

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Office of the Secretary****Veterans' Advisory Board on Dose Reconstruction**

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense, Defense Threat Reduction Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice of advisory board meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA) and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) will hold the fifth public meeting of the Veterans' Advisory Board on Dose Reconstruction (VBDR). The VBDR was established at the recommendation of the National Research Council report, entitled "Review of the Dose Reconstruction Program of the Defense Threat Reduction Agency." The report recommended the need to establish an advisory board that will provide suggestions for improvements in dose reconstruction and claim adjudication procedures. The goal of the VBDR is to provide guidance and oversight of the dose reconstruction and claims compensation programs for veterans of U.S.-sponsored atmospheric nuclear weapons tests from 1945–1962; veterans of the 1945–1946 occupation of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan; and veterans who were prisoners of war in those regions at the conclusion of World War II. In addition, the advisory board will assist the VA and DTRA in communicating with the veterans.

Radiation dose reconstruction has been carried out by the Department of Defense under the Nuclear Test Personnel Review (NTPR) program since the 1970s. DTRA is the executive agent for the NTPR program which provides participation data and actual or estimated radiation dose information to veterans and the VA.

Board members were selected to fulfill the statutory requirements mandated by Congress in Section 601 of Public Law 108–183. The Board was appointed on June 3, 2005, and is comprised of 16 members. Board members were selected to provide expertise in historical dose reconstruction, radiation health matters, risk communications, radiation epidemiology, medicine, quality management, decision analysis and ethics in order to appropriately enable the VBDR to represent and address veterans' concerns.

The Board is governed by the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), PL 92–463, which sets forth standards for the formation and conduct of government advisory committees.

**DATES:** Wednesday, March 7, 2007, from 7:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. and 3 p.m.–5:15 p.m. with a public comment session from 1:30 p.m.–3 p.m., and Thursday, March 8, 2007, from 8 a.m.–10 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.–12 p.m. with a public comment session from 10:15 a.m.–11:15 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Tuscan Suites and Casino, 255 East Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, Nevada 89169.

*Agenda:* On Wednesday, the meeting will open with an introduction of the Board. The following briefings will be presented: How a Typical Dose Reconstruction is Performed in Accordance With the NTPR Standard Operating Procedures" by Mr. John Stiver; "Interactive Radio-Epidemiological Tables and Its Use in Adjudication" by Dr. David Kocher; "The Use of Interactive Radio-Epidemiological Program by the Department of Veterans Affairs" by Dr. Neil Otchin; "Veterans' View Regarding VBDR, Dose Reconstruction and Claim Compensation Programs" by Mr. R. J. Ritter; "NTPR Dose Reconstruction and Veterans Communication Activities" by Dr. Paul Blake; and "VA Radiation Claims Compensation Program for Veterans" by Mr. Thomas Pamperin. On Thursday, the four subcommittees established during the inaugural VBDR session will report on their activities since November 2006. The subcommittees are the "Subcommittee on DTRA Dose Reconstruction Procedures", the "Subcommittee on VA Claims Adjudication Procedures", the "Subcommittee on Quality Management and VA Process Integration with DTRA Nuclear Test Personnel Review Program", and the "Subcommittee on Communication and Outreach." The Board will close with a discussion of the Subcommittee reports, future business and meeting dates.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The Veterans' Advisory Board on Dose Reconstruction hotline at 1–866–657–VBDR (8237).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** May be found at <http://vbdr.org>.

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Department of the Air Force****US Air Force Academy Board of Visitors Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Air Force, U.S. Air Force Academy Board of Visitors, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 9355, the U.S. Air Force Academy (USAFA) Board of Visitors (BoV) will hold a meeting via teleconference on February 8, 2007. The purpose of the meeting is to review morale and discipline, curriculum, instruction, physical equipment, fiscal affairs, academic methods, and other matters relating to the Academy.

For the general public, a teleconference room will be set up in the Pentagon, Room 5E225. Members of the public wishing to attend must arrive no later than one hour prior to the start of the meeting. Entry to the Pentagon will be through the Pentagon Metro entrance. Two forms of photo identification (ID) are required for building entry, one of which must be a state- or federal-issued picture ID.

The meeting will be open to the public. Public attendance at this USAFA BoV meeting shall be accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis up to the reasonable and safe capacity of the teleconference room. In addition, any member of the public wishing to provide input to the USAFA BoV should submit a written statement in accordance with 41 CFR 102–3.140(c) and section 10(a)(3) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) and the procedures described in this paragraph. Written statements should be no longer than two type-written pages and must address the following details: The issue, discussion, and a recommended course of action. Supporting documentation may also be included as needed to establish the appropriate historical context and to provide any necessary background information. Written statements can be submitted to the Designated Federal Officer at the address detailed below, at any point, however, if a written statement is not received at least 10 days before the first day of the meeting which is the subject of this notice, then it may not be provided to, or considered by, the BoV until its next open meeting. The Designated Federal Officer will review all timely submissions with the BoV Chairperson and ensure they are provided to members of the BoV before the meeting that is the subject of this

notice. For the benefit of the public, rosters that list the names of BoV members and any releasable materials presented during this BoV meeting shall be made available upon request.

