

## 2006 Current Fiscal Year Report: Armed Forces Epidemiological Board

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### 1. Department or Agency

Department of Defense

### 2. Fiscal Year

2006

### 3. Committee or Subcommittee

Armed Forces Epidemiological  
Board

### 3b. GSA Committee No.

386

### 4. Is this New During Fiscal Year? 5. Current Charter 6. Expected Renewal Date 7. Expected Term Date

No 03/02/2006 03/02/2008 03/01/2008

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

Yes

### 8b. Specific Termination Authority

Secretary of Defense

### 8c. Actual Term Date

09/30/2006

### 9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Terminate

### 10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

No

### 10b. Legislation Pending?

### 11. Establishment Authority Agency Authority

### 12. Specific Establishment Authority

Secretary of Defense  
Determination

### 13. Effective Date

01/03/1973

### 14. Committee Type

Continuing

### 14c. Presidential?

No

### 15. Description of Committee Scientific Technical Program Advisory Board

### 16a. Total Number of Reports 5

### 16b. Report Date Report Title

12/19/2005 Chlamydia Screening of New Military  
Accessions

12/19/2005 Mandatory Influenza Vaccination for  
all DoD Health Care Workers

07/13/2006 Low Dose Nerve Agent Exposure  
and Brain Cancer - 2006-01

DoD Pandemic Influenza

07/18/2006 Preparedness - AFEB Select

Subcommittee Recommendations

08/11/2006 Traumatic Brain Injury in Military  
Service Members - 2006-02

**Number of Committee Reports Listed: 5**

**17a. Open 3 17b. Closed 5 17c. Partially Closed 2 Other Activities 2 17d. Total 12**

**Meetings and Dates**

Purpose	Start	End
The December 6-7 2005 AFEB meeting, sponsored by Womack Army Medical Center, Fort Bragg, North Carolina was held at the Pope Club, Pope Air Force Base, NC. Colonel Ronald Maul, Commander, Womack Army Medical Center welcomed the Board and provided a briefing on Womack and the Fort Bragg mission. Two questions were presented to the Board. The first dealt with the occupational and environmental health implications of a recent published report on brain cancer risk and low-dose Sarin exposure. Based on concerns raised by the US Army Chemical Materials Agency, the Board was asked to review/comment on newly published literature regarding human health risks from very low-level short-term chemical munitions exposure and assess the Agency's occupational and environmental programs. The Board received briefings from the author of the peer-review article in		

question and extensive information on the Army's occupational and environmental protection programs for chemical munitions destruction.

The Board was also briefed on a recently completed Institute of Medicine review of the human health effects of Sarin exposure and DoD's efforts in Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear (CBRN) protection. An AFEB response to the question is expected in approximately 90 days.

The second question dealt with military trainee health surveillance. The Air Force Surgeon General requested that the Board review/consider current DoD trainee health surveillance processes to determine their sufficiency and recommend enhancements if needed. The Board received briefings from each military service outlining current trainee health surveillance activities and research.

12/06/2005 - 12/07/2005

The Accession Medical Standards Analysis and Research Activity briefed on how trainee health information is being used to improve screening practices for new accessions and future collaborative opportunities. The question was referred to the AFEB Health Promotion & Maintenance Subcommittee for deliberation. The Board also received briefings on pandemic influenza preparedness,

tuberculosis, the  
adenovirus vaccine  
development program,  
and DoD injuries. A  
presentation on  
paratrooper ankle injury  
intervention provided an  
excellent case study of  
how epidemiological  
surveillance is used to  
identify an important  
health problem, test  
interventions, and  
ultimately validate the  
effectiveness of control  
measure in a field  
environment. A panel of  
physician assistants  
assigned to Fort Bragg  
Battalion Aid Station  
(BAS) provided the  
Board with first hand  
insight into health issues  
affecting service  
members. A tour of Fort  
Bragg provided the  
Board with an  
opportunity to better  
understand the mission  
of the 86th Air Borne  
Division. The next AFEB

meeting will be on  
March 7-8, 2006 at the  
Fort Detrick, Maryland.

