

Biological Opinion, exempting the incidental take of a certain number of loggerhead, Kemp's ridley, green and leatherback sea turtles in pound net operations.

A non-discretionary term and condition of the Incidental Take Statement involved the reporting to NMFS of live or dead sea turtles taken in pound net operations (reflected in 50 CFR 223.206). The collection of this information on the incidental take of sea turtles in the Virginia pound net fishery is necessary to ensure sea turtles are being conserved and protected, as mandated by the ESA. Documenting the accurate occurrence of sea turtle incidental take in pound net operations will help to determine if additional regulatory actions or management measures are necessary to protect sea turtles caught in pound net operations. This information will help NMFS better assess the Virginia pound net fishery and its impacts (or lack thereof) on sea turtle populations in the Virginia Chesapeake Bay. The collection of this information is also imperative to ensure that the Incidental Take Statement is not being exceeded, the anticipated take levels are appropriate, and the effects analysis in the Biological Opinion is accurate. Further, reporting the take of live, injured sea turtles caught in pound net gear will ensure these turtles are transferred immediately to a stranding and rehabilitation center for appropriate medical treatment.

II. Method of Collection

Reports may be made either by telephone or email.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648-0470.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Review: Regular submission (extension of a current information collection).

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 37.

Estimated Time per Response: 10 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 167 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$231.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.
Legal Authority: Endangered Species Act.

IV. Request for Comments

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department/Bureau to: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department,

including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) Evaluate ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Sheleen Dumas,

Department PRA Clearance Officer, Office of the Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, Commerce Department.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Army Education Advisory Committee Meeting Notice

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of open committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Army is publishing this notice to announce the following Federal advisory committee meeting of the Army Education Advisory Committee (AEAC). This meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The Army Education Advisory Committee will meet from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on both August 21-22, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Army Education Advisory Committee, 950 Jefferson Avenue, Building 950, U.S. Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) Headquarters, Conference Room 2047, Ft. Eustis, VA 23604.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Justin M. Green, the Designated Federal Officer for the committee, in writing at ATTN: ATTG-TRI-G, TRADOC, 950

Jefferson Ave, Fort Eustis, VA 23604, by email at justin.m.green12.civ@army.mil, or by telephone at (757) 501-9935.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The committee meeting is being held under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA; 5 U.S.C. 10), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended), and 41 CFR 102-3.150.

Purpose of the Meeting: The purpose of the meeting is to review TRADOC Priorities, review the committee and subcommittee FY24 businesses, and to review the Fiscal Year 2024 AEAC Study which will focus on the modernization of the Special Operations School of Excellence (SOCoE).

Agenda: August 21-22: The committee is chartered to provide independent advice and recommendations to the Secretary of the Army on the educational, doctrinal, and research policies and activities of U.S. Army educational programs. The committee will complete all FACA annual requirements, finalize discussions related to the modernization of the Special Operations School of Excellence (SOCoE), and discuss and deliberate provisional findings and recommendations submitted by its subcommittees for FY 2024.

Public Accessibility to the Meeting: Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended, and 41 CFR 102-3.140 through 102-3.165, and subject to the availability of space, this meeting is open to the public. Seating is on a first to arrive basis. Attendees are requested to submit their name, affiliation, and daytime phone number seven business days prior to the meeting to Dr. Green, via electronic mail, the preferred mode of submission, at the address listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

Because the meeting of the committee will be held in a Federal Government facility on a military base, security screening is required. A photo ID is required to enter base. Please note that security and gate guards have the right to inspect vehicles and persons seeking to enter and exit the installation. TRADOC Headquarters is fully handicap accessible. Wheelchair access is available in front at the main entrance of the building. For additional information about public access procedures, contact Dr. Green, the committee's Designated Federal Officer, at the email address or telephone number listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

Written Comments or Statements: Pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.105(j) and 102-3.140 and section 10(a)(3) of the

Federal Advisory Committee Act, the public or interested organizations may submit written comments or statements to the committee in response to the stated agenda of the open meeting or in regard to the committee's mission in general. Written comments or statements should be submitted to Dr. Green, the committee Designated Federal Officer, via electronic mail, the preferred mode of submission, at the address listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Each page of the comment or statement must include the author's name, title or affiliation, address, and daytime phone number. The Designated Federal Official will review all submitted written comments or statements and provide them to members of the committee for their consideration. Written comments or statements being submitted in response to the agenda set forth in this notice must be received by the Designated Federal Official at least seven business days prior to the meeting to be considered by the committee. Written comments or statements received after this date may not be provided to the committee until its next meeting.

Pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.140d, the Committee is not obligated to allow a member of the public to speak or otherwise address the Committee during the meeting. Members of the public will be permitted to make verbal comments during the Committee meeting only at the time and in the manner described below. If a member of the public is interested in making a verbal comment at the open meeting, that individual must submit a request, with a brief statement of the subject matter to be addressed by the comment, at least seven business days in advance to the committee's Designated Federal Official, via electronic mail, the preferred mode of submission, at the address listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. The Designated Federal Official will log each request, in the order received, and in consultation with the committee Chair, determine whether the subject matter of each comment is relevant to the committee's mission and/or the topics to be addressed in this public meeting. A 15-minute period near the end of the meeting will be available for verbal public comments. Members of the public who have requested to make a verbal comment and whose comments have been deemed relevant under the process described above, will be allotted no more than three minutes during the period, and will be invited to speak in

the order in which their requests were received by Designated Federal Official.

James W. Satterwhite Jr.,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

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Request for Information for 2026 Department of Defense State Policy Priorities Impacting Service Members and Their Families; Response to Public Comments

AGENCY: Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Military Community and Family Policy, Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Request for information; response to public comments.

SUMMARY: On Tuesday, March 26, 2024, DoD published a request for information in the **Federal Register** that provided an opportunity for the public to submit issues that have an impact on Service members and their families where state governments are the primary agents for making positive change. Each year, DoD selects State Policy Priorities for states to consider that reduce barriers resulting from the transience and uncertainty of military life. The public submissions received will be considered by DoD in setting those priorities. For example, as a result of previous feedback provided by a non-profit educational research organization, DoD has educated states on the benefits of modifying their open enrollment policies to increase access to school options for military-connected children. This follow-up notice responds to the public comments received.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Geraldine Valentin-Smith, (703) 618–6907 (voice), geraldine.valentino-smith.civ@mail.mil (email), 4800 Mark Center Drive, Suite 14E08, Alexandria, Virginia 22350 (mailing address).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On Tuesday, March 26, 2024 (89 FR 20954), the DoD published a notice titled “Request for Information for 2026 DoD State Policy Priorities Impacting Service Members and Their Families.” Public comments were accepted for 30 days until April 25, 2024. Twenty public comments were received. The DoD responds to the comments as follows:

Seven comments were received which identified issues for potential inclusion as a State Policy Priority. We appreciate

your thoughtful engagement and recommendations. We respond to the comments as follows:

- **Bridging Support Systems During Permanent Change of Station (PCS) Transitions for Vulnerable Military Families.** We recognize military families face significant disruptions in essential state support services during PCS moves. Implementing an advance enrollment system for state-run support programs, such as Medicaid and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, similar to successful models in educational settings, may affect the continuity of care and support for military families during PCS transitions.

- **Enfranchising Military-Connected Voters.** We agree military voters face significant challenges in participating in elections. Various states have differing rules regarding absentee ballot deadlines and procedures for curing ballot discrepancies, with no standardized approach specifically accommodating the unique circumstances of military voters. We commend states which have enhanced the fairness and inclusivity of the electoral process, reinforcing the democratic values that military personnel defend.

- **Facilitating Guardianship Transfer for Military Families.** We understand that military families with guardianship responsibilities face significant legal and bureaucratic hurdles when moving between states due to permanent changes of station. The Uniform Adult Guardianship and Protective Proceedings Jurisdiction Act is an approach to enabling a more seamless transfer of guardianship for military families between all states.

- **Military Community Experience with Job Opportunity Scams.** We share concern that military spouses are particularly vulnerable to job opportunity scams, which pose a significant threat to their financial security and well-being. No current state law or initiative requires specific protections or targeted initiatives to address the unique vulnerability of military spouses to job scams. However, states have begun addressing claim sharks who target veterans by offering veteran and military benefit services in exchange for financial compensation and other predatory practices.

- **Military Family Agility and Children's Educational Success.** We concur that full implementation of the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children (the Compact) enhances educational continuity and fairness for military children. The Compact has been crucial in addressing educational challenges