

*Annual Burden Hours:* 193,000.  
*Needs and Uses:* This collection of information is necessary to meet the Department of Defense's (DoD) requirement for cashing personal checks overseas and afloat by DoD disbursing activities, as provided in 31 U.S.C. 3342. The DoD Financial Management Regulation, Volume 5, provides guidance to DoD Disbursing Officers in the performance of this information collection. This provides the DoD disbursing officer or authorized agent the authority to offset the pay without prior notification in cases where this form has been signed subject to conditions specified within the approved procedures.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain benefits.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Ms. Jacqueline Zeiher. Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Ms. Zeiher at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

*DOD Clearance Officer:* Ms. Jacqueline Davis. Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Ms. Davis, WHS/DIOR, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1204, Arlington, VA 22202-4302.

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Office of the Secretary**

**Submission for OMB Review;  
 Comment Request**

**ACTION:** Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by March 3, 2004.

*Title, Form, and OMB Number:* Diagnosis Related Group Reimbursement; OMB Number 0720-0017.

*Type of Request:* Reinstatement.  
*Number of Respondents:* 5,200.

*Responses Per Respondent:* 1.  
*Annual Responses:* 5,200.  
*Average Burden per Response:* 1 hour.  
*Annual Burden Hours:* 5,200.  
*Needs and Uses:* The TRICARE/CHAMPUS contractors will use the information collected to reimburse hospitals for TRICARE/CHAMPUS' share of capital and direct medical education costs.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profit.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain benefits.

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Office of the Secretary**

**Submission for OMB Review;  
 Comment Request**

**ACTION:** Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by March 3, 2004.

*Title, Form, and OMB Number:* Involuntary Allotment Application; DD Form 2653; OMB Number 0704-0367.

*Type of Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Number of Respondents:* 7,531.

*Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Annual Responses:* 7,531.

*Average Burden per Response:* 30 minutes.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 3,766.

*Needs and Uses:* This collection of information is necessary to initiate an involuntary allotment from the pay of a

member of the Uniformed Services for indebtedness owed a third party under 5 U.S.C. 5520a, which authorizes involuntary allotments if there is a final court judgment acknowledging the debt and it is determined by competent military or executive authority to be in compliance with the procedural requirements of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act. In order to satisfy these statutory requirements, the DD Form 2653 requires the respondent to provide identifying information on the member of the Uniformed Services; provide a certified copy of the judgment; and certify, if applicable, that the judgment complies with the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households; businesses or other for-profit.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain benefits.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Ms. Jacqueline Zeiher. Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Ms. Zeiher at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

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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 February 10, 2004, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and February 11, 2004, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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, Pub. L. 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.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Defense Science Board

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Notice of advisory committee meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Defense Science Board Task Force on Transition to and from Hostilities (2004 Summer Study) will meet in closed session on February 20, 2004; March 23, 2004; April 19, 2004; May 7, 2004; June 9, 2004; and July 19, 2004, in Arlington, VA (exact location to be determined).

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 these meetings, the Defense Science Board Task Force will focus on: (1) *Understanding and shaping the environment:* the gathering of long-lead intelligence and effective preparation of the battlefield—in the absence of an immediate threat; (2) *Force protection during transition:* in the transition to the post hostilities phase the forces become much more stationary, which makes them easier targets for residual resistance. What technologies, tactics and procedures can provide force protection in an almost instantaneous transformation from maneuver warfare to a garrison force charged with establishing order; (3) *Disarmament and destruction of munitions stocks:* what capabilities are needed to address disposal, as well as environmental and security issues associated with these unwanted devices; (4) *Intelligence exploitation in the aftermath:* rapid, decisive battlefield victory can produce a rich vein of captured documents, materiel, and human sources, but their

exploitation, today, is personnel-intensive and requires good language skills coupled with substantive and cultural understanding. What approaches can more swiftly and economically process said collection? (5) *Stabilizing the civilian population:* There will be inevitable need to address problems of refugees and displaced persons, mortuary assistance, food supply, housing and health care. DoD will likely be charged with these challenges: what preparation, training and technology can be applied to facilitate these elements of infrastructure? (6) *Re-establishing the rule of law:* One important step in establishing order is the need to reconstitute a constabulary force. Improvements are needed in our methods for vetting applicants, tracking them and their behavior, and avoiding friendly fire incidents between them and our own forces. Improved technologies are desirable for their selection, training, and interoperability with US forces. (7) *Rapid rebuilding of basic infrastructure:* this requires reliable communications and interim power and potable water sources. How rapidly can these be inserted? Might there be opportunity for establishing subsequent monitoring capabilities? In accordance with section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. II), it has been determined that these Defense Science Board Task Force meetings concern matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) and that, accordingly, these meetings will be closed to the public.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Defense Science Board

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Notice of advisory committee meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Defense Science Board Task Force on Nuclear Weapons Effects Test, Evaluation and Simulation will meet in closed session on March 17-18, 2004; April 7-8, 2004; May 6-7, 2004; June 21-22, 2004; and July 14-15, 2004, at SAIC, 4001 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA. The Task Force will review DoD needs and specific

requirements for nuclear weapons effects (NWE) test, evaluation and simulation capabilities.

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 these meetings, the Defense Science Board Task Force will: Review Intelligence Community, DoD and National Nuclear Security Agency estimates of present and future nuclear weapon outputs for all weapons that are used to define the operational threat; review nuclear threat environments as used across DoD Services and Agencies and assess whether they are being defined and applied to develop credible consistent hardness requirements; assess the current NWE predictive capability to confidently predict the response of nuclear and conventional weapon systems and C4 systems to credible nuclear environments that might be encountered over the next 15 years; assess the extent to which alternatives to testing can be used to offset the need for simulation capability; identify both near-term and far-term NWE test and simulation needs responsive to DoD requirements for nuclear systems, strategic and conventional weapon systems belonging to the new Triad as defined in the Nuclear Posture Review, missile defense systems, and C4I systems required to operate in hostile nuclear environments; assess the current NWE simulation and system survivability evaluation capabilities of the DoD, the Department of Energy, and the commercial sector; produce a comprehensive roadmap of NWE test, evaluation and simulation capabilities that will guide future simulator/simulation technology developments, test planning, investment decisions, model development, facility sustainment planning and responsibilities, and realignment/closure alternatives.

In accordance with section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. II), it has been determined that these Defense Science Board Task Force meetings concern matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) and that, accordingly, the meetings will be closed to the public.

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