

**Response Systems Panel
Comparative Systems Subcommittee
Minutes of March 11, 2014 Meeting**

The Response Systems to Adult Sexual Assault Crimes Panel (RSP) is a federal advisory committee within the Department of Defense (DoD) operating pursuant to Section 576(a) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013, the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the Government in Sunshine Act of 1976, and governing federal regulations. The Comparative Systems Subcommittee (CSS) held a meeting on March 11, 2014, to deliberate on issues relevant to the subcommittee. The meeting began at 12:31 p.m. and concluded at 4:47 p.m. at the RSP office at 875 N. Randolph Street, Suite 150, Arlington, VA 22203. The transcript of the March 11, 2014, proceedings is incorporated herein by reference.

Participating CSS Members:

Dean Elizabeth Hillman, Chair
Mr. Harvey Bryant (by phone)
Brigadier General (ret.) Malinda Dunn
Brigadier General (ret.) John Cooke (joined at 1:30 p.m.)
Colonel (ret.) Larry Morris (departed at 4:15 p.m.)
Colonel (ret.) Dawn Scholz
Ms. Rhonnie Jaus (departed at 4:15 p.m.)
Mr. Russell Strand

Other Participants:

Colonel Patricia Ham, RSP Staff Director
Ms. Terri Saunders, RSP Deputy Staff Director
Lieutenant Colonel Kelly McGovern, CSS Branch Chief
Ms. Maria Fried, Designated Federal Official
Mr. Dillon Fishman, RSP Staff Attorney
Ms. Janice Chayt, RSP Staff Investigator
Ms. Shannon Green, Legislative Analyst

After the meeting was opened, Dean Hillman briefed the subcommittee members on the information she and BG(ret.) Dunn gathered from their March 5, 2014 visit to Marine Corps Base Quantico. They received briefings and conducted Q & A sessions with five panels: (1) the installation command team; (2) Marine Corps defense attorneys; (3) Marine Corps JAG prosecutors and an AUSA from the Eastern District of Virginia; (4) Quantico Military Police, Marine Corps CID, and NCIS agents; (5) Marine Corps Special Victim Counsel, the SARC at Quantico, Chaplain, SANE, and Marine installation leadership responsible for coordinating victim services. Separate minutes address that preparatory session in more detail.

The subcommittee members briefed, discussed, and deliberated the prepared lists of issues, findings, and recommendations. Russ Strand led the discussion for investigative issues. COL (ret.) Morris briefed the issues related to the training of military prosecutors and defense counsel, as well as defending cases of sexual assault in the military. Dean Hillman discussed the statistics which will be relevant to the report and the debate surrounding the various surveys used

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to measure the problem of sexual assault in the military and society. She also addressed the initial findings and recommendations regarding mandatory minimums and sentencing. The entire subcommittee deliberated on the findings and recommendations.

The subcommittee will review the remaining issues, findings, and recommendations related to both investigations and prosecuting sexual assault cases at the next subcommittee meeting which is scheduled for March 25, 2014.

At 4:47 PM, Ms. Fried closed the meeting.

I hereby certify, to the best of my knowledge, these minutes are accurate and complete.



Elizabeth Hillman
Chair
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Attachment: Agenda for meeting