

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Office of the Secretary****Veterans' Advisory Board on Dose Reconstruction**

AGENCY: Department of Defense, Defense Threat Reduction Agency.

ACTION: Notice of advisory board meeting.

SUMMARY: The Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA) and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) will hold the fifth public meeting of the Veterans' Advisory Board on Dose Reconstruction (VBDR). The VBDR was established at the recommendation of the National Research Council report, entitled "Review of the Dose Reconstruction Program of the Defense Threat Reduction Agency." The report recommended the need to establish an advisory board that will provide suggestions for improvements in dose reconstruction and claim adjudication procedures. The goal of the VBDR is to provide guidance and oversight of the dose reconstruction and claims compensation programs for veterans of U.S.-sponsored atmospheric nuclear weapons tests from 1945–1962; veterans of the 1945–1946 occupation of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan; and veterans who were prisoners of war in those regions at the conclusion of World War II. In addition, the advisory board will assist the VA and DTRA in communicating with the veterans.

Radiation dose reconstruction has been carried out by the Department of Defense under the Nuclear Test Personnel Review (NTPR) program since the 1970s. DTRA is the executive agent for the NTPR program which provides participation data and actual or estimated radiation dose information to veterans and the VA.

Board members were selected to fulfill the statutory requirements mandated by Congress in Section 601 of Public Law 108–183. The Board was appointed on June 3, 2005, and is comprised of 16 members. Board members were selected to provide expertise in historical dose reconstruction, radiation health matters, risk communications, radiation epidemiology, medicine, quality management, decision analysis and ethics in order to appropriately enable the VBDR to represent and address veterans' concerns.

The Board is governed by the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), PL 92–463, which sets forth standards for the formation and conduct of government advisory committees.

DATES: Wednesday, March 7, 2007, from 7:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. and 3 p.m.–5:15 p.m. with a public comment session from 1:30 p.m.–3 p.m., and Thursday, March 8, 2007, from 8 a.m.–10 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.–12 p.m. with a public comment session from 10:15 a.m.–11:15 a.m.

ADDRESSES: Tuscan Suites and Casino, 255 East Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, Nevada 89169.

Agenda: On Wednesday, the meeting will open with an introduction of the Board. The following briefings will be presented: How a Typical Dose Reconstruction is Performed in Accordance With the NTPR Standard Operating Procedures" by Mr. John Stiver; "Interactive Radio-Epidemiological Tables and Its Use in Adjudication" by Dr. David Kocher; "The Use of Interactive Radio-Epidemiological Program by the Department of Veterans Affairs" by Dr. Neil Otchin; "Veterans' View Regarding VBDR, Dose Reconstruction and Claim Compensation Programs" by Mr. R. J. Ritter; "NTPR Dose Reconstruction and Veterans Communication Activities" by Dr. Paul Blake; and "VA Radiation Claims Compensation Program for Veterans" by Mr. Thomas Pamperin. On Thursday, the four subcommittees established during the inaugural VBDR session will report on their activities since November 2006. The subcommittees are the "Subcommittee on DTRA Dose Reconstruction Procedures", the "Subcommittee on VA Claims Adjudication Procedures", the "Subcommittee on Quality Management and VA Process Integration with DTRA Nuclear Test Personnel Review Program", and the "Subcommittee on Communication and Outreach." The Board will close with a discussion of the Subcommittee reports, future business and meeting dates.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Veterans' Advisory Board on Dose Reconstruction hotline at 1–866–657–VBDR (8237).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: May be found at <http://vbdr.org>.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of the Air Force****US Air Force Academy Board of Visitors Meeting**

AGENCY: Department of the Air Force, U.S. Air Force Academy Board of Visitors, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 9355, the U.S. Air Force Academy (USAFA) Board of Visitors (BoV) will hold a meeting via teleconference on February 8, 2007. The purpose of the meeting is to review morale and discipline, curriculum, instruction, physical equipment, fiscal affairs, academic methods, and other matters relating to the Academy.

For the general public, a teleconference room will be set up in the Pentagon, Room 5E225. Members of the public wishing to attend must arrive no later than one hour prior to the start of the meeting. Entry to the Pentagon will be through the Pentagon Metro entrance. Two forms of photo identification (ID) are required for building entry, one of which must be a state- or federal-issued picture ID.

The meeting will be open to the public. Public attendance at this USAFA BoV meeting shall be accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis up to the reasonable and safe capacity of the teleconference room. In addition, any member of the public wishing to provide input to the USAFA BoV should submit a written statement in accordance with 41 CFR 102–3.140(c) and section 10(a)(3) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) and the procedures described in this paragraph. Written statements should be no longer than two type-written pages and must address the following details: The issue, discussion, and a recommended course of action. Supporting documentation may also be included as needed to establish the appropriate historical context and to provide any necessary background information. Written statements can be submitted to the Designated Federal Officer at the address detailed below, at any point, however, if a written statement is not received at least 10 days before the first day of the meeting which is the subject of this notice, then it may not be provided to, or considered by, the BoV until its next open meeting. The Designated Federal Officer will review all timely submissions with the BoV Chairperson and ensure they are provided to members of the BoV before the meeting that is the subject of this