

The Defense Advisory Committee on Investigation, Prosecution, and Defense of Sexual Assault in the Armed Forces

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The Second Public Meeting of the Defense Advisory Committee on Investigation, Prosecution, and Defense of Sexual Assault in the Armed Forces will be held on Friday, April 28, 2017 in Arlington, Virginia.

Arlington, Virginia - The second meeting of the Defense Advisory Committee on Investigation, Prosecution, and Defense of Sexual Assault in the Armed Forces ("the Committee") will be held on Friday, April 28, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. at One Liberty Center, 875 North Randolph Street, Suite 1432, Arlington, Virginia 22203.

The Committee was established by the Secretary of Defense in February 2016 in accordance with section 546 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 as amended by 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 meeting the Committee will receive a presentation by members of the criminal law faculty from the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Law Center and School on the mechanics of a military sexual assault case. Next, the Committee will receive a briefing by Committee member Dr. Cassia Spohn on her military sexual assault case adjudication data analysis, followed by a presentation by Dr. Nathan Galbreath on the sexual assault data collection and policy role of the Department of Defense Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office. For the last session, the Committee will discuss its strategic plan and next steps.

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 <u>whs.pentagon.em.mbx.dacipad@mail.mil</u> or (703) 693-3849.

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

More information about the Committee, including the meeting agenda and materials, is available on its website at <u>http://dacipad.whs.mil</u>. In the event the Office of Personnel Management closes the government due to inclement weather or for any other reason, please consult the website for any changes to public meeting dates or time.