



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

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The Defense Advisory Committee on Investigation, Prosecution, and Defense of Sexual Assault in the Armed Forces Released its Initial Report Today

Arlington, Virginia – The Defense Advisory Committee on Investigation, Prosecution, and Defense of Sexual Assault in the Armed Forces (DAC-IPAD) submitted its initial report today to the Secretary of Defense and Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives in accordance with section 546 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 (Public Law 113-291), as amended.

The 16-member DAC-IPAD was established for a five-year term by the Secretary of Defense in February 2016 and was tasked by Congress to advise the Secretary 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 ongoing review of such cases.

Having held its initial public meeting on January 19, 2017, the Committee has not yet begun its substantive assessments. This report provides the initial impressions of the Committee members and the priorities they have identified for executing their important mission in the months and years ahead.

The members of the DAC-IPAD are distinguished in their fields and bring extensive expertise in sexual assault investigation, forensics, prosecution and defense in both civilian and military systems, Federal and state courts, military commands, criminology, academia, and legal policy. The Committee looks forward to building on the work of the previous Department of Defense task forces on military sexual assault and to providing the Secretary of Defense with thorough, authoritative, and well-considered recommendations based on comprehensive case reviews and analysis.

To assist the Committee in its work and to provide a resource for the public, the DAC-IPAD has created a website at <https://dacipad.whs.mil> that includes a Reading Room tab with reports, studies, articles, legislation, links, and other materials considered by the Committee related to sexual misconduct in the military.

The DAC-IPAD welcomes input from interested individuals or organizations on issues related to sexual misconduct in the military. Any inquiries may be directed to Ms. Julie Carson at whs.pentagon.em.mbx.dacipad@mail.mil or (703) 693-3849.