The AFEB met on  
March 7 and 8, 2006 at  
Fort Detrick, Fredrick,  
Maryland. On March 7  
from 8:15 AM to 12:00  
PM and from 1:15 PM to  
5:00 PM, closed  
sessions were  
conducted at Strough  
Auditorium and the  
United States Army  
Medical Research  
Institute for Infectious  
Disease respectively.  
During the 8:15 AM to  
12:00 PM session the  
AFEB discussed  
classified issues  
pertaining to the current  
DoD biological warfare  
countermeasure  
including a review of the  
Chairman's Threat List.  
From 1:15 to 5:00 pm  
the AFEB discussed  
traumatic brain injury  
and the implications of  
blast events on the  
health on military  
service members.  
Medically actionable  
information from a  
combat theater was  
presented during this  
session. During the  
morning session, Dr.  
Mary Parker,  
Intelligence Officer,  
Armed Forces Medical  
Intelligence Center,  
briefed the Board on  
pharmaceutical issues  
to related to avian  
influenza. Dr. Robert  
Schwarzhoff, Senior,  
Intelligence Officer,  
Biological Warfare  
Assessment Division,  
Defense Intelligence  
Agency, Bolling Air  
Force Base, Washington  
D.C. briefed the Board  
on the biological warfare  
threat list as validated  
by the Chairman, Joint

Chiefs of Staff. The list identifies those countries that have a research and interest in developing specific agents, have developed specific agents, or have weaponized specific agents. Colonel Stephen Berte presented to the Board on the Chemical Biological Medical Systems Program. Colonel John Skvorak informed the AFEB on the Medical Biodefense Research Program. During the afternoon session, Colonel Geoffrey Ling from the Defense Advanced Research Development Agency (DARPA) briefed the Board on blast mitigation research, Colonel Michael Brumage provided a combat surgeon's perspective on traumatic brain injury, and Colonel Leon Moores an Army neurosurgeon discussed the clinical implications severe traumatic brain injury and combat health research. Dr. Robert Cantu, Medical Director National Center for Catastrophic Sports Injury Research, briefed the AFEB on acute traumatic brain injury assessment and secondary prevention and Dr. Deborah Warden, Director DoD/VA Brain Injury Center provided data on deployment related traumatic brain injury. On May 23, 2006 during open session, AFEB deliberated the information received from the March 7 closed session. A letter recommendation written

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to the Assistant  
Secretary of Defense for  
Health Affairs  
recommending that DoD  
take a systematic

approach to traumatic  
brain injury prevention  
and clinical care.

The March 7-8 2006,  
AFEB meeting, hosted  
by the Armed Forces  
Medical Intelligence  
Center (AFMIC), United  
States Army Medical  
Research and Materiel  
Command USA MRMC)  
and the United States  
Army Medical Research  
Institute for Infectious  
Disease (USAMRIID),  
was held at the Fort  
Detrick, MD. Colonel  
Anthony Rizzo, AFMIC  
Commander, welcomed  
the Board to the  
classified session and  
Col John Skvorak  
provided the welcome  
by USAMRIID to the  
other business sessions.  
Approximately 100  
individuals attended,  
including 18 of the 22  
current Board members  
and consultants. A total  
of 5.25 Continuing  
Medical Education  
credits for this meeting.  
Ms. Ellen Embrey,  
Deputy Assistant  
Secretary of Defense for  
Force Health Protection  
and Readiness, served  
as the Designated  
Federal Officer. The  
AFEB is tasked by DoD  
Directive 6205.3, DoD  
Immunization Program  
for Biological Warfare  
Defense, to annually  
provide  
recommendations the  
Assistant Secretary of  
Defense for Health  
Affairs regarding  
biowarfare  
countermeasures. The  
Board met in closed  
classified session to  
obtain the information  
needed to deliberate the  
issue. Briefings on the  
current biowarfare

threat, biowarfare  
countermeasure  
research, and progress  
toward advanced  
development of  
bioweapon  
countermeasures were  
receive. The Board  
received a series of  
briefings and a panel  
discussion on traumatic  
brain injury (TBI) during  
closed session. Briefers  
presented information  
on the epidemiology and  
risks for TBI in an  
operational setting,  
methods for determining  
fitness to return to duty  
following a TBI event,  
blast mitigation  
research, and clinical  
treatment of severe TBI.  
Members of the Board  
expressed the opinion  
that TBI is a significant  
health and readiness  
threat to US war fighters  
and that further research  
is needed to full  
determine the scope of  
the problem, the long  
term consequences of  
blast related TBI, and  
effective primary,  
secondary and tertiary  
prevention measures.  
Further AFEB  
deliberation on TBI was  
referred to the  
Occupational and  
Environmental Health  
Subcommittee. The  
Board also received  
briefings on the current  
status of influenza in  
DoD, pandemic  
influenza preparedness,  
and new DoD preventive  
health assessment  
policy. A briefing on the  
status of the DoD  
electronic medical  
record and its  
associated electron data  
mart, was well received  
by the Board members.  
Board members also

