

2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: U.S. Strategic Command Strategic Advisory Group

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Defense

2. Fiscal Year

2024

3. Committee or Subcommittee

U.S. Strategic Command Strategic
Advisory Group

3b. GSA

Committee No.

441

4. Is this New Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

05/31/2022

6. Expected Renewal Date

05/31/2024

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority

Agency Authority

12. Specific Establishment Authority

Secretary of Defense
Determination

13. Effective Date

01/05/1968

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee

Advisory Board

Scientific Technical Program

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for
this Fiscal Year

17a. Open

0

17b. Closed 1

17c. Partially Closed 0

Other Activities 0

17d. Total 1

Meetings and Dates

Purpose

Start

End

The purpose of the meeting is to provide advice on scientific, technical, intelligence, and policy-related issues to the Commander, U.S. Strategic Command, during the development of the Nation's strategic war plans.

10/25/2023 - 10/26/2023

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 1

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

During Fiscal Year 2023, the United States Strategic Command (USSTRATCOM) Strategic Advisory Group (SAG) met the objectives stated in its charter by providing scientific, technical, intelligence, and policy-related advice across a wide spectrum of topics affecting the development and maintenance of the national nuclear war plan.

In response to Presidential taskings, the SAG's Stockpile Assessment Team completed its annual, in-depth examination of the condition of the nation's nuclear weapons stockpile. The Commander, USSTRATCOM, sponsored the conference to better assess the safety and reliability of the Nation's stockpile, and to assess the effects of aging and necessary modifications on the development of the national nuclear war plan. Having done this, the Commander, USSTRATCOM, was able to advise the Secretary of Defense on his confidence in the safety and reliability of the stockpile, and its ability to meet deterrence requirements. During the two Plenary sessions, both held at Offutt AFB, the group and select USSTRATCOM staff both received and provided input to the SAG in a variety of areas. The SAG reviewed their taskings from the Commander, USSTRATCOM, updated their progress, and made appropriate changes. This forum allowed for the interchange of information between the members and the staff and provided the opportunity to brainstorm possibilities which may not have been previously considered viable.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

SAG membership consists of nationally-renowned civilian and military analysts and scientists who are actively engaged in scientific or analytical fields associated with nuclear weapons effects; weapons systems vulnerabilities; national command, control and communications; or other important aspects of strategic war-fighting systems. Candidates are carefully selected for SAG membership to ensure they represent those segments of the scientific, technical, or defense community in which they work. This affords the Commander, USSTRATCOM, multiple and

divergent points of view on issues affecting strategic war planning.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The SAG convenes for semi-annual plenary sessions at Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska. Deliberations during these sessions focus on the key issues and findings of the SAG and selected staff presentations. The SAG investigates and assesses evolving intelligence collections technologies; strategic weapons technologies; the survivability, offensive/defensive integration, and connectivity of the strategic war planning process; the impact of policy changes on the ability of the Nation's strategic war plans to satisfy national security objectives; and information security. The SAG reports the results of their research to the Commander, USSTRATCOM, during duly convened SAG plenaries. The SAG represents an important link between USSTRATCOM and both the civilian and government scientific and technical communities and provides invaluable advice to the Commander, USSTRATCOM, on technical issues having a direct impact on the development of the national nuclear war plan. As such, the SAG should continue to provide its vital contributions toward enhancing the U.S. strategic war fighting plans.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The Secretary of Defense has determined that no other DoD advisory committee can provide the independent advice provided by the SAG on matters concerning the USSTRATCOM mission.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

Meetings are not closed to the public unless the DoD determines that items on the planned agenda meet the closed meeting provisions of 5 U.S.C. § 552b(c). Pursuant to DoD policy closed meetings can only be authorized by the DoD Sponsor, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and only after consultation with the Chairman's Legal Advisor.

21. Remarks

Advice and recommendations are provided to the Commander, USSTRATCOM, in semi-annual, face-to-face plenary sessions. The Minutes of the 106th Strategic Advisory Group Plenary, 19-20 October 2022, and 107th Strategic Advisory Group Plenary, 29-30 March 2023, contain classified material. A copy is retained and archived in USSTRATCOM/J030. The costs associated with the subcommittees are interwoven with the parent committee and cannot be separated. These meetings were held in closed session due to the classified discussions that occurred.

