

2015 Current Fiscal Year Report: Department of Defense Task Force on the Care, Management, and Transition of Recovering Wounded, Ill, and Injured Members of the Armed Forces

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1. Department or Agency		2. Fiscal Year	
Department of Defense		2015	
3. Committee or Subcommittee		3b. GSA Committee No.	
Department of Defense Task Force on the Care, Management, and Transition of Recovering Wounded, Ill, and Injured Members of the Armed Forces		73690	
4. Is this New Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	11/20/2012	11/20/2014	
8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?	8b. Specific Termination Authority		8c. Actual Term Date
Yes	section 724 of Public Law 111-84		10/27/2014
9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year	10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?	10b. Legislation Pending?	
Terminate	No	Not Applicable	
11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)			
12. Specific Establishment Authority	13. Effective Date	14. Committee Type	14c. Presidential?
section 724 of Public Law 111-84	10/28/2009	Continuing	No
15. Description of Committee Non Scientific Program Advisory Board			
16a. Total Number of Reports	No Reports for this Fiscal Year		

17a. 0 17b. Closed0 17c. Partially Closed0 Other Activities0 17d. Total0
Open

Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

	Current Next FY 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?

The Task Force shall: (a) assess the effectiveness of the policies and programs developed and implemented by the Department of Defense, and by each of the Military Departments to assist and support the care, management, and transition of recovering wounded, ill, and injured members of the Armed Forces; and (b) make

recommendations for the continuous improvements of such policies and programs. In addition, each year the Task Force shall submit its recommendations to the Secretary of Defense, and within 90 days the Secretary of Defense shall forward the Task Forces' report and the Secretary's comments to the Committees on Armed Services for the Senate and the House of Representatives.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Department of Defense determines the actual membership based upon criteria established in the advisory committee's enabling legislation (section 724 of Public Law 111-84).

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

Task Force will hold 6 committee meetings and 14 site visits for FY14.

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

The Department of Defense Task Force on the Care, Management, and Transition of Recovering Wounded, Ill, and Injured Members of the Armed Forces was directed by an Act of Congress (section 724 of Public Law 111-84).

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 Task Force is scheduled to terminate October 27, 2014. Task Force Members were initially appointed 6 January 2011 with reappointment on 27 January 2012, 19 Jan 2013. and 13th March 2014. Task Force officially chartered 18 November 2010. The charter was then renewed on 20 November 2012. The Task Force has successfully submitted to DoD reports on 3 September 2011, 3 September 2012, and 3 September 2013. There are no subcommittee members.

Designated Federal Officer

Denise F. Dailey DFO/Executive Director

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Constantine, Justin	03/13/2014	11/19/2014	Subject matter expert as a wounded veteran of service in Iraq. Marine Reserve lawyer.	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Crockett-Jones, Suzanne	09/03/2010	11/19/2014	Family member of a wounded veteran.	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
DeJong, Steven	05/17/2011	11/19/2014	United States Army National Guard	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Drach, Ronald	09/03/2010	11/19/2014	Career in the Department of Labor and Veteran Service Organizations brings experience in PTSD treatment and veteran's disability to the Task Force.	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

			US Special Operations	Regular Government
Eudy, Alex	12/06/2012	11/19/2014	Command Care Coalition Liaison Officer	Employee (RGE) Member
			Reserve representative	Regular Government
Keane, Sean	09/03/2011	11/19/2014	with the United States Marine Corps Reserves	Employee (RGE) Member
			Chief Officer for Intergovernmental Affairs in the Veterans Health Administration at Department	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Malebranche, Karen	01/27/2012	11/19/2014		
			Commanding General, U. S. Army Human Resources Command	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Mustion, Richard	12/06/2012	11/19/2014		
			Surgeon General of the U. S. Navy	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Nathan, Matthew	12/06/2012	11/19/2014		
			National Institutes of Health, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Phillips, Steven	09/03/2010	11/19/2014		
			Former National Commander of the American Legion. Subject matter expert in veterans benefits.	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Rehbein, David	09/03/2010	11/19/2014		
			JAG, United States Navy	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Sanders, Robert	03/13/2014	11/19/2014		
			Medical Professional	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Stone, Richard	03/13/2014	11/19/2014		
			United States Marine Corps WWR liaison	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Wong, Theodore	03/13/2014	11/19/2014		

Number of Committee Members Listed: 14

Narrative Description

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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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

The Task Force is providing important information about the service provided to the wounded ill and injured members of the Armed Forces.

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 Comments

It is not able to be determined at this time as there are no comparable activities.

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

87

Number of Recommendations Comments

The Advisory Committee submitted 21 recommendations during the 2010-2011 year. During the 2011-2012 year, the Advisory Committee submitted a further 35 recommendations. During the 2012-2013 year, the Advisory Committee submitted and additional 21 recommendations. The Advisory Committee issued 10 recommendations at the July 2014 business meeting which will be provided in the Annual Report being published on 2 September 2014. The Advisory Committee will have issued a total of 87 recommendations over the last four years.

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

21%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

21 Recommendations were submitted September 2nd 2011. Another 35 Recommendations were submitted September 3rd 2012. On September 3rd, 2013, an additional 21 recommendations were submitted. A total of 16 recommendations were fully implemented.

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

79%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

21 Recommendations were submitted September 2nd 2011. Another 35 Recommendations were submitted September 3rd 2012. On September 3rd, 2013, an additional 21 recommendations were submitted. A total of 61 recommendations the Task Force continues to follow or continues to address. This also includes those recommendations of non-concurrence by DoD.

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

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

Secretary of Defense is required to provide a 90 day evaluation and a 180 day implementation plan for the task force recommendations. These documents are submitted to the Congressional Oversight committees.

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

Action Comments

In addition to standardizing care and promoting parity across the Services, written policy marshals resources, facilitates information flow between DoD and the Services, and reduces redundancies. DoD's effort in publishing new regulations in response to the task force recommendations helps them reorganize priorities, reallocate resources, and results in less need for legislative intervention.

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

No

Grant Review Comments

The Task Force does not do grants review.

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



Other



Access Comments

The Task Force engages in significant outreach to include stakeholders.