

2019 Current Fiscal Year Report: U.S. Strategic Command Strategic Advisory Group

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1. Department or Agency		2. Fiscal Year	
Department of Defense		2019	
3. Committee or Subcommittee		3b. GSA Committee No.	
U.S. Strategic Command Strategic Advisory Group		441	
4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	05/31/2018	05/31/2020	
8a. Was Terminated During FiscalYear?	8b. Specific Termination Authority	8c. Actual Term Date	
No			
9. Agency Recommendation for Next FiscalYear	10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?	10b. Legislation Pending?	
Continue	No	Not Applicable	
11. Establishment Authority	Agency Authority		
12. Specific Establishment Authority	13. Effective Date	14. Committee Type	14c. Presidential?
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 FiscalYear		
17a. Open Meetings and Dates	17b. Closed Meetings and Dates	17c. Partially Closed Meetings and Dates	Other Activities
No Meetings	0	0	0

	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?

During Fiscal Year 2018, the United States Strategic Command (USSTRATCOM) Strategic Advisory Group (SAG) met 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. 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 two Plenary sessions, both held at Offutt AFB, the group and select USSTRATCOM staff both received and provided input to the SAG in a variety of areas. The SAG reviewed their taskings from the Commander, USSTRATCOM, updated their progress, and made appropriate changes. This forum allowed for the interchange of information between the members and the staff and provided the opportunity to brainstorm possibilities which may not have been previously considered viable.

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 plenary sessions at Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska. 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 plenaries. 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 plenary sessions. The Minutes of the 98th Strategic Advisory Group Plenary, 17-18 October 2017, and 99th Strategic Advisory Group Plenary, 10-11 May 2018, contain classified material. 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. Department of Defense (DoD) policy between fiscal year 2007 and 2011 required that subcommittee members be listed separately in the subcommittee section of GSA's Database, even if they were duly appointed members of the parent committee. This policy, in some instances, caused a duplication of entries. Beginning in fiscal year 2012, DoD will only list in the subcommittee section of GSA's Database those who are appointed to just a subcommittee. If an individual is appointed to the parent committee and to one of the committee's authorized subcommittees then his or her subcommittee affiliation will be reflected in the parent committee membership section of GSA's Database.

Designated Federal Officer

John L Trefz Designated Federal Officer

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
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Frost, David	06/11/2017	06/10/2021	Consultant	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Hall, Keith	06/11/2017	06/10/2021	Consultant	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Inglis, John	11/17/2015	11/16/2019	US Naval Academy	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Mies, Richard	02/28/2012	02/27/2020	CEO and President, The Mies Group, Ltd.	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Muellner, George	05/13/2016	02/11/2019	Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees, The Aerospace Corp	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Munns, Charles	02/03/2011	02/02/2019	Consultant	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Nanos, Peter	06/12/2017	06/11/2021	John Hopkins Univ	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Roberts, Bradley	11/17/2015	11/16/2019	Lawrence Livermore Nat'l Lab	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Selden, Robert	05/13/2016	05/12/2020	Associate Director (Retired), Los Alamos National Laboratory	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 9

Narrative Description

USSTRATCOM's mission has been expanded to establish and provide full-spectrum global strike, coordinated space, information operations, and combating WMD capabilities to meet both deterrent and decisive national security objectives. Provide operational space support, integrated missile defense, global C4ISR, and specialized planning expertise to the joint warfighter. The SAG has adapted to support these new mission areas with the establishment of panels to concentrate expertise in space, global strike, and information operations. The Stockpile Assessment Team continues to provide advice and recommendations for the nuclear war planning mission. The Science & Technology, Policy, and Intelligence Panels continue to provide support across the scope of traditional and new missions.

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
- Advance in scientific research
- Effective grant making
- Improved service delivery
- Increased customer satisfaction
- Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements
- Other

Outcome Comments

NA

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

- None
- Unable to Determine
- Under \$100,000
- \$100,000 - \$500,000
- \$500,001 - \$1,000,000
- \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000
- \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000
- Over \$10,000,000
- Cost Savings Other

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?

451

Number of Recommendations Comments

Recommendations are provided to the Commander, USSTRATCOM, in semi-annual plenary sessions. This number reflects recommendations for FY10, FY11, FY12, FY13, FY14, FY15, FY16, F17, and FY18 not the life of the committee. The committee was established in 1968; therefore, it would be difficult to compile the number of recommendaitons for the life of the committee.

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 and FY18.

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 and FY18. There were no recommendations partially implemented in FY12 and FY15.

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

Yes No Not Applicable

Agency Feedback Comments

CDR USSTRATCOM provides comments in semi-annual meetings as well a flag officer and liaison officer interaction at the panel meetings.

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

Online Agency Web Site
Online Committee Web Site
Online GSA FACA Web Site
Publications
Other

Access Comments

N/A