After review of written comments, the BoV Chairperson and Designated Federal Officer may choose to invite the submitter of the comments to orally present their issue during an open portion of this BoV meeting or a future meeting. Members of the BoV may also petition the Chairperson to allow specific persons to make oral presentations before the BoV. Any oral presentations before the BoV shall be in accordance with 41 CFR 102-3.140(c), section 10(3) of FACA, and this paragraph. The Designated Federal Officer and BoV Chairperson may, if desired, allot a specific amount of time for members of the public to present their issue for BoV review and discussion. Direct questioning of BoV members or meeting participants by the public is not permitted except with the approval of the Designated Federal Officer and Chairperson.

**DATES:** The U.S. Air Force Academy Board of Visitors will hold a meeting via teleconference on February 8, 2007.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information or to attend this BoV meeting, contact Major Glenn Mayes, Chief, USAFA Programs Assessment, Directorate of Airman Development and Sustainment, Deputy Chief of Staff, Manpower and Personnel, AF/A1DOA, 1040 Air Force Pentagon, Washington, DC 20330-1040, (703) 697-8650.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Navy

#### Notice of Availability for Donation as a Museum/Memorial, Submarine ex-DOLPHIN (AGSS-555)

**AGENCY:** Department of the Navy, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Navy (DON) hereby gives notice of the availability for donation, under the authority of 10 U.S.C. Sect. 7306, of the diesel-powered submarine ex-DOLPHIN (AGSS-555), for use as a static museum/memorial for public display. The ex-DOLPHIN was decommissioned and struck from the Naval Vessel Register on January 15, 2007, and is located in San Diego, CA, its historic homeport. It is in the best interest of the Government to

limit consideration of potential donees to entities that will provide permanent berthing in San Diego for public display of ex-DOLPHIN, thus recognizing the submarine's service in its historic homeport, while avoiding the DON's need to move the vessel to another location pending completion of the donation process. Eligible recipients include: (1) Any State, Commonwealth, or possession of the United States, or any municipal corporation or political subdivision thereof; (2) the District of Columbia; or (3) any organization incorporated as a non-profit entity under section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code that will provide permanent berthing and display the vessel in San Diego.

The transfer of a vessel for donation under 10 U.S.C. Sect. 7306 shall be made at no cost to the United States Government. The donee will be required to maintain the vessel as a static display in a condition that is satisfactory to the Secretary of the Navy.

A letter of intent will be required within 30 days from the date of this notice and all donation applications must be received within six months from the date of this notice. The DON will foreclose consideration of donation of ex-DOLPHIN to any entity that does not submit a letter of intent to the DON within 30 days of the date of this notice.

Prospective donees must submit a letter of intent to the Navy Inactive Ships Program office within 30 days of this **Federal Register** notice. The letter of intent must:

- a. Identify the specific vessel sought for donation;
- b. Include a statement of the proposed use for the vessel;
- c. Identify the proposed permanent berthing location;
- d. If the applicant is not a State, commonwealth, or possession of the United States, or a political subdivision or municipal corporation thereof, or the District of Columbia, it must provide a copy of a determination letter by the Internal Revenue Service that the applicant is exempt from tax under the Internal Revenue Code, or submit evidence that the applicant has filed the appropriate documentation in order to obtain tax exempt status;

e. If the applicant asserts that it is a corporation or association whose charter or articles of agreement denies it the right to operate for profit, it must provide a properly authenticated copy of the charter, certificate of incorporation, and a copy of the organization's by-laws;

f. Provide a notarized copy of the resolution or other action of the applicant's governing board authorizing

the person signing the application to represent the organization and to sign on its behalf for the purpose of obtaining a vessel; and

g. Provide written affirmation that the prospective donee can submit a complete ship donation application to the DON, compliant with the DON application requirements, within six months of this **Federal Register** notice.

Upon receipt of the letter of intent, the DON will contact the prospective donee(s) to ensure a full understanding of the application requirements, which are located at <http://www.navsea.navy.mil/NDP>.

Qualified organizations who submit a letter of intent for ex-DOLPHIN (AGSS-555) must submit a complete application to the DON within six months of this notice, comprised of a business/financial plan, a technical plan (includes a towing plan, mooring plan, maintenance plan, and environmental plan), a curatorial/museum plan, and a community support plan (includes information concerning support from the community and benefit to the Navy). The application must address the following areas:

a. *Business/Financial Plan:* The Business/Financial Plan must detail the estimated start-up and operating costs, and provide detailed evidence of firm financing adequate to cover these costs. Start-up costs include towing, mooring (this includes but not limited to the cost of acquiring and improving facilities, and dredging if required), ship restoration, museum development, and meeting environmental requirements (including permitting fees and expenses). Operating costs are those costs associated with operating and maintaining the vessel as a museum/memorial, including rent, utilities, personnel, insurance, periodic dry-docking, etc. Firm financing means available funding to ensure the first five years of operation and future stability for long-term operation. This can include pledges, loans, gifts, bonds (except revenue bonds), funds on deposit at a financial institution, or any combination of the above. The applicant must also provide income projections from sources such as individual and group admissions, facility rental fees and gift shop revenues sufficient to cover the estimated operating expenses.

b. *Technical:* The technical plan is comprised of a Towing Plan, Mooring Plan, Maintenance Plan, and Environmental Plan.

The Towing Plan describes how the vessel will be prepared for tow and safely towed from its present location to the permanent display site proposed by the applicant. The Towing Plan must