

## 2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: Department of Defense Military Family Readiness Council

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### 1. Department or Agency

Department of Defense

### 2. Fiscal Year

2024

### 3. Committee or Subcommittee

Department of Defense Military Family  
Readiness Council

### 3b. GSA

### Committee No.

41850

### 4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

### 5. Current Charter

12/13/2022 12/13/2024

### 6. Expected Renewal Date

### 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

Statutory (Congress Created)

### 12. Specific Establishment Authority

Public Law 110-181 (10  
U.S.C. § 1781a)

### 13. Effective Date

01/28/2008

### 14. Committee Type

Continuing

### 14c. Presidential?

No

### 15. Description of Committee

Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

### 16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for  
this Fiscal Year

### 17a. Open

0

### 17b. Closed

0

### 17c. Partially Closed

0

### Other Activities

0

### 17d. Total

0

### Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

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

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

Federal statute directs the committee to submit, no later than July 1st of each year, to the Secretary of Defense and the congressional defense committees a report on military family readiness. Each report, at a minimum, includes the following:

1. An assessment of the adequacy and effectiveness of the military family readiness programs and activities of the Department of Defense during the preceding fiscal year in meeting the needs and requirements of military families.
2. Recommendations on actions to be taken to improve the capability of the military

family readiness programs and activities of the Department of Defense to meet the needs and requirements of military families, including actions relating to the allocation of funding and other resources to and among such programs and activities.

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

The Council, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. § 1781a, shall be comprised of no more than 21 members appointed as follows: (a) In General.-There is in the Department of Defense the Department of Defense Military Family Readiness Council (in this section referred to as the "Council"). (b) Members.-(1) The Council shall consist of the following members: (A) The Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, who shall serve as chair of the Council and who may designate a representative to chair the council in the Under Secretary's absence. (B) The following persons, who shall be appointed or designated by the Secretary of Defense: (i) One representative of each of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Space Force, each of whom shall be a member or civilian employee of the armed force to be represented. (ii) One representative, who shall be a member or civilian employee of the National Guard Bureau, to represent both the Army National Guard and the Air National Guard. (iii) One spouse or parent of a member of each of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Space Force, two of whom shall be the spouse or parent of an active component member and two of whom shall be the spouse or parent of a reserve component member. (C) Three individuals appointed by the Secretary of Defense from among representatives of military family organizations, including military family

organizations of families of members of the regular components and of families of members of the reserve components. (D) The senior enlisted advisor from each of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Space Force, except that two of these members may instead be selected from among the spouses of the senior enlisted advisors. (E) The Director of the Office of Military Family Readiness Policy.

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

The Council is required to meet at least twice per fiscal year. During FY23, the Council held zero meetings pending final approval and processing of all required Council Members. The Department of Defense Military Family Readiness Council - Appointment Policy Decision and Member Appointments selecting Council Members was approved on March 15, 2023.

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

Federal statute (10 U.S.C. § 1781a) requires the Secretary of Defense to establish this committee.

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

Meetings are not closed to the public unless the Department of Defense 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 (i.e., the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness), and only after consultation with the Office of the Department of Defense General Counsel.

**21. Remarks**

The Military Family Readiness Council is composed of a diverse mix of uniformed and civilian DoD regular government employees, some of whom are ex-officio and some who are chosen individually by the agency head, as well as several special government employees chosen for their unique perspectives as military family members or members of military family organizations.

Beginning in January 2021, the Department of Defense began a zero-based review of all its Federal advisory committees. As part of that review, committee operations, to include meetings, were suspended. The Zero-Based Review was approved on February 3, 2022.

Preparatory work began immediately following ZBR approval; however, Council appointments were not approved until March 15, 2023, with final swearing-in and processing of all members occurring on July 27, 2023. Council meetings are being planned for FY 24.

## Designated Federal Officer

Vesen L. Thompson Designated Federal Officer

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Balocki, Mary	03/15/2023		U.S. Marine Corps Representative	Ex Officio Member
Bass, Joanne	03/15/2023		Chief Master Sergeant, U.S Air Force	Ex Officio Member
Black, Troy	03/15/2023		Sergeant Major U.S. Marine Corp	Ex Officio Member
Coltrin, Michael	03/15/2023	03/14/2025	U.S Air Force Reserves, Spouse Parent Representative	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Dailey, Holly	06/28/2023	06/27/2025	Military Support Organization, AUSA	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Honea, James	03/15/2023		Master Chief Petty Officer, U.S. Navy	Ex Officio Member

Kelly, Ericka	06/28/2023	06/27/2025	Military Support Organization, ROA	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Larry, Horace	03/15/2023		U.S. Air Force Representative	Ex Officio Member Special
Lindsey, Anlecta	06/28/2023	06/27/2025	U.S. Navy Spouse	Government Employee (SGE) Member Special
Massey, Kathleen	07/12/2023	07/11/2025	U.S. Marine Corp Spouse	Government Employee (SGE) Member
Mietus, Brett	03/15/2023		Navy Representative	Ex Officio Member
Razsadin, Shannon	06/28/2023	06/27/2025	Military Support Organization, MFAN	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Remington, Todd	03/15/2023		U.S. Space Force Representative	Ex Officio Member
Ruiz, Carlos	08/08/2023		Sergeant Major of The USMC	Ex Officio Member Special
Selix, Aimee	06/28/2023	06/27/2025	U.S. Space Force, Spouse	Government Employee (SGE) Member
Skelly, Shawn	03/15/2023		Performing Duties as The Alternate Chair	Ex Officio Member
Vazirani, Ashish	03/15/2023		DUSD (P&R)	Ex Officio Member
Vereen, Kevin	03/15/2023		U.S. Army	Ex Officio Member
Weimer, Michael	08/04/2023		Sergeant Major of The Army	Ex Officio Member
Young, Stacey	03/15/2023	03/14/2025	Director, Office of Military Family Readiness Policy	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 20**

### **Narrative Description**

In accordance with Section 1781a of Title 10, U. S. Code, the Military Family Readiness Council provides independent assessment of the adequacy and effectiveness of the military family readiness programs and activities of the Department of Defense. The Council provides recommendations on how to improve these programs and activities to the Secretary of Defense

and Congress in an annual report no later than July 1 of each year.

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

Checked if  
Applies

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

**Outcome Comments**

Other not selected.

**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**

None

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

### Number of Recommendations Comments

As no council meetings were held during FY 23, no recommendations were generated.

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

79%

### % of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

A review of all 58 recommendations since the beginning of the Council showed 46 of 58 recommendations have been implemented.

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

21%

### % of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

A full review of partially implemented recommendations will be made in 2023.

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

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

### Agency Feedback Comments

The Council provides status updates on MFRC Recommendations at follow-on open public meetings and provides information about implementation of recommendations through community outreach communications. It also works with sponsors of recommendations to develop and oversee implementation of all approved recommendations. Sponsors, DoD leaders and staff, and the public are invited to provide MFRC members with written submissions regarding the work of the Council, including recommendations and topics (focus areas) under review, throughout the year.

**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 type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Proposed legislation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Action Comments**

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

No

**Grant Review Comments**

None

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

**Access Comments**

None