provide critical VHF/UHF and SATCOM links necessary for an agile, fast moving force. Integration of the ARC–201 (SINCgars) FM radios will enhance this interoperability.

2. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware and software elements, the information could be used to develop countermeasures which might reduce weapon system effectiveness or could be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Freeman, Advisory Committee.

The Panel members will be appointed by the Secretary of Defense or the Deputy Secretary of Defense for a term of service of one-to-four years and their appointments will be renewed on an annual basis in accordance with DoD policies and procedures. Members of the Panel who are not full-time or permanent part-time Federal employees will be appointed as experts and consultants under the authority of 5 U.S.C. 3109 to serve as special government employee (SGE) members. Panel members who are full-time or permanent part-time Federal employees will serve as regular government employee members. All members of the Panel are appointed to provide advice on behalf of the Government on the basis of their best judgment without representing any particular point of view and in a manner that is free from conflict of interest.

Panel members, if appointed by the Secretary of Defense or the Deputy Secretary of Defense as SGE members, will serve without compensation. However, Panel members will be reimbursed for travel and per diem as it pertains to official business of the Panel.

No member, unless authorized by the Secretary of Defense, may serve more than two consecutive terms of service on the Panel. Subcommittee members, if not full-time or part-time Federal employees, will be appointed as experts and consultants under the authority of 5 U.S.C. 3109 to serve as SGE members, whose appointments must be renewed on an annual basis. With the exception of reimbursement for travel and per diem as it pertains to official travel related to the Panel or its subcommittees, Panel subcommittee members shall serve without compensation.

Each subcommittee member is appointed to provide advice on behalf of the Government on the basis of his or her best judgment without representing any particular point of view and in a manner that is free from conflict of interest.

All subcommittees operate under the provisions of the FACs, the Sunshine Act, governing Federal statutes and regulations, and established DoD policies and procedures.

Currently, DoD has approved the following two permanent subcommittees to the Panel:

(a) The Naval Research Advisory Committee shall be composed of not more than seven members and shall provide independent advice and recommendations on scientific, technical, research, and development matters confronting the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Marine Corps. Pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 5024(a), the subcommittee shall consist of civilians preeminent in the fields of science, research, and development work, and one member must be from the field of medicine.

The estimated number of meetings is four per year.
(b) The Secretary of the Navy’s Advisory Subcommittee on Naval History shall be composed of not more than 15 members and shall provide independent advice and recommendations on matters pertaining to preserving the heritage and legacy of the Naval Services and disseminating their rich history to the Service and the American public. Advisory topics may include professional standards, methods, program priorities, cooperative relationships in Marine Corps and Navy’s historical research and publication programs, museums, archives, archeology, libraries, manuscript collections, rare book collections, art collections, preservation, and curatorial activities. The subcommittee shall consist of citizens who have broad managerial experience, vision, and understanding in one or more of the following areas: military and maritime history, archives, museology, art, library science, and information technology.

The estimated number of meetings is one per year.

The Panel’s Designated Federal Officer (DFO), pursuant to DoD policy, shall be a full-time or permanent part-time DoD employee, and will be appointed in accordance with established DoD policies and procedures.

The Panel’s DFO is required to be in attendance at all Panel and subcommittee meetings for the duration of each and every meeting. However, in the absence of the Panel’s DFO, a properly approved Alternate DFO, duly appointed to the Panel according to DoD policies and procedures, will attend the entire duration of all of the Panel or subcommittee meeting.

The DFO, or the Alternate DFO, will call all of the Panel and its subcommittee meetings: prepare and approve all meeting agendas; adjourn any meeting, when the DFO, or the Alternate DFO, determines adjournment to be in the public interest or required by governing regulations or DoD policies and procedures; and chair meetings when directed to do so by the official to whom the Panel reports.

Pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.105(j) and 102–3.140, the public or interested organizations may submit written statements to the Secretary of the Navy Advisory Panel membership about the Panel’s mission and functions. Written statements may be submitted at any time or in response to the stated agenda of planned meeting of Secretary of the Navy Advisory Panel.

Written statements shall be submitted to the Designated Federal Officer for the Secretary of the Navy Advisory Panel, and this individual will ensure that the written statements are provided to the membership for their consideration. Contact information for the Secretary of the Navy Advisory Panel’s Designated Federal Officer can be obtained from the GSA’s FACADatabase—http://www.facadatabase.gov/.

The Designated Federal Officer, pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.150, will announce planned meetings of the Secretary of the Navy Advisory Panel. The Designated Federal Officer, at that time, may provide additional guidance on the submission of written statements that are in response to the stated agenda for the planned meeting in question.


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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
Office of the Secretary

Meeting of the National Commission on the Structure of the Air Force

AGENCY: Director of Administration and Management, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of Advisory Committee Meetings.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense is publishing this notice to announce a closed Federal advisory committee meeting of the National Commission on the Structure of the Air Force (“the Commission”).

DATES: Date of Closed Meetings:
Tuesday, December 17, 2013, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: 2521 South Clark Street, Suite 525, Crystal City, VA 22202 and, as necessary, a secure video teleconferencing line.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Purpose of Meetings: The meetings are being held under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended), and 41 CFR 102–3.150. The meeting scheduled for December 17, 2013 is the fifth in a series of five meetings held for the Commissioners to consider information and data from a variety of sources that will be presented and aggregated by employing several data, analytic and decision support tools that contain classified information.

Three prior closed meetings were held in November 2013 and the fourth was held on December 10, 2013. The five meetings were approved with similar agendas. The December 17, 2013 is being held to finalize and write recommendations.

Agency: The agenda items for both meetings are:

—The role of airpower in the post-Afghanistan national security situations likely to be encountered by the Air Force capabilities and Airmen and the implications for the structure of the Air Force. This discussion will be organized into three categories. The “Away Game,” will involve emerging demands on Air Force capabilities such as: Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance, Remotely Piloted Aircraft, Space, Cyber, Special Operations, and Building Partnership Capacity. Commissioners will also explore the implications of rising demands and expectations for the “Home Game” in missions such as Homeland Defense, Homeland Security, and Defense Support to Civil Agencies. This will include implications for the structure of the Air Force from the growing threat of the “Away Game” involving simultaneous attacks on the Homeland. The third area of discussion will be on the continuing growth of demand on traditional Air Force core functions including: Air Superiority, Air Mobility, Global Precision Attack, Nuclear Deterrence Operations, Command and Control, Personnel Recovery, Agile Combat Support, Training and Education, and other specific mission sets such as security forces, civil engineering and science and technology.

—Projections and assumptions about future resource levels that will be available to organize, train and equip the Air Force. This will include assumptions about how the Budget Control Act and Sequestration legislation will affect Total Obligational Authority and associated planning, programming and budgeting flexibility. Commissioners will also consider the impact of strategic choices on Air Force capabilities and force structure options deriving from the selection of national priorities among modernization, technology,