FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: CAPT Juliann Althoff, Medical Corps, U.S. Navy, (703) 275–6060 (Voice), (703) 275–6064 (Facsimile), juliann.m.althoff.mil@mail.mil (Email). Mailing address is 7700 Arlington Boulevard, Suite 5101, Falls Church, Virginia 22042. Website: http://www.health.mil/dhb. 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.

Availability of Materials for the Meeting: Additional information, including the agenda, is available at the DHB website, http://www.health.mil/dhb. A copy of the agenda or any updates to the agenda for the August 27, 2018 meeting will be available on the DHB website. Any other materials presented in the meeting may be obtained at the meeting.

Purpose of the Meeting: The DHB provides independent advice and recommendations to maximize the safety and quality of, as well as access to, health care for DoD health care beneficiaries. The purpose of the meeting is to provide progress updates on specific tasks assigned for the DHB. In addition, the DHB will receive information briefings on current issues related to military medicine.

Agenda: Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b and 41 CFR 102–3.140 through 102–3.165 and subject to availability of space, the meeting is open to the public from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on August 27, 2018. The DHB anticipates receiving a progress update from the Trauma and Injury Subcommittee on the “Low-Volume High-Risk Surgical Procedures” review, an introduction to a new DHB on “Health Military Family Systems: Examining Child Abuse and Neglect,” as well as information briefings from Navy Medicine West, the Naval Medical Center San Diego, the USNS Mercy, and the Navy Health Research Center to include the Millennium Cohort Study. Any changes to the agenda can be found at the link provided in this SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section.

Meeting Accessibility: Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b, and 41 CFR 102–3.140 through 102–3.165 and subject to availability of space, this meeting is open to the public. Seating is limited and is on a first-come basis. All members of the public who wish to attend the public meeting must register by emailing their name, rank/title, and organization/company to dho.ncr.dbb.mbx.defense-health-board@mail.mil or by contacting Ms. Brigid McCarthy at (703) 275–6010 no later than 12:00 p.m. on Monday, August 20, 2018. Additional details will be required from all members of the public not having installation access.

Special Accommodations: Individuals requiring special accommodations to access the public meeting should contact Ms. Brigid McCarthy at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Written Statements: Any member of the public wishing to provide comments to the DHB may do so in accordance with section 10(a)(3) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 41 CFR 102–3.105(j) and 102–3.140, and the procedures described in this notice. Written statements may be submitted to the DHB Designated Federal Officer (DFO), CAPT Juliann Althoff, at juliann.m.althoff.mil@mail.mil and should be no longer than two typewritten pages and include the issue, a short discussion, and a recommended course of action. Supporting documentation may also be included, to establish the appropriate historical context and to provide any necessary background information. If the written statement is not received at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting, the DFO may choose to postpone consideration of the statement until the next open meeting. The DFO will review all timely submissions with the DHB President and ensure they are provided to members of the DHB before the meeting that is subject to this notice. After reviewing the written comments, the President and the DFO may choose to invite the submitter to orally present their issue during an open portion of this meeting or at a future meeting. The DFO, in consultation with the DHB President, may allot time for members of the public to present their issues for review and discussion by the DHB.

Dated: July 31, 2018.

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DSB’s 2018 Summer Study on Strategic Surprise tasking, to address potential technical gaps in Department of Defense capabilities that may affect subsequent decisions and actions of U.S. commanders and warfighters in the next decade.

*Agenda:* The DSB meeting will begin on Monday, August 6, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. with opening remarks from Lt Col Milo Hyde, DFO, Dr. Craig Fields, DSB Chairman and Dr. Eric Evans, Vice Chairman. Following opening remarks, DSB members will hold a classified discussion to address potential technical gaps in Department of Defense capabilities that may affect subsequent decisions and actions of U.S. commanders and warfighters in the next decade. After break, DSB members will continue their classified discussion on the same topics. The meeting will adjourn at 5:00 p.m. On the second day of the meeting, Tuesday, August 7, 2018, the day will begin at 8:30 a.m. with classified panel breakouts to address potential technical gaps in Department of Defense capabilities that may affect subsequent decisions and actions of U.S. commanders and warfighters in the next decade. After break, DSB members will continue their classified discussion on the same topics. The meeting will adjourn at 5:00 p.m. On the third day of the meeting, Wednesday, August 8, 2018, the day will begin at 8:30 a.m. with classified panel breakouts to address potential technical gaps in Department of Defense capabilities that may affect subsequent decisions and actions of U.S. commanders and warfighters in the next decade. After break, the classified panel breakouts will continue. The meeting will adjourn at 5:00 p.m. On the fourth day of the meeting, Thursday, August 9, 2018, the day will begin at 8:30 a.m. with classified panel breakouts to address potential technical gaps in Department of Defense capabilities that may affect subsequent decisions and actions of U.S. commanders and warfighters in the next decade. After break, the classified panel breakouts will continue. The meeting will adjourn at 5:00 p.m. On the fifth day of the meeting, Friday, August 10, 2018, the day will begin at 9:00 a.m. with a classified briefing to invited senior DoD leaders to provide the DSB’s advice and recommendations on potential technical gaps in Department of Defense capabilities that may affect subsequent decisions and actions of U.S. commanders and warfighters in the next decade. The meeting will adjourn at 12:00 p.m.

*Meeting Accessibility:* In accordance with section 10(d) of the FACA and title 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 for 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 title 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 for Research and Engineering.

*Written Statements:* In accordance with section 10(a)(3) of the FACA and title 41 CFR 102–3.105(j) and 102–3.140, interested persons may submit a written statement for consideration by the DSB at any time regarding its mission or in response to the stated agenda of a planned meeting. Individuals submitting a written statement must submit it to the DoD DFO provided above at any point; however, if a written statement is not received at least three calendar days prior to the meeting, which is the subject of this notice, then it may not be provided to or considered by the DSB until a later date.

Dated: July 31, 2018.

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