



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

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**The Twentieth Public Meeting of the Defense Advisory Committee on Investigation, Prosecution, and Defense of Sexual Assault in the Armed Forces Will Be Held on Friday, November 6, 2020.**

**Arlington, Virginia** - The twentieth 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, November 6, 2020, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. EST via teleconference.

At this meeting the Committee will deliberate and vote on the draft DAC-IPAD report on racial and ethnic disparities in the investigation, prosecution, and conviction of Service members for sexual offenses involving adult victims within the military justice system as required by section 540I of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020. The Committee will be briefed on the developing field of restorative justice and hear from a civilian expert on this topic followed by a staff briefing and discussion on victim impact statements during sentencing at courts-martial as requested by Congress in the Joint Explanatory Statement accompanying the FY20 NDAA. Finally, the Committee will receive a briefing and update from the Policy Subcommittee on its interviews with civilian prosecutors and defense counsel regarding pretrial processes.

This meeting is open to the public via teleconference. For public access to the teleconference dial: 410-874-6300, PIN: 611 989 635. 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).