand and accept responsibility for protecting the rights and welfare of human research subjects. All principal and associate investigators engaged in research supported or conducted under the purview of the USD(P&R) must read and sign a document that attests to their commitment to abide by the provisions of: (a) The Belmont Report: Ethical Principles and Guidelines for the Protection of Human Subjects of Research; (b) the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) regulations for the protection of human subjects at Title 32, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 219 (32 CFR part 219) and DoD Instruction 3216.02; (c) the Assurance of the engaged institution; relevant institutional policies and procedures where appropriate; and other Federal, State, or local regulations where appropriate. The Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs announces the intent to renew its Researcher Responsibility Form for this purpose and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Respondents are professionals who have been designated as principal or associate investigators. When preparing to initiate work on their first human subject research protocol, each principal investigator and associate investigator must assure they have the proposed Researcher Responsibilities form on file with the OUSD(P&R) Component office. This may require new forms from approximately 90 investigators. The form is two pages in length including statements agreed to and half a page for respondent signature and contact information. Respondents generally will be required to scan the form and forward it electronically. The

form will be filed electronically and form completion will be logged into a database. After three years, if a researcher still is engaged in research with OUSD(P&R), he/she will be asked to reaffirm his/her commitment electronically. This information collection does not involve sensitive personal information and requires no special confidentiality measures.

Dated: August 15, 2013.

Aaron Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Reserve Forces Policy Board (RFPB); Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary of Defense, Reserve Forces Policy Board, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of Federal Advisory Committee meeting.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA) (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended), and 41 CFR 102-3.150, the Department of Defense announces the following Federal advisory committee meeting of the Reserve Forces Policy Board (RFPB) will take place.

DATES: Thursday, September 5, 2013, from 8:15 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The address is the Army Navy Country Club, 1700 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, VA 22202.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: CAPT Steven Knight, Designated Federal Officer, (703) 681-0608 (Voice), (703) 681-0002 (Facsimile), Email—steven.p.knight.mil@mail.mil. Mailing address is Reserve Forces Policy Board, 5113 Leesburg Pike, Suite 601, Falls Church, VA 22041. Web site: <http://ra.defense.gov/rfpb/>. The most up-to-date changes to the meeting can be found on the RFPB Web site.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Meeting: The purpose of the meeting is to obtain, review and evaluate information related to strategies, policies, and practices designed to improve and enhance the capabilities, efficiency, and effectiveness of the Reserve Components. Additionally, the Board will review its work from the past year and determine what matters to

include in the annual report required by law to be transmitted to the President and the Congress by the Secretary of Defense.

Agenda: The Reserve Forces Policy Board will hold a meeting from 8:15 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The meeting will begin with opening remarks by MajGen Arnold L. Punaro, USMCR (Ret), Chairman, Reserve Forces Policy Board followed by remarks by a number of current and former officials of the Department of Defense. Invited speakers include the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller); the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Reserve Affairs); the Chairman of the National Commission on the Structure of the Air Force; the President of the RFPB Fellows Society; the President of the National Guard Association of the United States; the Executive Director of the Reserve Officers Association; and the former Director, Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation. The speakers have been asked to discuss their views regarding strategies, policies and practices affecting the reserve components. The RFPB subcommittees and task groups will discuss progress on current work to develop possible future recommendations to the Secretary of Defense and the status of Department review and implementations of the Board's recommendations made previously. Topics may include Reserve Survivor Benefits Plan Disparity Issue and Reserve Component Duty Status Reform. The Secretary of Defense Strategic Questions Task Group will update the Board on its task to gather information, conduct research, analyze relevant facts, and develop for Board consideration a report or reports of advice and recommendations for the Secretary of Defense regarding the best ways to use the Reserve Components in the future, the AC/RC Mix, the cost of a strong Reserve, and how to achieve savings. The Cyber Task Group presentation will discuss the Group's future work plan in gathering information, conducting research, analyzing relevant facts and to develop for Board consideration, a report or reports of advice and recommendations for the Secretary of Defense concerning current and future policies, practices and strategies of the Department related to the Cyber Domain. The Board may also deliberate on the findings of the subcommittee and task group presentations and approve recommendations to the Secretary of Defense.

Meeting Accessibility: Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended, and 41 CFR 102-3.140 through 102-3.165, and subject to the availability of space, the

meeting is open to the public. Seating is on a first-come basis. To request a seat at the meeting, interested persons must email or phone Captain Steven Knight, the Designated Federal Officer, not later than noon on Tuesday, September 3, 2013, as listed in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

Written Statements: Pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.105(j) and 102-3.140 and section 10(a)(3) of the FACA, interested persons may submit written statements to the Reserve Forces Policy Board at any time. Written statements should be submitted to the Reserve Forces Policy Board's Designated Federal Officer at the address or facsimile number listed in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. If statements pertain to a specific topic being discussed at a planned meeting, then these statements must be submitted no later than five (5) business days prior to the meeting in question. Written statements received after this date may not be provided to or considered by the Reserve Forces Policy Board until its next meeting. The Designated Federal Officer will review all timely submitted written statements and provide copies to all the committee members before the meeting that is the subject of this notice. Please note that since the Board operates under the provisions of the FACA, all submitted comments and public presentations will be treated as public documents and will be made available for public inspection, including, but not limited to, being posted on the Board's Web site.

Dated: August 14, 2013.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Meeting of the National Commission on the Structure of the Air Force

AGENCY: Director of Administration and Management, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of Advisory Committee meeting.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of 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, as amended), and 41 CFR 102-3.150, the Department of Defense (DoD) announces that the following Federal advisory committee meeting of the National Commission on the Structure of the Air

Force ("the Commission") will take place.

DATES: *Date of Open Meeting, including Hearing and Commission Discussion:* Tuesday, August 27, 2013, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m.

ADDRESSES: 2521 South Clark Street Suite 200, Crystal City, VA 22202.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mrs. Marcia Moore, Designated Federal Officer, National Commission on the Structure of the Air Force, 1950 Defense Pentagon, Room 3A874, Washington, DC 20301-1950. Email: dfoafstrucomm@osd.mil. Desk (703) 545-9113. Facsimile (703) 692-5625.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of Meeting: The members of the Commission will hear testimony from individual witnesses and then will discuss the information presented at the hearings.

Agenda: Consultants, representatives from the Department of Defense, and other leaders are invited to speak at the public hearing and are asked to address matters pertaining to the U.S. Air Force, the Air National Guard, and the U.S. Air Force Reserve such as their study results and recommendations. These witnesses are also asked to address the evaluation factors under consideration by the Commission for a U.S. Air Force structure that—(a) meets current and anticipated requirements of the combatant commands; (b) achieves an appropriate balance between the regular and reserve components of the Air Force, taking advantage of the unique strengths and capabilities of each; (c) ensures that the regular and reserve components of the Air Force have the capacity needed to support current and anticipated homeland defense and disaster assistance missions in the United States; (d) provides for sufficient numbers of regular members of the Air Force to provide a base of trained personnel from which the personnel of the reserve components of the Air Force could be recruited; (e) maintains a peacetime rotation force to support operational tempo goals of 1:2 for regular members of the Air Forces and 1:5 for members of the reserve components of the Air Force; and (f) maximizes and appropriately balances affordability, efficiency, effectiveness, capability, and readiness. Individual Commissioners will also report their activities, information collection, and analyses to the full Commission.

Meeting Accessibility: The building is fully handicap accessible. Visitors must show a picture I.D. and complete a security screening. Public parking is available within walking distance.