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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Office of the Secretary**

**Judicial Proceedings since Fiscal Year 2012 Amendments Panel (Judicial Proceedings Panel); Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Defense is publishing this notice to announce the following Federal Advisory Committee meeting of the Judicial Proceedings since Fiscal Year 2012 Amendments Panel (“the Judicial Proceedings Panel” or “the Panel”). The meeting is open to the public.

**DATES:** A meeting of the Judicial Proceedings Panel will be held on Friday, April 8, 2016. The Public Session will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 4:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The Holiday Inn Arlington at Ballston, 4610 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22203.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Julie Carson, Judicial Proceedings Panel, One Liberty Center, 875 N. Randolph Street, Suite 150, Arlington, VA 22203. E-mail: [whs.pentagon.em.mbx.judicial-panel@mail.mil](mailto:whs.pentagon.em.mbx.judicial-panel@mail.mil). Phone: (703) 693-3849. Web site: <http://jpp.whs.mil>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This public meeting is being held under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act 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.

*Purpose of the Meeting:* In Section 576(a)(2) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 (Public Law 112-239), as amended, Congress tasked the Judicial Proceedings Panel to conduct an independent review and assessment of judicial proceedings conducted under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) involving adult sexual assault and related offenses since the amendments made to the UCMJ by section 541 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012 (Public Law 112 – 81; 125 Stat. 1404), for the purpose of developing recommendations for improvements to such proceedings. At this meeting, the Panel will continue deliberations on military justice case data for sexual assault offenses for fiscal years 2012-2014, hear a staff briefing about sexual assault legislation and a report on a recent special victims' counsel training course, and assess trends in the development, utilization, and effectiveness of the special victims capabilities required by section 573 of the Fiscal Year 2013 National Defense Authorization Act. The Panel is interested in written and oral comments from the public, including non-governmental organizations, relevant to these issues or any of the Panel's tasks.

*Agenda:*

- 8:30 – 9:00:     Administrative Work (*41 CFR 102-3.160, not subject to notice & open meeting requirements*)
- 9:00 – 10:00:   Deliberations on Military Justice Case Data for Sexual Assault Offenses (*Public Meeting Begins*)

- 10:00 – 10:30: Informational Brief – Legislative Update and Report on the Army’s SVC Course held in January 2016
- 10:30 – 12:00: Updates on the Special Victims’ Counsel (Victims’ Legal Counsel) Program
- 12:00 – 1:00: Lunch
- 1:00 – 2:00 MCIO Overview and Perspective of the SVIP Policies, Practices, and Procedures
- 2:00 – 3:00: JAG Prosecutor and Paralegal Overview and Perspective of the SVIP Policies, Practices, and Procedures
- 3:00 – 3:15: Break
- 3:15 – 4:15: Victim Witness Liaison Overview and Perspective of the SVIP Policies, Practices, and Procedures
- 4:15 – 4:30: Public Comment

*Availability of Materials for the Meeting:* A copy of the April 8, 2016 public meeting agenda or any updates or changes to the agenda, to include individual speakers not identified at the time of this notice, as well as other materials provided to Panel members for use at the public meeting, may be obtained at the meeting or from the Panel’s website at <http://jpp.whs.mil>. In the event the Office of Personnel Management closed the government due to inclement weather or any other reason, please consult the website for any changes in the public meeting date or time.

*Public’s Accessibility to the Meeting:* Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b and 41 CFR 102-3.140 through 102-3.165, and the availability of space, this meeting is open to the public.

Seating is limited and is on a first-come basis.

*Special Accommodations:* Individuals requiring special accommodations to access the public meeting should contact the Judicial Proceedings Panel at

*whs.pentagon.em.mbx.judicial-panel@mail.mil* at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

*Procedures for Providing Public Comments:* Pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.140 and section 10(a)(3) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the public or interested organizations may submit written comments to the Panel about its mission and topics pertaining to this public session. Written comments must be received by the JPP at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting date so that they may be made available to the Judicial Proceedings Panel for their consideration prior to the meeting. Written comments should be submitted via e-mail to the Judicial Proceedings Panel at *whs.pentagon.em.mbx.judicial-panel@mail.mil* in the following formats: Adobe Acrobat or Microsoft Word. Please note that since the Judicial Proceedings Panel operates under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, all written comments will be treated as public documents and will be made available for public inspection. If members of the public are interested in making an oral statement, a written statement must be submitted along with a request to provide an oral statement. Oral presentations by members of the public will be permitted from 4:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on April 8, 2016 in front of the Panel members. The number of oral presentations to be made will depend on the number of requests received from members of the public on a first-come basis. After reviewing the requests for oral presentation, the Chairperson and the Designated Federal Officer will, if they determine the statement to be relevant to the Panel's mission, allot five minutes to persons desiring to make an oral presentation.

*Committee's Designated Federal Officer:* The Panel's Designated Federal Officer is Ms. Maria Fried, Department of Defense, Office of the General Counsel, 1600 Defense Pentagon, Room 3B747, Washington, D.C. 20301-1600.

Dated: March 18, 2016.

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