

# 2026 Current Fiscal Year Report: U.S. Strategic Command Strategic Advisory Group

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<b>1. Department or Agency</b>	<b>2. Fiscal Year</b>
Department of Defense	2026
<b>3. Committee or Subcommittee</b>	<b>3b. GSA Committee No.</b>
U.S. Strategic Command Strategic Advisory Group	441

<b>4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?</b>	<b>5. Current Charter</b>	<b>6. Expected Renewal Date</b>	<b>7. Expected Term Date</b>
No	05/29/2026	05/29/2028	

<b>8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?</b>	<b>8b. Specific Termination Authority</b>	<b>8c. Actual Term Date</b>
No		

<b>9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year</b>	<b>10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?</b>	<b>10b. Legislation Pending?</b>
Continue	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

**11. Establishment Authority** Agency Authority

<b>12. Specific Establishment Authority</b>	<b>13. Effective Date</b>	<b>14. Committee Type</b>	<b>14c. Presidential?</b>
Secretary of Defense Determination	01/05/1968	Continuing	No

**15. Description of Committee** Scientific Technical 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

	<b>Current</b>	<b>Next</b>
	<b>FY</b>	<b>FY</b>
<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. Administrative Costs (FRNs, contractor support, In-person/hybrid/virtual meetings)</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18d. Other (all other funds not captured by any other cost category)</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18e. Total Costs</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?**

During Fiscal Year 2025, the United States Strategic Command (USSTRATCOM) Strategic Advisory Group (SAG) did not meet the objectives stated in its charter by providing scientific, technical, intelligence, and policy-related advice across a wide spectrum of topics affecting the development and maintenance of the national

nuclear war plan. The SAG did have a Fall Committee meeting held on October 2 of 2024, however the Spring Committee meeting was cancelled due to the termination of most Department of Defense (DoD) Federal Advisory Committee membership directed by the Secretary of Defense. In response to Presidential taskings, the SAG's Stockpile Assessment Team completed its annual, in-depth examination of the condition of the nation's nuclear weapons stockpile. The Commander, USSTRATCOM, sponsored the conference to better assess the safety and reliability of the Nation's stockpile, and to assess the effects of aging and necessary modifications on the development of the national nuclear war plan. Having done this, the Commander, USSTRATCOM, was able to advise the Secretary of Defense on his confidence in the safety and reliability of the stockpile, and its ability to meet deterrence requirements. During the Committee Meeting session, held at Offutt Air Force Base, the group and select USSTRATCOM staff both received and provided input to the SAG in a variety of areas.

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

SAG membership consists of nationally-renowned civilian and military analysts and scientists who are actively engaged in scientific or analytical fields associated with nuclear weapons effects; weapons systems vulnerabilities; national command, control and communications; or other important aspects of strategic war-fighting systems. Candidates are carefully selected for SAG membership to ensure they represent those segments of the scientific, technical, or defense community in which they work. This affords the Commander, USSTRATCOM, multiple and

divergent points of view on issues affecting strategic war planning.

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

The SAG convenes for semi-annual Committee Meeting sessions at Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska but due to the termination of most DoD Federal Advisory Committee membership, the SAG was only able to complete the 110th Strategic Advisory Group Committee Meeting on October 2, 2024. The 111th Strategic Advisory Group Committee Meeting scheduled for 2-3 April 2025 was canceled per direction of the Secretary of Defense. Deliberations during these sessions focus on the key issues and findings of the SAG and selected staff presentations. The SAG investigates and assesses evolving intelligence collections technologies; strategic weapons technologies; the survivability, offensive/defensive integration, and connectivity of the strategic war planning process; the impact of policy changes on the ability of the Nation's strategic war plans to satisfy national security objectives; and information security. The SAG reports the results of their research to the Commander, USSTRATCOM, during duly convened SAG Committee Meetings. The SAG represents an important link between USSTRATCOM and both the civilian and government scientific and technical communities and provides invaluable advice to the Commander, USSTRATCOM, on technical issues having a direct impact on the development of the national nuclear war plan. As such, the SAG should continue to provide its vital contributions toward enhancing the U.S. strategic war fighting plans.

### **20d. Why can't the advice or information this**

**committee provides be obtained elsewhere?**

The Secretary of Defense has determined that no other DoD advisory committee can provide the independent advice provided by the SAG on matters concerning the USSTRATCOM mission.

**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 Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and only after consultation with the Chairman's Legal Advisor.

**21. Remarks**

Advice and recommendations are provided to the Commander, USSTRATCOM, in semi-annual, face-to-face Committee Meeting sessions. The Minutes of the 110th Strategic Advisory Group Committee Meeting, October 2, 2024, are uploaded in the FACA database. A copy is retained and archived in USSTRATCOM/J030.

The costs associated with the subcommittees are interwoven with the parent committee and cannot be separated. These meetings were held in closed session due to the classified discussions that occurred. The 111th Strategic Advisory Group Committee Meeting scheduled for 2-3 April 2025 was canceled due to the termination of most DoD Federal Advisory Committee membership directed by the Secretary of Defense.

**Designated Federal Officer**

Derrick J Besse Designated Federal Officer

### **Narrative Description**

USSTRATCOM deters strategic attack through a safe, secure, effective, and credible, global combat capability and, when directed, is ready to prevail in conflict. USSTRATCOM is a global warfighting command committed, as part of a global team of allies and partners, to maintaining strategic deterrence across the spectrum of competition and conflict. USSTRATCOM achieves its mission through a focus on people, readiness, and capabilities. The SAG has adapted to support these mission areas with the establishment of working groups to concentrate expertise in Intelligence; Science, Technology and Transformation; Strategy and Policy; Mission Assessment, and Stockpile Assessment.

### **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 type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

### **Outcome Comments**

NA

### **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**

Hiring private consultants to provide this calibre of expertise would be prohibitively expensive.

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

728

**Number of Recommendations Comments**

Recommendations are provided to the Commander, USSTRATCOM, in semi-annual Committee Meeting sessions. This number reflects recommendations for FY10, FY11, FY12, FY13, FY14, FY15, FY16, F17, FY18, FY19, FY21, FY22, FY23, FY24, and FY25, not the life of the committee. The committee was established in 1968; therefore, it would be difficult to compile the number of recommendations for the life of the committee. The committee made 44 recommendations in FY25.

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

68%

**% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

This number reflects percent of recommendations fully implemented for FY10, FY11, FY12, FY13, FY14, FY15, FY16, FY17, FY18, FY19, FY21, FY22, FY23, FY24, and FY25.

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

23%

**% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

This number reflects percent of recommendations partially implemented for FY10, FY11, FY 13, FY14, FY16, FY17, FY18, FY19, FY21, FY22, FY23, FY24, and FY25.

**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 Commander, USSTRATCOM provides comments in semi-annual meetings as well as a flag officer and liaison officer interaction at the panel meetings. Due to the classified nature of the semi-annual meetings (Committee Meetings) Closed Meeting Notices have been filed. As such, no records beyond those already filed in the FACA Database are available for public access.

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

**Action Comments**

NA

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

**Access Comments**

N/A