Designated Federal Officer

Derrick J Besse Designated Federal Officer

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Bingen Tytler, Kari	09/20/2021	09/19/2025	Director, Aerospace Security Project	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Blodgett, Lisa	09/20/2021	09/19/2025	Sector Head, JHU APL	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Chambers, William	09/11/2023	09/10/2027	Portfolio Lead, Institute for Defense Analyses	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Creedon, Madelyn	09/23/2021	09/22/2025	President, Green Marble Group LLC	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Finan, Sandra	09/22/2021	09/21/2025	Retired	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Frincke, Deborah	02/11/2022	02/10/2025	Associate Labs Director, SNL	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Heinrichs, Rebecca	09/22/2021	09/21/2025	Praxis Consulting LLC/Owner	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Mies, Richard	09/20/2021	09/19/2025	Retired	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Miller, Franklin	09/21/2021	09/20/2025	Principal, The Scowcroft Group	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Miller, George	09/20/2021	09/19/2025	Director Emeritus, LLNL	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Munns, Charles	09/23/2021	09/22/2025	Retired	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Roberts, Bradley	09/20/2021	09/19/2025	Director, Center for Global Security Research, LLNL	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Schake, Kori	09/30/2021	09/29/2025	Director of Foreign and Defense Policy Studies, AEI	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Weinstein, Jack	09/18/2023	01/15/2024	Professor of the Practice of International Security	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Wheeler, Robert	09/23/2021	09/22/2025	CEO, Strategic Consulting Unlimited, LLC	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Wilson, Stephen	10/07/2023	10/06/2027	Member, Board of Directors, BAE Systems Inc.	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Anastasio, Michael [Stockpile Assessment Team]	09/21/2021	09/20/2025	Director Emeritus, LANL	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Beckner, Everet [Stockpile Assessment Team]	09/22/2021	09/21/2025	Retired	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Benedict, Terry [Stockpile Assessment Team]	09/21/2021	09/20/2025	Executive Vice President, SPA	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Dunning, Michael [Stockpile Assessment Team]	10/10/2023	10/09/2027	Physicist Consultant	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Immele, John [Stockpile Assessment Team]	09/20/2021	09/19/2025	Retired	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Rottler, Jerry [Stockpile Assessment Team]	10/06/2023	10/05/2027	Deputy Director Emeritus, SNL	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 22

Narrative Description

USSTRATCOM's mission has been expanded to establish and provide full-spectrum global strike, coordinated space, information operations, and combating WMD capabilities to meet both deterrent and decisive national security objectives. Provide operational space support, integrated missile defense, global C4ISR, and specialized planning expertise to the joint warfighter. The SAG has adapted to support these new mission areas with the

establishment of panels to concentrate expertise in space, global strike, and information operations. The Stockpile Assessment Team continues to provide advice and recommendations for the nuclear war planning mission. The Science & Technology, Policy, and Intelligence Panels continue to provide support across the scope of traditional and new missions.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if
Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

NA

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cost Savings Comments

Hiring private consultants to provide this calibre of expertise would be prohibitively expensive.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

605

Number of Recommendations Comments

Recommendations are provided to the Commander, USSTRATCOM, in semi-annual plenary sessions. This number reflects recommendations for FY10, FY11, FY12, FY13, FY14, FY15, FY16, F17, FY18, FY19, FY20, FY21, FY22, and FY23 not the life of the committee. The committee was established in 1968; therefore, it would be difficult to compile the number of recommendations for the life of the committee. The committee made 68 recommendations in FY23.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

68%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

This number reflects percent of recommendations fully implemented for FY10, FY11, FY12, FY13, FY14, FY15, FY16, FY17, FY18, FY19, FY20, FY21, FY22, and FY23

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

23%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

This number reflects percent of recommendations partially implemented for FY10, FY11, FY 13, FY14, FY16, FY17, FY18, FY19, FY21, FY22, and FY23. There were no recommendations partially implemented in FY12, FY15, and FY20.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

CDR USSTRATCOM provides comments in semi-annual meetings as well a flag officer and liaison officer interaction at the panel meetings. Due to the classified nature of the

semi-annual meetings (plenaries) Closed Meeting Notices have been filed. As such, no records beyond those already filed in the FACA Data Base are available for public access.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

NA

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

NA

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

N/A