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The National Commission on the Structure of the Air Force First Public Meeting

Washington, D.C. The National Commission on the Structure of the Air Force will hold its first public hearing Tuesday, June 4th, 2013 in the Rayburn House Office Building.

President Obama and the chairmen and ranking members of both Armed Services Committees recently appointed eight members to serve on the Commission. The 2013 National Defense Authorization Act directed the establishment of this commission.

The Honorable Dennis M. McCarthy, Marine Corps Lieutenant General, (Ret) is the Commission's chairman and the Honorable Erin Conaton is the vice chair. The other Commission members are: F. Whitten Peters; Les Brownlee; Air Force General, (Ret) Raymond Johns, Jr.; Lieutenant General, Air National Guard (Ret) Harry M. "Bud" Wyatt, III, Dr. Janine Davidson; and Dr. Margaret Harrell.

Dr. James A. Blackwell has been appointed Executive Director. The Department of Defense sponsor is Mr. Michael L. Rhodes. Director of Administration and Management.

The Commission will conduct a comprehensive study of Air Force's structure to determine if and how the structure should be modified to best fill current and future mission requirements with available resources. The first public hearing will be June 4th, 2013 in the Rayburn House Office Building. The Commission's report to the President and Congress is due February 1, 2014.

The Commission will consider whether the Air Force:

- Meets current and anticipated requirements of the combatant commands;
- Achieves an appropriate balance between the regular and reserve components, taking advantage of the unique strengths and capabilities of each;
- Ensures that the regular and reserve components have the capacity to support current and future homeland defense and disaster assistance missions in the United States;
- Provides a sufficient numbers of regular members to provide a base of trained personnel from which reserve components could be recruited;
- Maintains a peacetime rotation force to support operational tempo goals of 1:2 for regular members and 1:5 for reserve members
- Maximizes and appropriately balances affordability, efficiency, effectiveness, capability, and readiness.

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