

to use absentee registration procedures and to vote by absentee ballot in general, special, primary, and runoff elections for Federal offices. The Act covers members of the Uniformed Services and the merchant marine to include the commissioned corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and Public Health Service, and their eligible dependents, Federal civilian employees overseas, and overseas U.S. citizens not affiliated with the Federal Government. FVAP conducts the post-election survey on a statistically random basis to determine participation rates that are representative of all citizens covered by the Act, measure State-Federal cooperation, and evaluate the effectiveness of the overall absentee voting program. The information collected is used for overall program evaluation, management and improvement, and to compile the congressionally mandated report to the President and Congress.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Board of Visitors Meeting

**AGENCY:** Defense Acquisition University, DoD.

**ACTION:** Board of Visitors meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The next meeting of the Defense Acquisition University (DAU) Board of Visitors (BoV) will be held at Defense Acquisition University, Fort Belvoir, VA. The purpose of this meeting is to report back to the BoV on continuing items of interest.

**DATES:** May 5, 2004 from 0900-1500.

**ADDRESSES:** Packard Conference Center, Defense Acquisition University, Bldg. 184, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Christen Goulding at 703-805-5133.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting is open to the public; however, because of space limitations, allocation of seating will be made on a first-come, first served basis. Persons desiring to attend the meeting should call Ms. Christen Goulding at (703) 805-5133.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Strategic Advisory Group Meeting of the U.S. Strategic Command

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense, USSTRATCOM.

**ACTION:** Notice of closed meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Strategic Advisory Group (SAG) will meet in a closed session on April 22 and 23, 2003. The mission of the SAG is to provide timely advice on scientific, technical, intelligence, and policy-related issues to the Commander, U.S. Strategic Command during the development of the Nation's war plans. Full development of the topics will require discussion of information classified in accordance with Executive Order 12958, dated April 17, 1995. Access to this information must be strictly limited to personnel having the requisite security clearances and specific need-to-know. Unauthorized disclosure of the information to be discussed at the SAG meeting could have exceptionally grave impact on national defense.

In accordance with section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C., section 552b(c)), this meeting will be closed.

**DATES:** April 22 and 23, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** USSTRATCOM, 901 SAC Boulevard, Suite 1F7, Offutt Air Force Base, NE 68113-6030.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Connie Druskis, SAG, (402) 294-4102.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Jerome Mahar, Joint Staff, (703) 614-6465.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Navy

#### Meeting of the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Executive Panel

**AGENCY:** Department of the Navy, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of closed meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The CNO Executive Panel Expeditionary Strike Study Group will provide consensus advice to the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO). The meeting is a directed follow-up report to the CNO regarding the Study Group's advice and recommendations delivered in a December 5, 2003, closed meeting. The meeting will consist of discussions relating to appraisals of expeditionary strike capabilities within the context of broader U.S. national capabilities and strategic planning.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Friday, April 2, 2004, from 11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Chief of Naval Operations office, Room 4E542, 2000 Navy Pentagon, Washington, DC 20350-2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Commander Kevin Wilson, CNO Executive Panel, 4825 Mark Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22311, (703) 681-4906.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2), these matters constitute classified information that is specifically authorized by Executive Order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense and are, in fact, properly classified pursuant to such Executive Order.

Accordingly, the Secretary of the Navy has determined in writing that the public interest requires that all sessions of the meeting be closed to the public because they will be concerned with matters listed in section 552b(c)(1) of title 5, United States Code.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Navy

#### Meeting of the Naval Research Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Department of the Navy, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of closed meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Naval Research Advisory Committee (NRAC) Panel on Venture Capital Technology met to identify emerging standards and technologies in the technology sector that the Department of the Navy should incorporate in its technology roadmap