

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Office of the Secretary****Defense Science Board; Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting**

AGENCY: Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering, Defense Science Board, Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Notice of Federal advisory committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The DoD is publishing this notice to announce that the following Federal Advisory Committee meeting of the Defense Science Board (DSB) will take place.

DATES: Closed to the public Thursday, September 28, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The address of the closed meeting is 4075 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Kevin Doxey, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), (703) 571-0081 (Voice), (703) 697-1860 (Facsimile), kevin.a.doxey.civ@mail.mil (Email). Mailing address is Defense Science Board, 3140 Defense Pentagon, Room 3B888A, Washington, DC 20301-3140. Website: <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dsb/>. 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 chapter 10 of title 5, United States Code (U.S.C.) (commonly known as the “Federal Advisory Committee Act” or “FACA”), 5 U.S.C. 552b (commonly known as the “Government in the Sunshine Act”), and sections 102-3.140 and 102-3.150 of title 41, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR).

Purpose of the Meeting: The mission of the DSB is to provide independent advice and recommendations on matters relating to the DoD’s scientific and technical enterprise. The objective of the meeting is to obtain, review, and evaluate classified information related to the DSB’s mission. DSB membership will meet with DoD Leadership to discuss classified current and future national security challenges and priorities within the DoD.

Agenda: The meeting will begin on September 28, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. with administrative opening remarks from Mr. Kevin Doxey, the DFO, followed by classified opening remarks regarding ongoing studies and by Dr. Eric Evans, DSB Chair. Next, Dr. Katherine McGrady and Dr. Robert Wisnieff will

provide a classified briefing on the Defense Science Board Task Force to Advise Implementation and Prioritization of National Security Innovation Activities’ findings and recommendations followed by a DSB (“board”) vote. Following a break, Dr. Miriam John and Hon. Judith Miller will provide a classified briefing on the Defense Science Board Task Force on Department of Defense Dependencies on Critical Infrastructure’s findings and recommendations followed by a board vote. After a break, Mr. Jim Shields and Dr. Daniel Hastings will provide a classified briefing on the Defense Science Board Task Force on Position Navigation & Timing Control’s findings and recommendations followed by a board vote. This will be followed by Dr. Eric Evans, who will provide classified closing remarks regarding ongoing studies. The meeting will adjourn at 3:45 p.m.

Meeting Accessibility: In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 1009(d) and 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 the General Counsel, has determined in writing that the meeting will be closed to the public because it will consider matters covered by 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 meeting. 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 5 U.S.C. 1009(a)(3) and 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 their statement to the DSB DFO at the email address provided in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section 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: September 7, 2023.

Aaron T. Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Office of the Secretary**

[Docket ID: DoD-2023-HA-0082]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: The Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs (OASD(HA)), Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: 60-Day information collection notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, the Defense Health Agency announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by November 13, 2023.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

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

Mail: Department of Defense, Office of the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Privacy, Civil Liberties, and Transparency, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Mailbox #24, Suite 08D09, Alexandria, VA 22350-1700.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name, docket 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the Defense Health Agency, 7700 Arlington Blvd., Falls Church, VA 22042, Terry McDavid, 703-681-3645.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number: The Effect of Alcohol Intake on Resilience and Recovery Outcomes Using Alcohol Flush as an Instrumental Variable (Alcohol Flush); OMB Control Number 0720-FLSH.

Needs and Uses: The study's objective is to investigate causal models of alcohol use on resilience measures (e.g., posttraumatic stress disorder [PTSD]). This research objective will be accomplished by (a) collecting a self-report survey and (b) conducting genotyping and sequencing of DNA (potentially up to whole genomic sequencing) from samples of Active Duty Service Members (ADSM; ≥21 years old, n=999.). The compelling need for administration of the survey component of the *Alcohol Flush Study* rests on these four methodological requirements:

- Concurrent collection of demographics, research health information (RHI), and self-reported alcohol consumption
- Avoid potential statistical confounding by implementing systematic data collection across all participants to address research questions and perform statistical modeling,
- Ability to link survey data to genotyping and sequencing data,
- Ability to re-contact participants for future research.

This research will deliver a knowledge product that will inform policy and practice in the Military Health System (MHS). We further expect to identify alcohol as a potential modifiable risk factor related to PTSD and other mental health conditions, which could go beyond the MHS into embedded mental health services for prevention and intervention for at-risk individuals. In the context of Precision Medicine, this survey establishes a cohort who may be contacted for participation in additional research, tailors medical care to optimize efficiency, effectiveness, safety, and patient-centeredness of therapeutic

approaches using genetic profiling. The long-term impact of this study has the potential to lower inappropriate utilization, thus reducing costs while improving health-related quality of life and optimizing Readiness.

Information collected in this survey will be used for research purposes to fulfill the objectives of this grant-funded study which aligns to a requirement to “better understand the impact of alcohol use on resiliency and recovery.” The findings will be interpreted by a multidisciplinary team of physicians, scientists, behavioral psychologists, and healthcare services researchers to (a) inform policy and (b) make recommendations for practice in the context of Precision Medicine.

Affected Public: Individuals and households.

Annual Burden Hours: 999.

Number of Respondents: 999.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 999.

Average Burden per Response: 1 Hour.

Frequency: On occasion.

Dated: September 5, 2023.

Aaron T. Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Department of Defense Wage Committee (DoDWC); Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meetings

AGENCY: Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Notice of closed Federal advisory committee meetings.

SUMMARY: The DoD is publishing this notice to announce that the following Federal Advisory Committee meetings of the DoDWC will take place.

DATES:

Tuesday, September 5, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and will be closed to the public.

Tuesday, September 19, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and will be closed to the public.

Tuesday, October 3, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and will be closed to the public.

Tuesday, October 17, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and will be closed to the public.

Tuesday, October 31, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and will be closed to the public.

Tuesday, November 14, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and will be closed to the public.

Tuesday, November 28, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and will be closed to the public.

ADDRESSES: The closed meetings will be held by teleconference.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Karl Fendt, (571) 372-1618 (voice), karl.h.fendt.civ@mail.mil (email), 4800 Mark Center Drive, Suite 05G21, Alexandria, Virginia 22350 (mailing address). Any agenda updates can be found at the DoDWC's official website: <https://wageandsalary.dcpas.osd.mil/BWN/DODWC/>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: These meetings are being held under the provisions of chapter 10 of title 5, United States Code (U.S.C.) (commonly known as the “Federal Advisory Committee Act” or “FACA”), 5 U.S.C. 552b (commonly known as the “Government in the Sunshine Act”), and 41 CFR 102-3.140 and 102-3.150.

Due to circumstances beyond the control of the Department of Defense and the Designated Federal Officer, the Department of Defense Wage Committee was unable to provide public notification required by 41 CFR 102-3.150(a) concerning its September 5, 2023 meeting. 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.

Due to circumstances beyond the control of the Department of Defense and the Designated Federal Officer, the Department of Defense Wage Committee was unable to provide public notification required by 41 CFR 102-3.150(a) concerning its September 19, 2023 meeting. 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.

Purpose of the Meeting: The purpose of these meetings is to provide independent advice and recommendations on matters relating to the conduct of wage surveys and the establishment of wage schedules for all appropriated fund and non-appropriated fund areas of blue-collar employees within the DoD.

Agendas

September 5, 2023

Opening Remarks by Chair and Designated Federal Officer (DFO).