

*Type of Request:* Revision of a currently existing collection.

*Number of Respondents:* 374,972 responses per year.

*Average Hours per Response:* The USPTO estimates that it takes the public approximately 5 minutes (0.08 hours) to 12 hours to complete items in this collection, depending on the petition. This includes the time to gather the necessary information, prepare the petitions and petition fee transmittals, and submit them to the USPTO. The USPTO estimates that it takes the same amount of time to gather the necessary information, prepare the submission, and submit it electronically as it does to submit the information in paper form.

*Burden Hours:* 42,195 hours annually.

*Cost Burden:* \$3,147,594.80.

*Needs and Uses:* USPTO petitions practice provides patent applicants the ability to request certain administrative reviews of USPTO decisions and also supply additional information to applications currently being processed. The public uses the information in this collection to petition for various actions under 37 CFR 1.17(f), (g), and (h), such as petitioning for a suspension of the rules, requesting access to an assignment record, or requesting the withdrawal of an application from issue either before or after paying the issue fee. In addition, the public uses these petitions to request accelerated examination, to request abandonment of an application to avoid publication of said application, and to request certain extensions of time. The public uses the transmittal form to remit the required fees for the various petitions. The USPTO uses the information collected from the petitions and transmittal form to determine whether to grant the various requests and to ensure that the proper fees have been remitted and are processed accordingly.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to Obtain or Retain Benefits.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Nicholas A. Fraser, email: [Nicholas\\_A\\_Fraser@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Nicholas_A_Fraser@omb.eop.gov).

Once submitted, the request will be publicly available in electronic format through [reginfo.gov](http://reginfo.gov). Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Further information can be obtained by:

- *Email:* [InformationCollection@uspto.gov](mailto:InformationCollection@uspto.gov). Include "0651-0059 copy request" in the subject line of the message.

- *Mail:* Marcie Lovett, Records and Information Governance Division Director, Office of the Chief Technology

Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent on or before October 30, 2017 to Nicholas A. Fraser, OMB Desk Officer, via email to [Nicholas\\_A\\_Fraser@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Nicholas_A_Fraser@omb.eop.gov), or by fax to 202-395-5167, marked to the attention of Nicholas A. Fraser.

**Marcie Lovett,**

*Records and Information Governance Division Director, OCTO, United States Patent and Trademark Office.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Defense Advisory Committee on Investigation Prosecution and Defense of Sexual Assault in the Armed Forces; Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting

**AGENCY:** General Counsel of the Department of Defense, Department of Defense.

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

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Defense (DoD) is publishing this notice to announce that the following Federal Advisory Committee meeting of the Defense Advisory Committee on Investigation Prosecution and Defense of Sexual Assault in the Armed Forces will take place.

**DATES:** Day 1—Open to the public, Thursday, October 19, 2017 from 1:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Day 2—Open to the public, Friday, October 20, 2017 from 8:45 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** One Liberty Center, 875 N. Randolph Street, Suite 1432, Arlington, Virginia 22203.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dwight Sullivan, 703-695-1055 (Voice), 703-693-3903 (Facsimile), [dwight.h.sullivan.civ@mail.mil](mailto:dwight.h.sullivan.civ@mail.mil) (Email). Mailing address is DACIPAD, One Liberty Center, 875 N. Randolph Street, Suite 150, Arlington, Virginia 22203. Web site: <http://dacipad.whs.mil/>. The most up-to-date changes to the meeting agenda can be found on the Web site.

**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:* In section 546 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 (Pub. L. 113-291), as modified by section 537 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (Pub. L. 114-92), Congress tasked the DAC-IPAD to advise the Secretary of Defense on the investigation, prosecution, and defense of allegations of rape, forcible sodomy, sexual assault, and other sexual misconduct involving members of the Armed Forces. This will be the fourth public meeting held by the DAC-IPAD. On the first day of the meeting, the Committee will hear testimony from a former senior airman who is a sexual assault survivor. The Committee will then receive a briefing on the Department of Defense and Military Services' sexual assault-related expedited transfer policies. For the last session of the day, the Committee will hear from senior military special victims' counsel and victims' legal counsel about their experiences assisting clients with expedited transfers and their perspectives on the victims' counsel program. On the second day of the meeting, the Committee will hear from a panel of company, squadron, or Service equivalent commanders and their senior enlisted advisors about the sexual assault military justice and response training they received and their experience dealing with sexual assault allegations. Next, the Committee will hear from a panel of special court-martial convening authorities regarding the sexual assault military justice and response training they received and their experience dealing with sexual assault allegations and making initial case disposition decisions. For the last session, the DAC-IPAD Case Review Working Group will update the Committee on the working group members' review of sample sexual assault cases. Agenda: Thursday, October 19, 2017: 1:15 p.m.–1:30 p.m. Public Meeting Begins—Welcome and Introduction; 1:30 p.m.–2:30 p.m. Perspective of a Sexual Assault Survivor; 2:30 p.m.–3:20 p.m. Briefing on the Department of Defense (DoD) and Military Services' Expedited Transfer Policies; 3:20 p.m.–3:30 p.m. Break; 3:30 p.m.–5:00 p.m. Service Special Victims' Counsel/Victims' Legal Counsel (SVC/VLC) Perspectives on the Expedited Transfer Policy and SVC/VLC Program; 5:00 p.m. Public Meeting Adjourned.

