



THE DEFENSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON
INVESTIGATION, PROSECUTION, AND DEFENSE OF
SEXUAL ASSAULT IN THE ARMED FORCES

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The First Public Meeting of the Defense Advisory Committee on Investigation, Prosecution, and Defense of Sexual Assault in the Armed Forces will be held on Thursday, January 19, 2017 in Arlington, Virginia.

Arlington, Virginia - The first meeting of the Defense Advisory Committee on Investigation, Prosecution, and Defense of Sexual Assault in the Armed Forces (“the Committee”) will be held on Thursday, January 19, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at The Holiday Inn Arlington at Ballston, Grand Ballroom, 4610 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22203.

The Committee was established by the Secretary of Defense in February 2016 as required by section 546 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 and section 537 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016. The Committee is tasked to advise the Secretary of Defense on the investigation, prosecution, and defense of allegations of rape, forcible sodomy, sexual assault, and other sexual misconduct involving members of the Armed Forces based on its review of such cases on an ongoing basis.

At this initial meeting, the Committee will receive informational presentations on the court-martial process, recent legislation involving sexual assault in the U.S. military, and the two predecessor Department of Defense advisory committees on sexual assault: the Judicial Proceedings Since 2012 Amendments Panel and the Response Systems to Adult Sexual Assault Crimes Panel. Following these briefings, the Committee will hold a planning session for Committee members to discuss the statutory tasking, topical priorities, and development of the Committee’s strategic plan.

The Committee welcomes input from the public on these topics and other issues under its consideration. Requests to make public comment, submission of written comments or materials, and any other inquiries may be directed to Ms. Julie Carson at whs.pentagon.em.mbx.dacipad@mail.mil or (703) 693-3849.

This meeting is open to the public. Seating for the meeting is limited and available on a first-come basis.

In the event the Office of Personnel Management closes the government due to inclement weather, or for any other reason, the Committee meeting will be canceled.