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The DD Form 2088, "Certificate of Ecclesiastical Endorsement," is used whenever an ecclesiastical endorsing agency submits a clergy person as a candidate to become a chaplain. The ecclesiastical endorsing agency sends it to the Military Service which the clergy person wishes to join.

The three Military Services are required by DoD Directive 1304.19, "Appointment of Chaplains for the Military Services," to obtain a certification of the professional qualifications of clergy applying for the chaplaincy DD Form 2088, "Certificate of Ecclesiastical Endorsement," also requests the name, address, number of years of professional experience accrued by the clergy person, and number of years of previous military experience. This information is used in computing constructive credit for determining grade, date of rank, and eligibility of promotion of appointees in the chaplaincies.

Affected Public: Not-For-Profit Institutions.

Annual Burden Hours: 616 hrs.

Number of Respondents: 797.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden per Response: .77.

Frequency: On occasion/annually.

Summary of Information Collection

The information in DD Form 2741, "Ecclesiastical Endorsing Organization Verification/Reverification," is collected whenever a religious faith group initially seeks registration by the Department of Defense as an ecclesiastical endorsing agency; it is reverified every 3 years thereafter. The form is sent by the religious faith group to the Armed Forces Chaplains Board (AFCB). The DD Form 2088, "Certificate of Ecclesiastical Endorsement," is used on occasion, whenever an ecclesiastical endorsing agency submits a clergy person as a candidate to become a chaplain. The ecclesiastical endorsing agency sends it to the Military Service which the clergy person wishes to join.

The three Military Services are required by DoD Directive 1304.19, "Appointment of Chaplains for the Military Services," to obtain a

certification of the professional qualifications of clergy applying for the chaplaincy. This certification is rendered in the form of an ecclesiastical endorsement from the clergy person's religious faith group. An ecclesiastical endorsement is an essential part of the application process for clergy to become chaplains. DD Form 2088, "Certificate of Ecclesiastical Endorsement," also requests the number of years of professional experience accrued by the clergy person. This information is used in computing constructive credit for determining grade, date of rank, and eligibility of promotion of appointees in the chaplaincies. Both the military and the religious faith groups insist on ensuring that only professionally qualified clergy serve as chaplains. Without this formal process, the chaplaincy would cease to exist as a professional corps.

DD Form 2741, "Ecclesiastical Endorsing Organization Verification/Reverification," is used by religious faith groups seeking DoD registration as ecclesiastical endorsing organizations for supplying chaplains to the Military Services. Each religious faith group is required to certify that it is authorized by its memberships to act as the sole agency for the purpose of certifying and endorsing clergy to serve as military chaplains. After initial certification, these organizations are required to reverify this information every 3 years. This information collection is used by the AFCB to determine whether a religious faith group has met the requirements to become (or remain) an ecclesiastical endorsing agency, able to endorse clergy for service as chaplains. The AFCB regularly supplies the military Chaplain Services with a list of registered ecclesiastical endorsing agencies. The list is used in the chaplain recruitment/accession process to validate that candidates for the chaplaincy are endorsed by a group registered by the Department of Defense.

DD Form 2088, "Certificate of Ecclesiastical Endorsement," is used to certify that a member of the clergy is professionally qualified to become a chaplain. It requests information about name, address, professional experience, and previous military experience to be used in determining grade, date of rank, and eligibility for promotion for appointees to the chaplaincies of the armed forces. DD Form 2741, "Ecclesiastical Endorsing Organization Verification/Reverification," is used to request basic demographic information about religious organizations seeking to supply clergy persons to the Military Services to serve as chaplains. It requests the name of an official

authorized to represent the organization to the Military Services, and it requires the organization to certify that it is authorized by its membership to act as the sole agency for the purpose of certifying and endorsing clergy to serve as military chaplains.

The information collected from DD Form 2088, "Certificate of Ecclesiastical Endorsement," has been used over the past several years by the three Military Services to ensure that those clergy who applied to become chaplains were professionally qualified and appropriately endorsed by their respective religious faith groups. DD Form 2741, "Ecclesiastical Endorsing Organization Verification/Reverification," has been used to verify the continued eligibility of the religious organizations identified as ecclesiastical endorsing agencies.

