

Response Systems Panel
Role of the Commander Subcommittee
Minutes of January 24, 2014 Meeting via Teleconference

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 Role of the Commander Subcommittee of the RSP held a meeting via teleconference on January 24, 2014, to discuss and deliberate on a first draft of the Subcommittee's initial assessment of whether senior commanders should retain authority to refer cases of sexual assault to courts-martial. The teleconference began at 2:37 p.m. and concluded at 4:26 p.m. at the RSP office at 875 N. Randolph Street, Suite 150, Arlington, VA 22203. The transcript of the January 24, 2014 teleconference is incorporated herein by reference.

Participating RoC Subcommittee Members:

The Honorable Barbara S. Jones, Chair
Professor Elizabeth L. Hillman
General (ret.) Carter Ham
Vice Admiral (ret.) James Houck
The Honorable Elizabeth Holtzman
Professor Geoffrey Corn
Brigadier General (sel.) Lisa Turner
Major General (ret.) John Altenburg

RSP Staff Participants:

Colonel Patricia Ham, RSP Staff Director
Ms. Terri Saunders, RSP Deputy Staff Director
Lieutenant Colonel Kyle Green, RoC Branch Chief

Other Participants:

Ms. Maria Fried, Designated Federal Official

After Ms. Fried opened the meeting, the Subcommittee members deliberated on the Subcommittee's initial assessment of whether senior commanders should retain authority to refer cases of sexual assault to courts-martial. Judge Jones then led a discussion of suggested changes to the initial draft of the assessment. Following this discussion, Judge Jones advised the Members that the changes to which they had agreed during the current teleconference would be incorporated into the assessment and that a new draft would be circulated reflecting these changes. The meeting ended at 4:26 p.m.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barbara S. Jones". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Barbara S. Jones

Chair

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Attachments:

1. RoC Assessment - Removal of CC as CA (draft 22 Jan 14).doc
2. RoC Assessment - Removal of CC as CA (member comments on draft 22 Jan 14).doc
3. Hillman RoC subcommittee draft 1 24 2014 (without FNs).doc