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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Office of the Secretary**

**Reserve Forces Policy Board; Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary of Defense, Reserve Forces Policy Board, Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Defense (DoD) is publishing this notice to announce that the following Federal Advisory Committee meeting of the Reserve Forces Policy Board (RFPB) will take place.

**DATES:** Wednesday, December 14, 2016, from 9:55 a.m. to 3:20 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The address is the Pentagon, Room 3E863, Arlington, VA.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Alex Sabol, Designated Federal Officer, (703) 681-0577 (Voice), (703) 681-0002 (Facsimile), E-mail: Alexander.J.Sabol.Civ@Mail.Mil. Mailing address is Reserve Forces Policy Board, 5113 Leesburg Pike, Suite 601, Falls Church, VA 22041. Website: <http://rfpb.defense.gov/>. The most up-to-date changes to the meeting agenda can be found on the RFPB's website.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Due to circumstances beyond the control of the Designated Federal Officer and the Department of Defense, the Reserve Forces Policy Board was unable to provide public notification of its meeting of December 14, 2016, as required by 41 CFR 102-3.150(a). Accordingly, the Advisory Committee Management Officer for the Department of Defense, pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.150(b), waives the 15-calendar day notification requirement.

This meeting notice is being published under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA) (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.

**Purpose of the Meeting:** The purpose of the meeting is to obtain, review, and evaluate information related to strategies, policies, and practices designed to improve and enhance the capabilities, efficiency, and effectiveness of the Reserve Components.

**Agenda:** The RFPB will hold a meeting from 9:55 a.m. to 3:20 p.m. The portion of the meeting from 9:55 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. will be closed to the public and will consist of remarks to the RFPB from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Military Personnel Policy, who will provide an update on the Department of Defense's Duty Status Reform efforts. The portion of the meeting from 10:55 a.m. to 3:20 p.m. will be open to the public and will consist of the following: a briefing by LTG (Ret) David Barno and Dr. Nora Bensahel on their published Atlantic Council: "Future of the Army" Report in which they independently analyzed, and in their positions as Distinguished Scholars in Residence at the School of International Service at American University, gave five major recommendations for the Army to be ready for the challenges of the next few years, most of which involve getting more capacity out of the currently planned force; the West Virginia National Guard discussing their recent West Virginia domestic operations involving the National Guard; and a "Think Tank" Panel with participants from the Brookings Institute and the Center for Strategic and International Studies, as well as the President and CEO of Dumbarton Strategies, who will discuss their individual recommended priorities for the next Administration and the anticipated implications those priorities may have on Active/Reserve Component force structure, readiness, and utilization.

**Meeting Accessibility:** Pursuant to section 10(a)(1) of the FACA and 41 CFR 102-3.140 through 102-3.165, and subject to the availability of space, the meeting is open to the public

from 10:55 a.m. to 3:20 p.m. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. All members of the public who wish to attend the public meeting must contact Mr. Alex Sabol, the Designated Federal Officer, not later than 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 13, as listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section to make arrangements for a Pentagon escort, if necessary. Public attendees requiring escort should arrive at the Pentagon Metro Entrance with sufficient time to complete security screening no later than 10:15 a.m. on December 14. To complete the security screening, please be prepared to present two forms of identification. One must be a picture identification card. In accordance with section 10(d) of the FACA, 5 U.S.C. 552b, and 41 CFR 102-3.155, the DoD has determined that the portion of this meeting scheduled to occur from 9:55 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. will be closed to the public. Specifically, the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), in coordination with the DoD FACA Attorney, has determined in writing that this portion of the meeting will be closed to the public because the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Military Personnel Policy's presentation will disclose information the premature disclosure of which is likely to significantly frustrate implementation of proposed agency action as covered by 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B).

**Written Statements:** Pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.105(j) and 102-3.140 and section 10(a)(3) of the FACA, interested persons may submit written statements to the RFPB about its approved agenda or at any time on the RFPB's mission. Written statements should be submitted to the RFPB's Designated Federal Officer at the address, email, or facsimile number listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. If statements pertain to a specific topic being discussed at the planned meeting, then these statements must be submitted no later than five (5) business days prior to the meeting in question. Written statements received after this date may not be provided to or considered by the RFPB until its next meeting. The Designated Federal Officer will review all timely submitted written statements and provide copies to all the

RFPB members before the meeting that is the subject of this notice. Please note that since the RFPB operates under the provisions of the FACA, all submitted comments and public presentations will be treated as public documents and will be made available for public inspection, including, but not limited to, being posted on the RFPB's Web site.

Dated: December 6, 2016.

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Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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