Dated: September 23, 2002.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Meeting of the Advisory Panel to Assess the Capabilities for Domestic Response to Terrorist Attacks Involving Weapons of Mass Destruction

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and summary agenda for the next meeting of the Panel to Assess the Capabilities for Domestic Response to Terrorist Attacks Involving Weapons of Mass Destruction. Notice of this meeting is required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act. (Public Law 92-463).

DATES: September 30, 2002.

ADDRESSES: The Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301, Room 2E223

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

RAND provides information about this Panel on its Web site at <http://www.rand.org/organization/nsrd/terrpanel>; it can also be reached at (703) 413-1100 extension 5321.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Proposed Schedule and Agenda

Panel to Assess the Capabilities for Domestic Response to Terrorist Attacks Involving Weapons of Mass Destruction will meet from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. on September 30, 2002. Time will be

allocated for public comments by individuals or organizations at the end of the meeting. Public comment presentations will be limited to two minutes each and must be provided in writing prior to the meeting. Mail written presentations and requests to register to attend the open public session to: Nancy Rizor, RAND, 1200 South Hayes Street, Arlington, VA 22202-5050. Public seating for this meeting is limited, and is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Dated: September 20, 2002.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

**Meeting of the Defense Policy Board
Advisory Committee**

AGENCY: Department of Defense, Defense Policy Board Advisory Committee.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Defense Policy Board Advisory Committee will meet in closed session at the Pentagon on October 10 from 1700-1930 and October 11, 2002, from 0900 to 1800.

The purpose of the meeting is to provide the Secretary of Defense, Deputy Secretary of Defense and Under Secretary of Defense for Policy with independent, informed advice on major matters of defense policy. The Board will hold classified discussions on national security matters.

In accordance with section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law No. 92-463, as amended [5 U.S.C. App II (1982)], it has been determined that this meeting concerns matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552B(c)(1)(1982), and that accordingly this meeting will be closed to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Contact Ann Hansen, 703-693-7034.

Dated: September 23, 2002.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Science Board

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of Advisory Committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The Defense Science Board Task Force on Enduring Freedom Lessons Learned will meet in closed session on November 21-22, 2002, in the Pentagon, Washington, DC. This Task Force will review current activities of Operation Enduring Freedom to determine both near and longer-term technical and operational considerations that could be used to improve this operation and future campaigns initiated in the War Against Terrorism.

The mission of the Defense Science Board is to advise the Secretary of Defense and the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology & Logistics on scientific and technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense. At this meeting, the Defense Science Board Task Force will review and evaluate operational policy and procedures, command control, intelligence, combat support activities, weapon performance, and science technology requirements.

In accordance with section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Pub. L. No. 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. II), it has been determined that this Defense Science Board Task Force meeting concerns matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) and that, accordingly, this meeting will be closed to the public.

Dated: September 23, 2002.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

**Proposed Collection; Comment
Request**

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: 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 be given to all comments received by November 26, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to U.S. Army ROTC Cadet Command, ATTN: ATCC-01 (Elaine Krzanowski), 55 Patch Road, Building 56, Fort Monroe, VA 23651-1052. 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) 692-1451.

Title: U.S. Army ROTC 4-Year College Scholarship Application (For High School Students) CC Form 114-R, OMB Control Number 0702-0073.

Needs and Uses: The Army ROTC Program produces approximately 80 percent of the newly commissioned officers for the U.S. Army. The Army ROTC scholarship is an incentive to attract men and women to pursue educational degrees in the academic disciplines required by the Army. The information is collected annually.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Annual Burden Hours: 15,760.

Number of Respondents: 11,000.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 45 minutes.

Frequency: Annually.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The applications are available to high school students. Once the applications for U.S. Army ROTC 4-Year College Scholarship Program are completed, they are submitted to Headquarters, Cadet Command for review, screening and selection of scholarship recipients. The