



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

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**The Seventeenth Public Meeting of the Defense Advisory Committee on Investigation, Prosecution, and Defense of Sexual Assault in the Armed Forces Will be Held on Friday, May 15, 2020.**

**Arlington, Virginia** - The seventeenth 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, May 15, 2020, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. EDT via teleconference.

At this meeting the Committee will deliberate on the draft DAC-IPAD *Report on the Feasibility and Advisability of Establishing a Process Under Which a Guardian Ad Litem May Be Appointed to Represent the Interest of a Victim of an Alleged Sex-Related Offense Who Has Not Attained the Age of 18 Years*. Next, the Committee will deliberate on the DAC-IPAD’s response to the Department of Defense *Report on Preservation of Restricted Report Option for Adult Sexual Assault Victims*. Finally, the Committee will receive updates from the DAC-IPAD Case Review, Policy and Data Working Groups.

This meeting is open to the public via teleconference. For public access to the teleconference dial: 410-874-6300, Conference Pin: 450506218. More information about the Committee, including the meeting agenda and materials, is available on its website at <http://dacipad.whs.mil>. Additionally, please consult the website for any changes to the public meeting dates or time.

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 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](mailto:whs.pentagon.em.mbx.dacipad@mail.mil).