

2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: United States Military Academy Board of Visitors

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Defense

2. Fiscal Year

2024

3. Committee or Subcommittee

United States Military Academy Board
of Visitors

3b. GSA

Committee No.

75

4. Is this New Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

11/10/2022

6. Expected Renewal Date

11/10/2024

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

10 U.S.C. § 7455
rescission

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

Secretary of War James

Monroe determination; 10

U.S.C. § 7455

13. Effective Date

02/28/1815

14. Committee Type

Continuing Yes

14c. Presidential?

15. Description of Committee Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for
this Fiscal Year

17a. Open

2

17b. Closed 0

17c. Partially Closed 0

Other Activities 0

17d. Total 2

Meetings and Dates

Purpose

Start

End

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 2

	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?

The Board of Visitors (BoV) serves in an advisory capacity to the United States Military Academy (USMA) at West Point. Upon request and aligned with a standard schedule (synched with the academic year) the BoV USMA is updated such areas as: cadet quality of life issues; infrastructure revitalization, academic programs, military and physical programs, character development, energy program, intercollegiate athletics, admissions, and the West Point Leader

Development System. The BoV USMA is informed and updated on all activities at USMA.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The BoV USMA, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. § 7455(a), shall be constituted annually and composed of 15 members. The Board membership shall include: a. The Chair of the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate, or designee; b. Three other members of the Senate designated by the Vice President or the President pro tempore of the Senate, two of whom are members of the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate; c. The Chair of the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives, or designee; d. Four other members of the House of Representatives designated by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, two of whom are members of the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives; and e. Six persons designated by the President. Pursuant to 10 U.S.C. § 7455(b) and (c), BoV USMA members designated by the President shall serve for three years each, except that any member whose term of office has expired shall continue to serve until a successor is appointed. The President shall designate two persons each year to succeed the members whose terms expire that year. If a member of the BoV USMA dies or resigns, a successor shall be designated for the unexpired portion of the term by the official who designated the member.

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

The BoV USMA normally holds meetings three times a year. In FY 23, three meetings were scheduled, two at West Point and one in Washington, DC.

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

Federal statute (10 U.S.C. 7455) 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 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 Secretary of the Army, and only after consultation with the Office of General Counsel for the Department of the Army.

21. Remarks

In accordance with the BoV USMA Charter the estimated number of meetings per year is two (2). In FY23 three (3) meetings were scheduled, and three (3) were held. The U.S. Military Academy continuously updates the BoV USMA throughout the year regarding issues within its jurisdiction, so there is no gap in either overview or reporting. Recommendations from the three meetings held, include continuing the Character Integration Advisory Group's work to develop a culture of character, continue upgrading USMA's infrastructure and facilities; continue monitoring the impact of COVID19 on educating and training; promote respect and inclusiveness in the classroom; continue to prevent sexual harassment and assault; ensure USMA is reaccredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE). The 2021 Annual Report was completed and submitted to Congressional Board Members for signature. All available signatures have been received and the 2021 Annual Report

will be published. The 2022 Annual Report was completed, however it requires additional review prior to being submitted for signatures.

Designated Federal Officer

Deadra K Ghostlaw Designated Federal Officer,
USMA Board of Visitors

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Alvandia, Roderick	07/01/2022	12/30/2024	Veteran's Affairs; Attorney	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Davidson, Warren	03/29/2019	12/31/2024	US Representative	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Duckworth, Tammy	03/27/2019	12/31/2028	US Senator	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Ernst, Joni	03/08/2023	12/31/2026	US Senator	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Fenwick, Leslie	07/01/2022	12/30/2024	Leadership studies; Education Policy; lecturer	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Green, Mark	03/15/2021	12/31/2024	Member of Congress/Representative	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Hagel, Charles	07/22/2022	12/30/2025	Military Affairs, Former US Senator; Former SECDEF	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Irons, Susan	07/01/2022	12/30/2025	Veteran's Affairs; USMA Grad; WPAOG Advisory Council	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member

Manchin, Joe	03/19/2018	12/31/2024	United States Senator	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Moran, Jerry	06/28/2017	12/31/2028	U.S. Senator	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Ryan, Patrick	05/11/2023	12/31/2024	Congressional/US Representative; USMA Grad	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Sabater, Juan	07/01/2022	12/30/2023	Charitable Organizations, Private Equity	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
West, Nadja	07/01/2022	12/30/2023	USMA Grad; Former Army Surgeon General; Family Medicine	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Womack, Steve	02/01/2012	12/31/2024	US Representative	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 14

Narrative Description

The BoV USMA provides oversight on all mission related tasks of the United States Military Academy. Their primary focus is on quality of the Academic, Physical, Character, Military Programs, and fiscal affairs at West Point, which enables the highest quality graduate and commissioned officer leader of character in our Army.

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

Checked if
Applies

Improvements to health or safety



Trust in government



Major policy changes



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|---|-------------------------------------|
| Advance in scientific research | <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Outcome Comments

Not Applicable

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

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|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 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

The BoV USMA was established to provide advice and recommendations on the academic programs at USMA to better improve the efficacy of operations at the Academy. Cost savings is not a primary objective for the BoV USMA, instead, the focus is on enabling improved education for the both the Department of the Army and Department of Defense. Cost savings is difficult to identify and quantify in costs, however, more efficient and effective USMA operations may realize cost avoidance or savings.

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

103

Number of Recommendations Comments

In the past several years the BoV USMA has focused on 10 or less major recommendations, and has listed these recommendations in the BoV USMA's Annual

report to the President of the United States. USMA responds to these recommendations at each meeting and annually in the report. The BoV USMA then evaluates USMA's response to all recommendations. During FY2022, the BoV USMA made 3 recommendations to USMA. In FY2023, the BoV USMA made 3 recommendations to USMA.

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

75%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

In a few instances, information requested by the BoV USMA was not provided during the calendar year.

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

25%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

Information requested by the BoV USMA and not provided during the calendar year was provided at a later date in order to ensure accuracy of reporting.

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

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

USMA feedback is part of the Annual Report to the President. Additionally, the USMA BoV receives updates from Academy leadership at each meeting and in information papers upon request at other times 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 type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other

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Action Comments

Not Applicable

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

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Online Agency Web Site

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Online Committee Web Site

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Online GSA FACA Web Site

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Publications

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Other

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Access Comments

The USMA BoV Annual reports are sent to the Library of Congress after Presidential Review. There is a USMA BoV website which provides information regarding the Board's membership, rules & regulations and announces upcoming meetings.