

## 2025 Current Fiscal Year Report: U.S. Strategic Command Strategic Advisory Group

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### 1. Department or Agency

Department of Defense

### 2. Fiscal Year

2025

### 3. Committee or Subcommittee

U.S. Strategic Command Strategic  
Advisory Group

### 3b. GSA

### Committee No.

441

### 4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

### 5. Current Charter

05/31/2024 05/31/2026

### 6. Expected Renewal Date

### 7. Expected Term Date

### 8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

### 8b. Specific Termination Authority

### 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

Agency Authority

### 12. Specific Establishment Authority

Secretary of Defense  
Determination

### 13. Effective Date

01/05/1968

### 14. Committee Type

Continuing

### 14c. Presidential?

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 1

17c. Partially Closed 0

Other Activities 0

17d. Total 1

### Meetings and Dates

Purpose

Start

End

The purpose of the meeting is to provide advice and recommendations on scientific, technical, intelligence, and policy-related issues to the Commander, U.S. Strategic Command. 10/02/2024 - 10/02/2024

**Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 1**

	<b>Current FY</b>	<b>Next 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 2024, 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 Committee Meeting 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 Committee Meeting 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 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 108th Strategic Advisory Group Committee Meeting, 25-26 October 2023, and 109th Strategic Advisory Group Committee Meeting, 10-11 April 2024, 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.

**Designated Federal Officer**

Derrick J Besse Designated Federal Officer

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Anastasio, Michael	07/18/2024	04/25/2025	Director Emeritus, LANL	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Bingen Tytler, Kari	09/20/2021	04/25/2025	Director, Aerospace Security Project	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Blodgett, Lisa	09/20/2021	04/25/2025	Sector Head, JHU APL	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Chambers, William	09/11/2023	04/25/2025	Portfolio Lead, Institute for Defense Analyses	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Creedon, Madelyn	09/23/2021	04/25/2025	President, Green Marble Group LLC	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Finan, Sandra	09/22/2021	04/25/2025	Retired	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Frincke, Deborah	02/11/2022	04/25/2025	Associate Labs Director, SNL	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Heinrichs, Rebecca	09/22/2021	09/21/2025	Praxis Consulting LLC/Owner	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Mies, Richard	09/20/2021	04/25/2025	Retired	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Miller, Franklin	09/21/2021	04/25/2025	Principal, The Scowcroft Group	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Miller, George	09/21/2021	04/25/2025	Director Emeritus, LLNL	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Munns, Charles	09/23/2021	04/25/2025	Retired	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Roberts, Bradley	09/20/2021	04/25/2025	Director, Center for Global Security Research, LLNL	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Schake, Kori	09/29/2021	04/25/2025	Director of Foreign and Defense Policy Studies, AEI	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Wheeler, Robert	09/23/2021	04/25/2025	CEO, Strategic Consulting Unlimited, LLC	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Wilson, Stephen	10/07/2023	04/25/2025	Member, Board of Directors, BAE Systems Inc.	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Beckner, Everet [Stockpile Assessment Team]	09/21/2021	11/22/2024	Retired	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Benedict, Terry [Stockpile Assessment Team]	09/20/2021	04/25/2025	Executive Vice President, SPA	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Dunning, Michael [Stockpile Assessment Team]	10/10/2023	04/25/2025	Physicist Consultant	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Immele, John [Stockpile Assessment Team]	09/20/2021	04/25/2025	Retired	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Rottler, Jerry [Stockpile Assessment Team]	10/06/2023	04/25/2025	Deputy Director Emeritus, SNL	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 21**

### **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



### **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?**

692

### **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, and FY24, 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 79 recommendations in FY24.

**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, and FY24.

**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, and FY24.

**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. 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 Data Base 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