Friday, October 20, 2017: 8:45 a.m.–9:00 a.m. Public Meeting Begins—Welcome and Introduction: 9:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m. Company, Squadron, or

Service Equivalent Commander and Senior Enlisted Advisor Perspectives on Sexual Assault Military Justice Training and Sexual Assault Response Training; 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Lunch; 12:30 p.m.–2:20 p.m. Special Court Martial Convening Authority Perspectives on Sexual Assault Military Justice Training and Sexual Assault Response Training; 2:30 p.m.–3:00 p.m. Committee Update from DAC–IPAD Case Review Working Group; 3:00 p.m.–3:15 p.m. Public Comment; 3:15 p.m. Public Meeting Adjourned.

**Meeting Accessibility:** Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b and 41 CFR 102–3.140 through 102–3.165, and the availability of space, this meeting is open to the public. Seating is limited and is on a first-come basis. Visitors are required to sign in at the One Liberty Center security desk and must leave government-issued photo identification on file and wear a visitor badge while in the building. Department of Defense Common Access Card (CAC) holders who do not have authorized access to One Liberty Center must provide an alternate form of government-issued photo identification to leave on file with security while in the building. All visitors must pass through a metal detection security screening. Individuals requiring special accommodations to access the public meeting should contact the DAC–IPAD at [whs.pentagon.em.mbx.dacipad@mail.mil](mailto:whs.pentagon.em.mbx.dacipad@mail.mil) at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. In the event the Office of Personnel Management closes the government due to inclement weather or for any other reason, please consult the Web site for any changes to the public meeting date or time.

**Written Statements:** Pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.140 and section 10(a)(3) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the public or interested organizations may submit written comments to the Committee about its mission and topics pertaining to this public session. Written comments must be received by the DAC–IPAD at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting date so that they may be made available to the Committee members for their consideration prior to the meeting. Written comments should be submitted via email to the DAC–IPAD at [whs.pentagon.em.mbx.dacipad@mail.mil](mailto:whs.pentagon.em.mbx.dacipad@mail.mil) in the following formats: Adobe Acrobat or Microsoft Word. Please note that since the DAC–IPAD operates under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, all written comments will be treated as public documents and will be made available for public inspection.

Oral statements from the public will be permitted, though the number and length of such oral statements may be limited based on the time available and the number of such requests. Oral presentations by members of the public will be permitted from 3:00 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. on October 20, 2017, in front of the Committee members.

Dated: September 25, 2017.

**Aaron Siegel,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

#### Inland Waterways Users Board Meeting Notice

**AGENCY:** Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of open Federal advisory committee meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Army is publishing this notice to announce the following Federal advisory committee meeting of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Inland Waterways Users Board (Board). This meeting is open to the public. For additional information about the Board, please visit the committee's Web site at <http://www.iwr.usace.army.mil/Missions/Navigation/InlandWaterwaysUsersBoard.aspx>.

**DATES:** The Army Corps of Engineers, Inland Waterways Users Board will meet from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on November 3, 2017. Public registration will begin at 7:15 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The Inland Waterways Users Board meeting will be conducted at the Vicksburg Convention Center, 1600 Mulberry Street, Vicksburg, Mississippi 39180, 601–630–2929.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Mark R. Pointon, the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) for the committee, in writing at the Institute for Water Resources, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, ATTN: CEIWR–GM, 7701 Telegraph Road, Casey Building, Alexandria, VA 22315–3868; by telephone at 703–428–6438; and by email at [Mark.Pointon@usace.army.mil](mailto:Mark.Pointon@usace.army.mil). Alternatively, contact Mr. Kenneth E. Lichtman, the Alternate Designated Federal Officer (ADFO), in writing at the Institute for Water Resources, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, ATTN: CEIWR–GW, 7701 Telegraph Road, Casey Building,

Alexandria, VA 22315–3868; by telephone at 703–428–8083; and by email at [Kenneth.E.Lichtman@usace.army.mil](mailto:Kenneth.E.Lichtman@usace.army.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The committee meeting is being held under the provisions of 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, as amended), and 41 CFR 102–3.150.

**Purpose of the Meeting:** The Board is chartered to provide independent advice and recommendations to the Secretary of the Army on construction and rehabilitation project investments on the commercial navigation features of the inland waterways system of the United States. At this meeting, the Board will receive briefings and presentations regarding the investments, projects and status of the inland waterways system of the United States and conduct discussions and deliberations on those matters. The Board is interested in written and verbal comments from the public relevant to these purposes.

**Agenda:** At this meeting the agenda will include the status of FY 2018 funding and impacts of the Continuing Resolution, and status of the FY 2019 Budget for the Navigation Program; status of the Inland Waterways Trust Fund and project updates; continuing dissemination of navigation data via AIS, including the Lock Performance Monitoring System (LPMS); status of the construction activities for Olmsted Locks and Dam Project, the Locks and Dams 2, 3, and 4 on the Monongahela River Project, the Chickamauga Lock Project and the Kentucky Lock Project; update of the Upper Ohio River Navigation study; and update of the Brazos River Floodgates and Colorado River Locks Study and “open channel” option.

**Availability of Materials for the Meeting:** A copy of the agenda or any updates to the agenda for the November 3, 2017 meeting. The final version will be provided at the meeting. All materials will be posted to the Web site after the meeting.

**Public Accessibility to the Meeting:** 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, this meeting is open to the public. Registration of members of the public who wish to attend the meeting will begin at 7:15 a.m. on the day of the meeting. Seating is limited and is on a first-to-arrive basis. Attendees will be asked to provide their name, title, affiliation, and contact information to