

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Office of the Secretary**

[Docket ID: DoD–2021–OS–0130]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: The Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness (USD(P&R)), Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Information collection notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: 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; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and 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 February 28, 2022.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

Mail: DoD cannot receive written comments at this time due to the COVID–19 pandemic. Comments should be sent electronically to the docket listed above.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

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 Defense Human

Resources Activity, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Suite 08F05 Alexandria, VA 22350, LaTarsha Yeargins, 571–372–2089.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number: Workplace and Gender Relations Survey of Military Members; OMB Control Number 0704–0615.

Needs and Uses: The legal requirements for the Workplace and Gender Relations (WGR) surveys of military members can be found in the following:

- 10 U.S.C. Section 481.
- Ronald W. Reagan National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2005.
- Public Law 111–383, Section 1631.
- NDAA for FY 2013, Section 570.
- 10 U.S.C. Section 2358.

Sexual assault, sexual harassment, and gender discrimination remain a major concern across the DoD and for members of Congress. In February 2004, the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness testified before the Senate Armed Services Committee on the prevalence of sexual assault in the DoD and the programs and policies planned to address the issues. In accordance with legislative requirements, the USD(P&R) issued memoranda to the Services that provides DoD policy guidance on sexual assault that included a new standard definition, response capability, training requirements, response actions, and reporting guidance throughout the DoD. The Sexual Assault and Prevention Response Office supported the implementation of the new policy and requires data to assess the prevalence of sexual assault in the DoD and the effectiveness of the programs they have implemented.

The WGR surveys will assess the attitudes and opinions of military members on issues relating to sexual harassment, gender discrimination, and sexual assault, as well as the culture and climate of the units/organizations in which individuals serve. It will provide the policy offices of the USD(P&R) with current data on (1) the positive and negative trends for professional and personal relationships between Service members; (2) the specific types of assault that have occurred and the number of times in the preceding year; (3) the effectiveness of DoD policies designed to improve professional relationships between male and female Service members; (4) the effectiveness of current processes for complaints, reports, and investigations; and, (5) specific issues related to sexual harassment, sexual assault, and gender

discrimination that may inform the DoD's prevention and response efforts.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Annual Burden Hours: 102,150 hours.

Number of Respondents: 204,300.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 204,300.

Average Burden per Response: 30 minutes.

Frequency: On occasion.

Dated: December 27, 2021.

Kayyonne T. Marston,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Office of the Secretary**

[Docket ID: DoD–2021–OS–0129]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness (USD(P&R)), Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Emergency information collection notice.

SUMMARY: Consistent with the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995* and its implementing regulations, this document provides notice DoD is submitting an Information Collection Request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to collect information on barriers and facilitators to minority participation in special operations and other identified units, as congressionally directed in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). DoD requests emergency processing and OMB authorization to collect the information after publication of this Notice for a period of six months.

DATES: Comments must be received by January 31, 2022.

ADDRESSES: The Department has requested emergency processing from OMB for this information collection request by 30 days after publication of this notice. Interested parties can access the supporting materials and collection instrument as well as submit comments and recommendations to OMB at www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be

summarized and included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection. They will also become a matter of public record.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Angela Duncan, 571–372–7574, whs.mc-alex.esd.mbx.dd-dod-information-collections@mail.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 557 of the Fiscal Year 2021 National Defense Authorization Act requires USD(P&R) to sponsor a federally funded research and development center to assess existing barriers to minority participation in elite units, including Special Operations Forces (SOF) and pilot and navigator military occupational specialties. A RAND study, published in 1999, found that ethnic/racial minorities are underrepresented in SOF, compared to their representation in other military specialties, and recommended a range of actions DoD could take to address the barriers minorities face in securing equal participation in these units. Section 557 calls for a reexamination of minority representation in SOF and an expansion of past research to assess additional elite units (pilot/navigator specialties) and gender representation now that combat restrictions for women have been eliminated.

For this effort, focus groups will be conducted on topics that include recruitment, accession and training, culture and climate, and career progression; a small set of closed-ended and open-ended survey questions completed individually at the end of the session will also be included. Some focus groups will be conducted on military bases where members of the identified units serve and some focus groups will be conducted using an online platform that meets government compliance and security standards (Microsoft Teams or Zoom for Government, and Qualtrics, which has met the security standards required for government use (*i.e.*, Federal Risk and Authorization Management Program)). This study will inform DoD on how to enhance operational capabilities of these units by promoting diversity and inclusion.

Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number: Study on Reducing Barriers to Minority Participation in Elite Units in the Armed Services; 0704–RBMP.

Type of Request: New.

Number of Respondents: 500.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 500.

Average Burden per Response: 1 hour.

Annual Burden Hours: 500 hours.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: Once.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Request for Comments: Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of DoD, including whether the information collected has practical utility; (2) the accuracy of DoD's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

Dated: December 27, 2021.

Kayyonne T. Marston,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

[Docket ID: USN–2021–HQ–0009]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: 30-Day information collection notice.

SUMMARY: 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.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by January 31, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Angela Duncan, 571–372–7574, whs.mc-alex.esd.mbx.dd-dod-information-collections@mail.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number: Navy Health of the Force

Survey, OMB Control Number 0703–0079.

Type of Request: Extension.

Number of Respondents: 13,000.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 13,000.

Average Burden per Response: 25 minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 5,417.

Needs and Uses: The Navy Health of the Force Survey is a strategic level engagement survey of the Navy Active Duty population that addresses core measures relating to the health of the force and addresses emergent issues of interest to Navy leadership. The survey will provide answers to important questions for Navy leadership including: Sailor job satisfaction, retention plans, and influences to stay or leave; value of different incentives for extended sea duty; sailor well-being including quality and amount of sleep, prevalence of burnout, stress and sources of stress; sailors' commitment to the organization and sense of unit cohesion.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: Once.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: Ms. Jasmeet Sehra.

You may also submit comments and recommendations, identified by Docket ID number and title, by the following method:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name, Docket ID number, and title for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

DOD Clearance Officer: Ms. Angela Duncan.

Requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Ms. Duncan at whs.mc-alex.esd.mbx.dd-dod-information-collections@mail.mil.

Dated: December 27, 2021.

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