

objectives of the research are to meet the mandates of the MMPA and ESA through the study of cetaceans: (1) Stock structure, size estimates, habitat, and geographic range; (2) movement, ranging patterns, and diving behavior; (3) vocalization patterns and the ambient acoustic environment; (4) reproductive status; (5) types and origin of prey; (6) levels of anthropogenic chemical contaminants, and (7) behaviors to certain anthropogenic activities. Up to 33 species of cetaceans may be taken during research including the following ESA-listed species: Blue (*Balaenoptera musculus*), fin (*B. physalus*), Gulf of Mexico Bryde's (*B. edeni*), North Atlantic right (*Eubalaena glacialis*), sei (*B. borealis*), and sperm (*Physeter microcephalus*) whales. Cetaceans may be taken during vessel and aerial surveys, including unmanned aircraft systems for photo-identification, photogrammetry, above and underwater photography and videography, behavioral observations, passive acoustic recordings, biological sampling (exhaled air, feces, sloughed skin, and skin and blubber biopsies), and tagging (suction-cup, dart/barb, and fully-implantable tags). Annual take numbers by species and procedure can be found in the take table of the application.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an initial determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of the application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: August 13, 2018.

Julia Marie Harrison,
Chief, Permits and Conservation Division,
Office of Protected Resources, National
Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Acquisition University Board of Visitors; Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisitions and Sustainment, 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 Acquisition University Board of Visitors will take place.

DATES: Open to the public Wednesday, September 12, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Defense Acquisition University Packard Conference Center; 9820 Belvoir Road, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christen Goulding, (703) 805-5412 (Voice), (703) 805-5909 (Facsimile), christen.goulding@dau.mil (Email). Mailing address is Protocol Director, DAU, 9820 Belvoir Rd., Fort Belvoir, VA 22060. Website: <https://www.dau.mil/about/p/Board-of-Visitors>. 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: The board will discuss items of on-going interest to the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment with regard to the training and development of the Defense Acquisition Workforce.

Agenda: 9:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m. Executive Session; 10:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m. DAU Update; 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Lunch; 1:00 p.m.–2:30 p.m. Future Focus; 2:30 p.m.–4:00 p.m. Board Remarks and Recommendations.

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. However, because of space limitations, allocation of seating will be made on a first-come, first served basis. Persons desiring to attend the meeting should call Ms. Caren Hergenroeder at 703-805-5134.

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 statements to the Defense Acquisition University Board of Visitors about its 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 Acquisition University Board of

Visitors. All written statements shall be submitted to the Designated Federal Officer for the Defense Acquisition University Board of Visitors, and this individual will ensure that the written statements are provided to the membership for their consideration. Statements being submitted in response to the agenda mentioned in this notice must be received by the Designated Federal Officer at least five calendar days prior to the meeting which is the subject of this notice. Written statements received after this date may not be provided to or considered by the Defense Acquisition University Board of Visitors until its next meeting.

Committee's Designated Federal Officer or Point of Contact: Ms. Christen Goulding, 703-805-5412, christen.goulding@dau.mil.

Dated: August 13, 2018.

Aaron T. Siegel,
Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison
Officer, Department of Defense.

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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; Correction

AGENCY: General Counsel of the Department of Defense (DoD), Defense Advisory Committee on Investigation, Prosecution, and Defense of Sexual Assault in the Armed Forces, Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of Federal Advisory Committee meeting; correction.

SUMMARY: On Friday, August 10, 2018, the Department of Defense published a notice titled "Defense Advisory Committee on Investigation, Prosecution, and Defense of Sexual Assault in the Armed Forces; Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting." In that notice, the waiver language in the first paragraph of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section contains incorrect references to the Defense Business Board and an incorrect meeting date. This notice corrects those errors. All other information in the notice of August 10, 2018 remains the same.

DATES: This correction is effective on August 16, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patricia Toppings, 571-372-0485.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On Friday, August 10, 2018 (83 FR 39730–39731), DoD published a notice titled “Defense Advisory Committee on Investigation, Prosecution, and Defense of Sexual Assault in the Armed Forces; Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting” that contained incorrect references to the Defense Business Board and an incorrect meeting date in the first paragraph of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section. The corrected waiver language is included in its entirety in the next paragraph.

