

School Performing Arts Center, 4502 Antilley Road, Abilene, TX 79606; and Thursday, April 9, 2020: Tye Community Center, 103 Scott Street, Tye, TX 79563.

**ADDRESSES:** Additional information on the B-21 MOB 1 Beddown EIS environmental impact analysis process can be found on the project website at [www.B21EIS.com](http://www.B21EIS.com). The project website can also be used to submit comments. Inquiries and comments-by-mail regarding the Air Force proposal should be directed to Dyess AFB Public Affairs, ATTN: B-21 EIS, 7 Lancer Loop, Suite 136, Dyess AFB, TX 79607; (325) 696-4820; [7bwpa@us.af.mil](mailto:7bwpa@us.af.mil); or Ellsworth AFB Public Affairs, ATTN: Steve Merrill, 28th Bomb Wing Public Affairs, 1958 Scott Dr., Suite 4, Ellsworth AFB, SD 57706; (605) 385-5056; [28bw.publicaffairs@us.af.mil](mailto:28bw.publicaffairs@us.af.mil). Comments will be accepted at any time during the environmental impact analysis process. However, to ensure the Air Force has sufficient time to consider public input in the preparation of the Draft EIS, scoping comments must be submitted to the website or mailed to one of the addresses listed above by April 24, 2020.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The beddown of the B-21 will take place through a series of three Main Operating Bases (MOB), referred to as MOB 1, MOB 2, and MOB 3. The Air Force proposes to beddown MOB 1, which includes two B-21 Operational Squadrons, a B-21 Formal Training Unit (FTU), and a Weapons Generation Facility (WGF) in this EIS. MOB 2 and MOB 3 beddown locations would be evaluated in future NEPA analyses, after the location for MOB 1 is chosen. The B-21 will operate under the direction of the Air Force Global Strike Command. The B-21 will have both conventional and nuclear roles and will be capable of penetrating and surviving in advanced air defense environments. It is projected to enter service in the 2020s, and the Air Force intends to have at least 100 B-21 aircraft built.

The purpose of the Proposed Action is to implement the goals of the National Defense Strategy by modernizing the U.S. bomber fleet capabilities. The B-21 Raider is being developed to carry conventional payloads and to support the nuclear triad by providing a visible and flexible nuclear deterrent capability that will assure allies and partners through the United States' commitment to international treaties. The B-21 will provide the only stealth bomber capability and capacity needed to deter, and if necessary, defeat our adversaries in an era of renewed great power

competition. MOB 1 will support training of crewmembers and personnel in the operation and maintenance of the B-21 aircraft in an appropriate geographic location that can provide sufficient airfield, facilities, infrastructure, and airspace to support the B-21 training and operations.

The EIS will analyze Dyess AFB and Ellsworth AFB as basing alternatives for MOB 1 for the Proposed Action, as well as a No Action Alternative. The basing alternatives were developed to minimize mission impact, maximize facility reuse, minimize cost, and reduce overhead, as well as leverage the strengths of each base to optimize the B-21 beddown strategy. The potential impacts of the alternatives and the No Action Alternative that the EIS may examine include impacts to land use, airspace, safety, noise, hazardous materials and solid waste, physical resources (including earth and water resources), air quality, transportation, cultural resources, biological resources, socioeconomic, and environmental justice. The Air Force is preparing this EIS in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969; 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), parts 1500-1508, the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations implementing NEPA; and the Air Force's Environmental Impact Analysis Process (EIAP) as codified in 32 CFR part 989.

**Scoping and Agency Coordination:** The scoping process will be used to involve the public early in the planning and development of the EIS, to help identify issues to be addressed in the environmental analysis. To effectively define the full range of issues and concerns to be evaluated in the EIS, the Air Force is soliciting scoping comments from interested local, state, and federal agencies and interested members of the public.

The Air Force will hold six scoping meetings to inform the public and solicit comments and concerns about the proposal. Scoping meetings will be held in local communities surrounding Dyess and Ellsworth AFBs. Scheduled dates, locations, and addresses for each meeting will be published in the Rapid City Journal and Black Hills Pioneer newspapers in South Dakota, the Abilene Reporter News and The Wylie News newspapers in Texas, as well as the Native Sun News, Indian Country Today and the Original Briefs tribal

newspapers, a minimum of fifteen (15) days prior to each meeting.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Department of Defense Military Family Readiness Council; Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting

**AGENCY:** Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** Notice of Federal Advisory Committee meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The DoD is publishing this notice to announce that the following Federal Advisory Committee meeting of the DoD Military Family Readiness Council will take place.

**DATES:** Open to the public Tuesday, March 24, 2020, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Pentagon, 1155 Defense Pentagon PLC2 Pentagon Library & Conference Center, Room B6, Washington, DC 20301.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** William Story, (571) 372-5345 (Voice), (571) 372-0884 (Facsimile), OSD Pentagon OUSD P-R Mailbox Family Readiness Council, [osd.pentagon.ousd-p-r.mbx.family-readiness-council@mail.mil](mailto:osd.pentagon.ousd-p-r.mbx.family-readiness-council@mail.mil) (Email). Mailing address is: Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Military Community & Family Policy), Office of Family Readiness Policy, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22350-2300, Room 3G15. Website: <https://www.militaryonesource.mil/leaders-service-providers/military-family-readiness-council>. The most up-to-date changes to the meeting agenda can be found on the website.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This meeting is being held 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 102-3.140 and 102-3.150.

**Purpose of the Meeting:** This is the first meeting of the Council for Fiscal Year 2020 (FY2020). During this meeting the Director, Defense Health Agency, will present information to the Council, including changes in dependent health care systems and implications for military family

readiness, the first of two focus areas chosen by the Council for FY2020.

