

proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, Force Health Protection and Readiness, ATTN: Caroline Miner, 5113 Leesburg Pike, Suite 901, Falls Church, VA 22041, or call (703) 575-2677.

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

*Needs and Uses:* This collection instrument serves to document researcher's understanding and acceptance of the regulatory and ethical responsibilities for including humans as subjects in research. Principal and co-principal investigators must have the proposed, signed form on file before they may engage in research conducted, sponsored, or supported by entities under the purview of the 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:* .50.

*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, sponsor, 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 219) and DoD Directive

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 establish and use a new document format 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 Designated Official 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 have the signed form scanned and forwarded 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.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

### **Office of the Secretary**

#### **Charter Amendment and Renewal— Department of Defense Federal Advisory Committees**

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** Charter amendment and renewal.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix), the Sunshine in the Government Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b), 41 CFR 102-3.65, and 41 CFR 102-3.80 the Department of Defense announces that it has amended the 2008-2010 charter for the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services (hereafter referred to as "the committee"), and that it intends to

renew the committee's charter for another two years effective April 17, 2010.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jim Freeman, Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer for the Department of Defense, 703-601-6128.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The committee's mission was amended to reflect that military family issues will no longer be addressed by the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services. Instead these issues will be addressed by the Department of Defense Military Family Readiness Council which was established by Act of Congress (section 581 of Pub. L. 110-181).

The committee, through the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, provides independent advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Defense on matters and policies relating to women in the Armed Forces of the United States. Pursuant to DoD policy, the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness may act upon the committee's advice and recommendations.

The committee shall be composed of not more than 35 members who have experience with the military or with women's workforce issues. Committee members shall be appointed by the Secretary of Defense, and their appointments will be renewed on an annual basis. Those members, who are not full-time or permanent part-time Federal officers or employees, shall be appointed as experts and consultants under the authority of 5 U.S.C. 3109, and serve as special government employees. Generally, Board members will be approved by the appointing authority to serve on the Board for a term of three years with approximately one-third of the membership rotating annually, to the extent possible. With the exception of travel and per diem for official travel, Board members shall serve without compensation. The Secretary of Defense shall designate the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services Chairperson.

Pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.105(j) and 102-3.140, the public or interested organizations are reminded that they may submit written statements to the committee membership about the committee's mission and functions. Written statements may be submitted at any time or in response to the stated agenda of a planned meeting of the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services.

All written statements shall be submitted to the Designated Federal Officer for the Defense Advisory

Committee on Women in the Services, and this individual will ensure that the written statements are provided to the membership for their consideration. Contact information for the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services' Designated Federal Officer may 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 Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services. 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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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Committee Termination and Committee Establishment—Department of Defense Federal Advisory Committees

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** Committee termination and establishment.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, (5 U.S.C., Appendix), the Sunshine in the Government Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b), and 41 CFR 102–3.60 and 102–3.65 the Department of Defense announces: the establishment of the Board of Advisors to the Presidents of the Naval Postgraduate School and the Naval War College; and that effective April 30, 2010, it will terminate the Board of Advisors to the President Naval Postgraduate School.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jim Freeman, Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer for the Department of Defense, 703–601–6128.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The mission of the Board of Advisors to the President Naval Postgraduate School will be included in the mission for the new Board of Advisors to the Presidents of the Naval Postgraduate School and the Naval War College (hereafter referred to as “the Board of Advisors”).

The Board of Advisors shall advise and assist the Department of the Navy, the Presidents of the Naval Postgraduate School and the Naval War College in

educational and support areas by providing independent advice and recommendations on items such as, but not limited to, organizational management, curricula, methods of instruction, facilities, and other matters of interest. Pursuant to DoD policy, the Secretary of the Navy may act upon the Board of Advisor's advice.

The Board of Advisors shall be comprised of not more than 10 members who are eminent authorities in the fields of academia, business, national defense, the defense industry, and research and analysis. Not less than fifty percent of the members shall be eminent authorities in the field of academia. Board of Advisors members shall be appointed by the Secretary of Defense, and their appointments will be renewed on an annual basis. Those members, who are not full-time or permanent part-time federal officers or employees, shall be appointed as experts and consultants under the authority of 5 U.S.C. 3109, and serve as special government employees.

Members may be appointed for terms ranging from one to four years. Such appointments will normally be staggered among the Board membership to ensure an orderly turnover in the Board's overall composition on a periodic basis. With the exception of travel and per diem for official travel, they shall normally serve without compensation, unless otherwise authorized by the appointing authority.

The Chief of Naval Personnel shall serve as an ex-officio Board member. As an ex-officio member this individual shall have no voting rights whatsoever on the Board or any of its subcommittees. In addition, he or she shall not count toward the Board's total membership.

With DoD approval, the Board of Advisors is authorized to establish subcommittees, as necessary and consistent with its mission. These subcommittees or working groups shall operate under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, The Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended), and other appropriate Federal statutes and regulations.

Such subcommittees or working groups shall not work independently of the chartered Board of Advisors, and shall report all their recommendations and advice to the Board of Advisors for full deliberation and discussion. Subcommittees or working groups have no authority to make decisions on behalf of the chartered Board of Advisors nor can they report directly to the Department of Defense or any

Federal officers or employees who are not Board of Advisors members.

The Board of Advisors shall establish and maintain two permanent subcommittees:

a. The Naval Postgraduate School subcommittee shall be comprised of no more than 19 members and shall focus primarily on the Naval Postgraduate School. The subcommittee shall meet a minimum of twice annually.

b. The Naval War College subcommittee shall be comprised of no more than 10 members and shall focus primarily on the Naval War College. The subcommittee shall meet a minimum of twice annually.

Subcommittee members, who are not Board of Advisors members, shall be appointed in the same manner as Board of Advisors members.

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