

summarized and included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection. They will also become a matter of public record.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 557 of the Fiscal Year 2021 National Defense Authorization Act requires USD(P&R) to sponsor a federally funded research and development center to assess existing barriers to minority participation in elite units, including Special Operations Forces (SOF) and pilot and navigator military occupational specialties. A RAND study, published in 1999, found that ethnic/racial minorities are underrepresented in SOF, compared to their representation in other military specialties, and recommended a range of actions DoD could take to address the barriers minorities face in securing equal participation in these units. Section 557 calls for a reexamination of minority representation in SOF and an expansion of past research to assess additional elite units (pilot/navigator specialties) and gender representation now that combat restrictions for women have been eliminated.

For this effort, focus groups will be conducted on topics that include recruitment, accession and training, culture and climate, and career progression; a small set of closed-ended and open-ended survey questions completed individually at the end of the session will also be included. Some focus groups will be conducted on military bases where members of the identified units serve and some focus groups will be conducted using an online platform that meets government compliance and security standards (Microsoft Teams or Zoom for Government, and Qualtrics, which has met the security standards required for government use (*i.e.*, Federal Risk and Authorization Management Program)). This study will inform DoD on how to enhance operational capabilities of these units by promoting diversity and inclusion.

**Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number:** Study on Reducing Barriers to Minority Participation in Elite Units in the Armed Services; 0704–RBMP.

**Type of Request:** New.

**Number of Respondents:** 500.

**Responses per Respondent:** 1.

**Annual Responses:** 500.

**Average Burden per Response:** 1 hour.

**Annual Burden Hours:** 500 hours.

**Affected Public:** Individuals or households.

**Frequency:** Once.

**Respondent's Obligation:** Voluntary.

**Request for Comments:** Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of DoD, including whether the information collected has practical utility; (2) the accuracy of DoD's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Navy

**[Docket ID: USN–2021–HQ–0009]**

#### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Department of the Navy, Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** 30-Day information collection notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by January 31, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number:** Navy Health of the Force

Survey, OMB Control Number 0703–0079.

**Type of Request:** Extension.

**Number of Respondents:** 13,000.

**Responses per Respondent:** 1.

**Annual Responses:** 13,000.

**Average Burden per Response:** 25 minutes.

**Annual Burden Hours:** 5,417.

**Needs and Uses:** The Navy Health of the Force Survey is a strategic level engagement survey of the Navy Active Duty population that addresses core measures relating to the health of the force and addresses emergent issues of interest to Navy leadership. The survey will provide answers to important questions for Navy leadership including: Sailor job satisfaction, retention plans, and influences to stay or leave; value of different incentives for extended sea duty; sailor well-being including quality and amount of sleep, prevalence of burnout, stress and sources of stress; sailors' commitment to the organization and sense of unit cohesion.

**Affected Public:** Individuals or households.

**Frequency:** Once.

**Respondent's Obligation:** Voluntary.

**OMB Desk Officer:** Ms. Jasmeet Sehra.

You may also submit comments and recommendations, identified by Docket ID number and title, by the following method:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

**Instructions:** All submissions received must include the agency name, Docket ID number, and title for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

**DOD Clearance Officer:** Ms. Angela Duncan.

Requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Ms. Duncan at [whs.mc-alex.esd.mbx.dd-dod-information-collections@mail.mil](mailto:whs.mc-alex.esd.mbx.dd-dod-information-collections@mail.mil).

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