

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Section 10(a), Public Law 92-463, as amended, notice is hereby given of a forthcoming semi-annual conference of the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services (DACOWITS). The purpose of the Spring 2000 DACOWITS Conference is to assist the Secretary of Defense on matters relating to women in the Services. Conference sessions will be held daily and will be open to the public, unless otherwise noted below.

**DATES:** April 26-30, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Washington Dulles Airport Hotel, 13869 Park Center Road, Herndon, VA 20171; telephone: (703) 478-2900.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Major Susan E. Kolb, ARNG, or Sergeant First Class Verena Sander, USA, DACOWITS and Military Women Matters, OASD (Force Management Policy), 4000 Defense Pentagon, Room 3D769, Washington, DC 20301-4000; telephone (703) 697-2122 or E-Mail: SANDERV@PR.OSD.MIL.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The following rules will govern the participation by members of the public at the conference:

(1) Members of the public will not be permitted to attend the DoD Luncheon, DoD Reception and Dinner and Conference Field Trip.

(2) The Opening Session, General Session, all Subcommittee Sessions, Tri-Committee Review, and the Voting Session will be open to the public.

(3) Interested persons may submit a written statement for consideration by the Committee and/or make an oral presentation of such during the conference.

(4) Persons desiring to make an oral presentation or to submit a written statement to the Committee must notify the point of contact listed above no later than April 10, 2000.

(5) Length and number of oral presentations to be made will depend on the number of requests received from members of the public.

(6) Oral presentations by members of the public will be permitted only on Sunday, April 30, 2000, before the full Committee.

(7) Each person desiring to make an oral presentation must provide the DACOWITS office with one (1) copy of the presentation by April 10, 2000 and bring 175 copies of any material that is intended for distribution at the conference.

(8) Persons submitting a written statement for inclusion in the minutes of the conference must submit to the DACOWITS staff one (1) copy of the

statement by the close of the conference on Sunday, April 30, 2000.

(9) Other new items from members of the public may be presented in writing to any DACOWITS member for transmittal to the DACOWITS Chair or Military Director, DACOWITS and Military Women Matters, for consideration.

(10) Members of the public will not be permitted to enter oral discussions conducted by the Committee members at any of the sessions; however, they will be permitted to reply to questions directed to them by the members of the Committee.

(11) After the official participants have asked questions and/or made comment to the scheduled speakers, members of the public will be permitted to ask questions if recognized by the Chair and if time allows.

(12) Non-social agenda events that are not open to the public are for administrative matters unrelated to substantive advice provided to the Department of Defense and do not involve DACOWITS deliberations or decision-making issues before the Committee. Conference sessions will be conducted according to the following agenda:

*Tuesday, April 25, 2000*

New Member Orientation (DACOWITS Members Only).

*Wednesday, April 26, 2000*

Conference Registration, New Member Orientation (DACOWITS Members Only), Military Representatives Meeting (Senior Military Representatives Only), Executive Committee Rules and Procedures Meeting (DACOWITS Members Only).

*Thursday, April 27, 2000*

Opening Session and General Session (Open to public), DoD Luncheon (Invited Guests Only), Subcommittee Sessions (Open to Public).

*Friday, April 28, 2000*

Subcommittee Sessions (Open to Public), Luncheon (Paid Registered Conference Participants Only), Subcommittee Session (Open to Public), Executive Committee Rules and Procedures Meeting (DACOWITS Members Only), DoD Reception and Dinner (Invited Guests Only).

*Saturday, April 29, 2000*

Tri-Committee Session (Open to Public), Subcommittee Sessions (Open to Public), Field Trip (DACOWITS Members and Senior Military Representatives Only), Executive Committee Rules and Procedures Meeting (DACOWITS Members Only).

*Sunday, April 30, 2000*

Voting Session (Open to Public).

Dated: March 9, 2000.

**L.M. Bynum,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register, Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel (DAPE-ZXI-RM), U.S. Army, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

In compliance with Section 3506 (c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Department of the Army announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Consideration will given to all comments received by May 15, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Waterborne Commerce Statistics Center, P.O. Box 61280, New Orleans, LA 70161 ATTN: CEWRC-NDC-C (J. Alexander Wieriman). Consideration will be given to all comments received within 60 days of the date of publication of this notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the above address, or call Department of the Army Reports clearance officer at (703) 614-0454.

*Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number:* Vessel Operation Report, ENG Forms 3925, 3925B, 3925P, 3925C, 0710-0016.

*Needs and Uses:* The Corps of Engineers uses ENG Forms 3925, 3925B, and 3925P as the basic instruments to collect waterborne commerce statistics. This data constitutes the sole source for domestic vessel movements of freight and passengers on U.S. navigable waterways and harbors. The data is collected from vessel operating companies, and are essential in maintaining U.S. navigable waterways. The data is also critical to the enforcement of the Harbor Maintenance Tax authorized under Section 1402 of Public Law 99-662.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for profit.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 44,479.

*Number of Respondents:* 1,321.

*Responses Per Respondent:* 228,752.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 5 minutes.

*Frequency:* Monthly.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The information collected is the basic data from which the Corps of Engineers compiles and publishes waterborne commerce statistics. The data is used not only to report to Congress, but also to perform cost benefit studies for new projects, rehabilitation projects, and operations and maintenance of existing projects. The WCSC is the sole authorized collector of data on domestic waterborne commerce and provides same to maritime Administration (MARAD), Department of Energy, Tennessee Valley Authority, Interstate Commerce Commission, the Coast Guard, State taxing agencies, U.S. Customs Service, Department of Treasury, and the Internal Revenue Service.

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*Title, Associated Form, and OMB*

*Number:* Record of Arrivals and Departures of Vessels at Marine Terminals, ENG Form 3926, OMB Number 0710-0005.

*Needs and Uses:* The Corps of Engineers uses ENG Form 3926, as a quality control instrument by comparing the data collected on the Corps' Vessel Operation Report (OMB Control Number 0710-0006) with that collected on the ENG Form 3926. The information is voluntarily submitted by the respondents to assist the Waterborne Commerce Statistics Center (WCSC) in the identification of vessel operators who fail to report significant vessel moves and tonnage.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for profit.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 2,500.

*Number of Respondents:* 450.

*Responses Per Respondent:* 12.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 5 minutes.

*Frequency:* Voluntary.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The information is invaluable in documenting the movement of petroleum products out of Valdez, Alaska. Without the information furnished on the ENG Form 3926 at least 50,000,000 tons of petroleum products would go unreported each

year. This situation exists because there are many vessel operating companies moving crude petroleum from Valdez to points south.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE DEFENSE

### Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

#### Cancellation of the Notice of Intent To Prepare a Draft Supplement to the Environmental Impact Statement (D-SEIS) for the Kennedy Bechara Segment of the Rio Puerto Nuevo Flood Control Project in Guaynabo and San Juan, Puerto Rico

**AGENCY:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

**ACTION:** Cancellation notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Jacksonville District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers hereby cancels its Notice of Intent to prepare a Draft Supplement to the Environmental Impact Statement for the Rio Puerto Nuevo Flood Control Project, Kennedy-Bechara segment, as published in the **Federal Register** (Vol. 64, No. 174), Thursday, September 9, 1999, page 48995. Additional information concerning the cancellation is contained in the Supplementary Information paragraph indicated below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Questions can be forwarded to Mr. Elmar G. Kurzbach, Environmental Branch, Planning Division, Jacksonville District, Corps of Engineers, Post Office Box 4970, Jacksonville, Florida 32232-0019, Phone: (904)-232-2325.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Notice is cancelled because, after scoping for the proposed Supplement was completed, no new issues were raised; no request was received for public meetings, and comments were received only from environmental and resource agencies. All substantive comments made reference primarily to adverse impacts on wetlands of the flood mitigation alternatives then under consideration, all of which would have used a wetland (mangrove) parcel for disposal of excavated material to a greater or lesser degree. Federal and Commonwealth of Puerto Rico resource agencies, including the project co-sponsor, Department of Natural and Environmental Resources, stated that using remnant wetlands for disposal of excavated material was unacceptable. Consequently, the preferred alternative