**Agenda:** Opening Remarks; Administrative Items; Review of Written Submissions; Ethics Briefing; Focus Area Presentation: The Transformation of the Military Health System: Readiness, Reform, and the Priorities of the Defense Health Agency; Questions and Answers; Council Discussion; Closing Remarks. Note: Exact order may vary.

**Meeting Accessibility:** Members of the public who are interested in attending this meeting must RSVP online to: [osd.pentagon.ousd-p-r.mbx.family-readiness-council@mail.mil](mailto:osd.pentagon.ousd-p-r.mbx.family-readiness-council@mail.mil), no later than Thursday, March 12, 2020. Meeting attendee RSVPs should indicate if an escort is needed to the meeting location (non-CAC Card holders need an escort) and if handicapped-accessible transportation is needed. All visitors without CAC cards who are attending the MFRC must pre-register prior to entering the Pentagon. RSVPs to the MFRC mailbox for those needing escort to the meeting will be contacted by email from the Pentagon Force Protection Agency (PFPA) with instructions for registration. Please follow the instructions carefully; otherwise, members of the public may be denied access to the Pentagon on the day of the meeting. Members of the public who are approved for Pentagon access should arrive at the Pentagon Visitors Center waiting area (Pentagon Metro Entrance) no later than 9:00 a.m. on the day of the meeting to allow time to pass through security check points and be escorted to the meeting location. Contact Eddy Mentzer, (571) 372-0857 (Voice), (571) 372-0884, (Facsimile) if you have any questions about your RSVP.

**Written Statements:** Persons interested in providing a written statement for review and consideration by Council members attending the March 24, 2020 meeting must do so by no later than close of business Thursday, March 12, 2020, through the Council mailbox ([osd.pentagon.ousd-p-r.mbx.family-readiness-council@mail.mil](mailto:osd.pentagon.ousd-p-r.mbx.family-readiness-council@mail.mil)). Written statements received after this date will be provided to Council members in preparation for the next MFRC meeting. The Designated Federal Officer will review all timely submissions and ensure submitted written statements are provided to Council members prior to the meeting that is subject to this notice. Written statements must not be longer than two type-written pages and should address the following details: Issue or concern, discussion, and a recommended course of action. Those who make submissions

are requested to avoid including personally identifiable information such as names of adults and children, phone numbers, addresses, social security numbers, and other contact information within the body of the written statement.

Dated: March 3, 2020.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Defense Science Board; Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting

**AGENCY:** Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering, Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** Notice of Federal Advisory Committee meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The DoD is publishing this notice to announce that the following Federal Advisory Committee meeting of the Defense Science Board (DSB) will take place.

**DATES:** Closed to the public Tuesday, March 17, 2020, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and Wednesday, March 18, 2020, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The address of the closed meeting is the Executive Conference Center at 4075 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22203.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Kevin Doxey, (703) 571-0081 (Voice), (703) 697-1860 (Facsimile), [kevin.a.doxey.civ@mail.mil](mailto:kevin.a.doxey.civ@mail.mil) (Email). Mailing address is Defense Science Board, 3140 Defense Pentagon, Room 3B888A, Washington, DC 20301-3140. Website: <https://dsb.cto.mil/>. The most up-to-date changes to the meeting agenda can be found on the website.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Due to circumstances beyond the control of the Department of Defense and the Designated Federal Officer, the Defense Science Board was unable to provide public notification required by 41 CFR 102-3.150(a) concerning the meeting on March 17 through 18, 2020 of the Defense Science Board. Accordingly, the Advisory Committee Management Officer for the Department of Defense, pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.150(b), waives the 15-calendar day notification requirement.

This meeting is being held under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (5 U.S.C.

Appendix), the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b), and 41 CFR 102-3.140 and 102-3.150.

**Purpose of the Meeting:** The mission of the DSB is to provide independent advice and recommendations on matters relating to the DoD's scientific and technical enterprise. The objective of the meeting is to obtain, review, and evaluate classified information related to the DSB's mission. DSB members will meet to discuss classified future dimensions of conflict that might be exploited by our near-peer competitors and adversaries in response to the DSB's 2020 Summer Study on New Dimensions of Conflict tasking.

**Agenda:** The DSB meeting will begin on March 17, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. with opening remarks by Mr. Kevin Doxey, the Designated Federal Officer (DFO), and Dr. Craig Fields, DSB Chairman. The members of the study will meet to discuss classified future dimensions of conflict that might be exploited by our near-peer competitors and adversaries. Following break, the members will resume their meeting. The meeting will adjourn at 5:00 p.m. On March 18, 2020 the meeting will begin at 8:00 a.m. with a discussion of classified future dimensions of conflict that might be exploited by our near-peer competitors and adversaries. Following break, the members will resume their meeting. The meeting will adjourn at 4:00 p.m.

**Meeting Accessibility:** In accordance with Section 10(d) of the FACA and 41 CFR 102-3.155, the DoD has determined that the DSB meeting will be closed to the public. Specifically, the Under Secretary of Defense (Research and Engineering), in consultation with the DoD Office of General Counsel, has determined in writing that the meeting will be closed to the public because it will consider matters covered by 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1). The determination is based on the consideration that it is expected that discussions throughout will involve classified matters of national security concern. Such classified material is so intertwined with the unclassified material that it cannot reasonably be segregated into separate discussions without defeating the effectiveness and meaning of the overall meetings. To permit the meeting to be open to the public would preclude discussion of such matters and would greatly diminish the ultimate utility of the DSB's findings and recommendations to the Secretary of Defense and to the Under Secretary of Defense (Research and Engineering).

**Written Statements:** In accordance with Section 10(a)(3) of the FACA and 41 CFR 102-3.105(j) and 102-3.140, interested persons may submit a written