

Response Systems Panel
Minutes of May 6, 2014 Public 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 RSP held a public meeting on May 6, 2014, to deliberate on the findings and recommendations of the subcommittees. The meeting began at 8:53 a.m. and concluded at 5:21 p.m. in the Faculty Conference Room of George Washington University Law School at 716 20th Street, NW, Washington, DC. The transcript of the May 6, 2014 public meeting is incorporated herein by reference.

Participating RSP Members:

The Honorable Barbara S. Jones, Chair
The Honorable Elizabeth Holtzman
Brigadier General (Retired) Colleen McGuire
Brigadier General (Retired) Malinda Dunn
Colonel (Retired) Holly Cook
Professor Elizabeth L. Hillman
Mr. Harvey Bryant
Ms. Mai Fernandez

Public Comment:

Ms. Ginny Lee
A woman who asked to be identified as “Not A Veteran”

Victim Services Subcommittee

Dean Michelle Anderson
Judge Christel Marquardt
Dean Lisa Schenck

Role of the Commander Subcommittee

Ms. Joye Frost
Professor Geoffrey Corn

RSP Staff Participants:

Colonel Patricia Ham, RSP Staff Director
Commander Sherry King, Victim Services Subcommittee, Branch Chief
Lieutenant Colonel Kyle Green, Role of the Commander Subcommittee, Branch Chief
Lieutenant Colonel Kelly McGovern, Comparative Systems Subcommittee, Branch Chief

Other Participants:

Ms. Maria Fried, Designated Federal Official

After the Designated Federal Officer opened the meeting, Judge Jones gave opening remarks thanking the subcommittees for their hard work.

Continuation of the Presentation of the Victim Services Subcommittee (VSS) Findings and Recommendations

Ms. Mai Fernandez continued the presentation of the VSS findings and recommendations with the assistance of Dean Michelle Anderson, Judge Christel Marquardt, Dean Lisa Schenck, Mr. Bill Cassara, and comments from the subcommittee members who serve on the full panel, BG (R) McGuire, and the Hon Elizabeth Holtzman. The recommendations were discussed and either accepted, accepted with modification, or rejected.

Presentation of the Role of the Commander Subcommittee (RoC) Findings and Recommendations

Judge Jones, with the assistance of Ms. Joye Frost and Professor Geoffrey Corn began the presentation of the RoC subcommittee's findings and recommendations. The recommendations reached were discussed and accepted or accepted with modification. The remainder of the report and proposed recommendations will be discussed at the next meeting, scheduled for May 16, 2014.

Public Comment

Ms. Ginny Lee made comments regarding her experiences and concerns with the current systems in the military for responding to sexual assault.

An individual who asked to be identified as "Not A Veteran" made comments to the RSP relating her experiences in dealing the military criminal justice system and the Veterans Administration after being the victim of sexual assault while on active duty.

Judge Jones thanked the speakers and noted there was no further public comment. Ms. Fried closed the meeting at 5:21 p.m.

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



Barbara S. Jones

Chair

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Materials Provided to Members:

None (See minutes of May 5, 2014)