Due to circumstances beyond the control of the Department of Defense (DoD) and the Designated Federal Officer, the Defense Advisory Committee on Investigation, Prosecution, and Defense of Sexual Assault in the Armed Forces was unable to provide public notification required by 41 CFR 102–3.150(a) concerning its meeting on August 23, 2018. 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.

Dated: August 13, 2018.

Aaron T. Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services; Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, 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 Women in the Services (DACOWITS) will take place.

DATES: Day 1—Open to the public Tuesday, September 11, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Day 2—Open to the public Wednesday, September 12, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The address of the open meeting is the Association of the United States Army Conference Center, 2425 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Colonel Toya J. Davis, U.S. Army, (703)

697–2122 (Voice), 703–614–6233 (Facsimile), toya.j.davis.mil@mail.mil (Email). Mailing address is 4800 Mark Center Drive, Suite 04J25–01, Alexandria, VA 22350. Website: <http://dacowits.defense.gov>. 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: The purpose of the meeting is for the DACOWITS to receive briefings and updates relating to their current work. The meeting will open with the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) giving a status update on the DACOWITS’ requests for information. Day one will comprise five separate briefings from the DoD and Military Services on the following topics: Military Recruiting Strategies, Military Marketing Strategies, DoD Recruitable Population Demographics, Status of the United States Navy’s Submarine Integration Efforts, and an update from the United States Marine Corps on the gender integration of Recruit Training. The second day of the meeting will open with a briefing from Military Services regarding their new Parental Leave Policies. This will be followed by a briefing from the National Guard Bureau on their Pregnancy and Parenthood Policies. Lastly the DACOWITS will propose and vote on their annual recommendations to the Secretary of Defense.

Agenda: Tuesday, September 11, 2018, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.—Welcome, Introductions, and Announcements; Request for Information Status Update; Briefings and DACOWITS discussion on: Military Recruiting Strategies, Military Marketing Strategies, DoD Recruitable Population Demographics, Submarine Integration Efforts, and the integration of Marine Corps’ Recruit Training. Wednesday, September 12, 2018, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.—Welcome and Announcements; Briefing and DACOWITS discussion on the Military Services’ Parental Leave Policies and the National Guard Bureau’s Pregnancy and Parenthood Policies; and the annual voting session.

Meeting Accessibility: Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended, and 41 CFR 102–3.140 through 102–3.165, this meeting is open to the public, subject to the availability of space.

Written Statements: Pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.140, and section 10(a)(3) of

the FACA, interested persons may submit a written statement to the DACOWITS. Individuals submitting a written statement must submit their statement no later than 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 4, 2018 to Mr. Robert Bowling (703) 697–2122 (Voice), 703–614–6233 (Facsimile), osd.pentagon.ousd-p-r.mbx.dacowits@mail.mil (Email). Mailing address is 4800 Mark Center Drive, Suite 04J25–01, Alexandria, VA 22350. If a written statement is not received by Tuesday, September 4, 2018, prior to the meeting, which is the subject of this notice, then it may not be provided to or considered by the DACOWITS until its next open meeting. The DFO will review all timely submissions with the DACOWITS Chair and ensure they are provided to the members of the Committee.

Dated: August 13, 2018.

Aaron T. Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Availability of the Arlington National Cemetery Southern Expansion Project and Associated Roadway Realignment Draft Environmental Assessment, Arlington, VA

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

ACTION: Notice of availability and public meeting.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Norfolk District, on behalf of the Arlington National Cemetery (ANC), announces the availability of a Draft Environmental Assessment (Draft EA) for the Arlington National Cemetery Southern Expansion Project and Associated Roadway Realignment project, for review and comment. The Draft EA evaluates the proposal to increase the cemetery’s contiguous acreage, realign roadways, and maximize burial space by utilizing an area adjacent to the existing cemetery that includes the former Navy Annex site, located south of the existing cemetery, in Arlington, Virginia. The cemetery has been working with the owners and operators of the adjacent road network, Arlington County and the Virginia Department of Transportation, and the Federal Highway Administration, on a roadway realignment that supports the short- and