

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

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The Eleventh Public Meeting of the Defense Advisory Committee on Investigation, Prosecution, and Defense of Sexual Assault in the Armed Forces Will be Held on Friday, January 25, 2019, in Arlington, Virginia.

Arlington, Virginia - The eleventh public meeting of the Defense Advisory Committee on Investigation, Prosecution, and Defense of Sexual Assault in the Armed Forces ("DAC-IPAD" or "the Committee"), will be held on Friday, January 25, 2019, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the Doubletree by Hilton Crystal City, 300 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, Virginia.

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.

The purpose of this meeting is to gather information for the Committee to make an assessment and recommendations to the Secretary of Defense regarding the effects of sexual assault investigations on accused Service members. The Committee will also receive two data presentations, one from its Data Working Group regarding sexual assault court-martial case adjudication data for fiscal years 2015–2017. The second data presentation will be provided by the Case Review Working Group regarding the statistical data collected during its review of a random sample of penetrative sexual assault investigative case files closed in fiscal year 2017. Finally, the Committee will conduct deliberations on its draft 2019 annual report.

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. Marguerite McKinney at whs.pentagon.em.mbx.dacipad@mail.mil or (703) 614-0287.

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 http://dacipad.whs.mil. 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.