

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

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The Ninth Public Meeting of the Defense Advisory Committee on Investigation, Prosecution, and Defense of Sexual Assault in the Armed Forces has been RESCHEDULED for Friday, September 7, 2018, in Arlington, Virginia.

Arlington, Virginia - The ninth public meeting of the Defense Advisory Committee on Investigation, Prosecution, and Defense of Sexual Assault in the Armed Forces ("DAC-IPAD" or "the Committee"), originally scheduled for Thursday, August, 23, 2018, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., will now be held on Friday, September 7, 2018, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at One Liberty Center, 875 North Randolph Street, Suite 150, Arlington, Virginia 22203.

The DAC-IPAD 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. 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 continue deliberations on its recommendations regarding Article 140a, Uniform Code of Military Justice, which was enacted as part of the sweeping military justice reforms included in the Military Justice Act of 2016. Article 140a requires the Secretary of Defense to set uniform standards and criteria for court-martial case management and collecting data on criminal cases across all of the Military Services no later than January 1, 2019.

The DAC-IPAD welcomes input from the public on 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.

Seating for the meeting is limited and available on a first-come basis. Visitors must provide government-issued photo identification and pass through metal detector security screening for access to the facility. Additionally, visitors who are not DoD or Service personnel must be escorted while in the building by members of the DAC-IPAD staff.

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.