

Security Agency estimates of present and future nuclear weapon outputs for all weapons that are used to define the operational threat; review nuclear threat environments as used across DoD Services and Agencies and assess whether they are being defined and applied to develop credible consistent hardness requirements; assess the current NWE predictive capability to confidently predict the response of nuclear and conventional weapon systems and C4 systems to credible nuclear environments that might be encountered over the next 15 years; assess the extent to which alternatives to testing can be used to offset the need for simulation capability; identify both near-term and far-term NWE test and simulation needs responsive to DoD requirements for nuclear systems, strategic and conventional weapon systems belonging to the new Triad as defined in the Nuclear Posture Review, missile defense systems, and C4I systems required to operate in hostile nuclear environments; assess the current NWE simulation and system survivability evaluation capabilities of the DoD, the Department of Energy, and the commercial sector; produce a comprehensive roadmap of NWE test, evaluation and simulation capabilities that will guide future simulator/simulation technology developments, test planning, investment decisions, model development, facility sustainment planning and responsibilities, and realignment/closure alternatives.

In accordance with section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. II), it has been determined that this Defense Science Board Task Force meeting concerns matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) and that, accordingly, the meeting will be closed to the public.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Defense Science Board

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Notice of advisory committee meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Defense Science Board Task Force on Patriot Systems Performance will meet in closed session

on March 3-4, 2004; and May 25-26, 2004, at SAIC, 4001 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA. The Task Force will assess the recent performance of the Patriot System in OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM from deployment through use across the threat spectrum. The mission of the Defense Science Board is to advise the Secretary of Defense and the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology & Logistics on scientific and technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense. At the meetings, the Defense Science Board Task Force will: Assess logistical, doctrine, training, personnel management, operational and material performance; identify those lessons learned which are applicable to the development of the Medium Extended Air Defense System (MEADS); and assess the current planned spiral development of the Patriot to ensure early incorporation of fixes discovered in the lessons learned process.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Meeting of the Defense Department Advisory Committee on Women in the Services (DACOWITS)

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 10(a), Public Law 92-463, as amended, notice is hereby given of a forthcoming meeting of the Defense Department Advisory Committee on Women in the Services (DACOWITS). The purpose of the Committee meeting is to discuss Deployment, Health Care, OPTEMPO, and Retention. The meeting is open to the public, subject to the availability of space.

**DATES:** February 4, 2004, 1 p.m.-5 p.m.; February 5, 2004, 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; February 6, 2004, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Doubletree Hotel Crystal City National Airport, 300 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, VA 22202.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

MSgt Gerald Posey, USAF, DACOWITS, 4000 Defense Pentagon, Room 2C548A, Washington, DC 20301-4000. Telephone (703) 697-2122 or Fax (703) 614-6233.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Interested persons may submit a written statement for consideration by the Committee and make an oral presentation of such. Persons desiring to make an oral presentation or submit a written statement to the Committee must notify the point of contact listed above no later than 5 p.m., January 30, 2004. Oral presentations by members of the public will be permitted only on Thursday, February 5, 2004, from 5:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. before the full Committee. Presentations will be limited to two minutes. Number of oral presentations to be made will depend on the number of requests received from members of the public. Each person desiring to make an oral presentation must provide the point of contact listed above with one (1) copy of the presentation by 5 p.m., January 30, 2004, and bring 35 copies of any material that is intended for distribution at the meeting. Persons submitting a written statement must submit 35 copies of the statement to the DACOWITS staff by 5 p.m. on January 30, 2004.

#### Meeting Agenda

*Wednesday, February 4, 2004, 1 p.m.-5 p.m.*

Welcome & administrative remarks; deployment and OPTEMPO briefings; Welcome new members.

*Thursday, February 5, 2004, 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.*

Service retention reports and surveys; Public forum (5:15-5:30).

*Friday, February 6, 2004, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.*

Wrap up retention and deployment; Health care; annual threat briefing; committee time-Focus group protocols with contractor.

**Note:** Exact order may vary.

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