

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 January 21, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), ODUSD (PI)/Defense Human Resources Activity, ATTN: Ms. Heidi Boyd, 4040 Fairfax Boulevard, Suite 200, Arlington VA 22203.

**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 (703) 696-0404.

*Title, Associated Form and OMB Control Number:* Application for Uniformed Services Identification Card—DEERS Enrollment, DD Form 1172, OMB Number 0704-0020.

*Needs and Uses:* This information collection requirement is needed to obtain the necessary information to authorize members of the Uniformed Services, their spouses and dependents, and other authorized individuals certain benefits and privileges. These privileges include health care, use of commissary, base exchange, and morale, welfare, and recreation facilities. This information collection is needed to obtain the necessary data to determine eligibility, to provide eligible individuals with an identification card for benefits and privileges administered by the Uniformed Services, and maintain a centralized database of eligible individuals.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 281,092.

*Number of Respondents:* 1,623,246.

*Responses Per Respondent:* 1.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 10 minutes.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Summary of Information Collection**

This information collection identifies those individuals eligible for the benefits and privileges authorized in sections 1061-1065, 1072-1074c, 1076a, 1077, 1174a, 1175 and 1408 of title 10 and issuance of the appropriate Uniformed Services Identification Cards.

The Uniformed Services Identification Card is the key to authorized usage of military health care, commissary, exchange privileges, and morale, welfare, and recreation facilities. In

order to obtain this identification card, an applicant is required to go to an identification card issuing facility and update the DD Form 1172, "Application for Uniformed Services Identification Card—DEERS Enrollment." The sponsor, or person authorized to sign the DD Form 1172 in accordance with the criteria established in DoD Instruction 1000.13, provides appropriate dependent information and verification, *i.e.*, birth certificate, marriage license, etc. The information is entered into an automated system by the identification card issuing official and reviewed by the applicant. Once the applicant has reviewed the information, the sponsor, or person authorized to sign the form, will sign the system-printed DD Form 1172. The DD Form 1172 must be signed by both the sponsor (or person authorized to sign the form) and the verifying official. The person authorized to sign the form must sign it in the presence of the verifying official. On those rare occasions where the sponsor (or person authorized to sign the form) is unable to accompany his/her dependent to the identification card issuing facility, the signature must be notarized in accordance with the criteria set forth in DoD Instruction 1000.13 prior to verification by the verifying official. This does not happen very often and does not create a significant increase in burden to the public. Once the DD Form 1172 has been properly signed, the form is taken to the identification card issuing facility for issuance of the ID card. The date is transmitted to the Defense Manpower Data Center to be entered into the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) database. The application is required to update the information once every four years or as changes occur, *i.e.*, Reservist entering active duty or being released from activity duty, etc.

Respondent will be: Active duty, reserve, and retired personnel of the Uniformed Services (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, U.S. Public Health Service, and NOAA), and their dependents; surviving dependents of deceased active duty, eligible former spouses, and any eligible individual who may be eligible for benefits associated with the issuance of an identification card.

Dated: November 12, 2004.

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Office of the Secretary**

**Transformation Advisory Group Meeting of the U.S. Joint Forces Command**

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense, USJFCOM.

**ACTION:** Notice of closed meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Transformation Advisory Group (TAG) will meet in a closed session on November 30 and December 1, 2004. The mission of the TAG is to provide timely on scientific, technical, and policy-related issues to the Commander, U.S. Joint Forces Command as he develops and executes the Department of Defense strategy. Full development of the topics will require discussion of information classified in accordance with Executive Order 12958, dated April 17, 1995, as amended March 25, 2003. Access to this information must be strictly limited to personnel having the requisite security clearances and specific need-to-know. Unauthorized disclosure of the information to be discussed at the TAG meeting could have exceptionally grave impact on national defense. In accordance with Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. 552b(c), and 41 CFR 102-3.155, this meeting will be closed.

**DATES:** 30 November-01 December 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** USJFCOM, 1562 Mtscher Avenue, Suite 200, Norfolk, Virginia 23551-2488.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Stephanie Roper-Burton, Executive Director, (757) 836-0965.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Jerome Mahar, Joint Staff, (703) 614-6465.

Dated: October 29, 2004.

**Jeannette Owings-Ballard,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

**[Docket No. AC05-4-000]**

**Sun River Electric Cooperative, Inc.; Notice of Request for Waiver**

November 12, 2004.

On October 18, 2004, Sun River Electric Cooperative, Inc. filed a request for waiver of the Commission's