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received ethics training  
to meet annual  
requirements. The next  
AFEB meeting will be on

May 23-24, 2006,  
hosted by Tripler AMC,  
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The AFEB met on May  
23 and 24, 2006 at the  
Honolulu Hawaii for a  
meeting hosted by  
Tripler Army Medical  
Center. On May 23,  
three briefings were  
conducted in closed  
session to provide the  
AFEB with classified  
and FOUO medically  
actionable information  
from a combat theatre  
and information relating  
to biowarfare  
countermeasures.

Commander Craig  
Mallack, the Armed  
Forces Medical  
Examiner briefed AFEB  
on drug related deaths  
among military service  
members. Major  
Kimberly Perkins,  
Headquarters Army  
Dental Command,  
provided the Board with  
information pertaining to  
deployment related  
facial trauma. Lieutenant  
Colonel Mark  
Bohannon, Joint  
Requirements Office for  
Chemical, Biological,  
Radiological and  
Nuclear Defense,  
discussed the  
Department's research  
and development  
prioritization process for  
biowarfare  
countermeasures

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The May 23-24 2006,  
AFEB meeting, hosted  
by the Tripler Army  
Medical Center, (AMC)  
was held at the  
Renaissance Ilikai  
Waikiki Hotel, Honolulu,  
Hawaii Colonel Derrick  
Ziegler, Tripler AMC  
Chief of Staff, welcomed  
the Board provided the a  
briefing on the Tripler

mission and its relationship to Pacific Commander. Approximately 65 individuals attended, including 15 of the 22 current Board members and consultants. A total of 6.25 Continuing Medical Education credits were awarded for this meeting. Ms. Ellen Embrey, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Force Health Protection and Readiness, served as the Designated Federal Officer. The Board was asked to address one question evidenced based dental examination. The Army Dental Directorate provided information on current routine annual dental screening policies and procedures and asked the Board to consider the evidence for alternative approaches based on patient history and other factors. Underlying this question is the broader issue of the efficacy of periodic examination in general and the impact of dental health of mission effectiveness. The question was referred to the Health Promotion and Maintenance Subcommittee. The Board also received a series of briefings regarding pandemic influenza preparedness, and other DoD relevant topics to include submarine health surveillance, Leishmaniasis and tuberculosis testing. The Board took particular note of pandemic influenza preparedness

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activities underway at Pacific Command and Tripler AMC. The Military Vaccine Agency provided an insight review of current vaccine policy and execution of militarily important vaccines such as smallpox and anthrax vaccine. The Board also heard an update from the Executive Secretary of the congressionally directed DoD Task Force on Mental Health. This Operating as an AFEB subcommittee consisting of DoD, other Federal and non-DoD members, the Task Force is reviewing mental health programs within DoD and is scheduled to provide a report to the Secretary of Defense in May 2007. The Task Force will provide the Board with updates on their activities at future meetings. The Board delivered a series of updates on ongoing Board activities to include the status of recommendations and reports on traumatic brain injury, training health surveillance, non-dose chemical agent exposure occupational risks, and pandemic influenza. The next AFEB meeting will be on Sept 25-26, 2006,

hosted by the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD.

The Armed Force Epidemiological Board met in open session on Sept 26 -27 at the United States Naval Academy to address Board business and to address a questions regarding Southern Hemisphere influenza vaccine, emergency blood transfusions, and pentavalent botulinum vaccine and japanese encephalitis vaccine development. The Board heard briefings on DoD's Health Surveillance Center, adenovirus vaccine licensure, airborne particulate risk, chlamydia screening, and advances in tuberculosis screening. The Board will receive updates on several open items to include the activites of the DoD Task Force on Mental Health, and traumatic brain injury recommendations.

09/26/2006 - 09/27/2006

The  
Congressionally-directed  
Task Force on Mental  
Health, an AFEB  
subcommittee met on  
July 15-16 at Walter  
Reed Army Medical  
Center, in Washington  
D.C. The meeting was  
organizational in nature  
and addressed internal  
personnel rules and  
practices as they relate  
to the Task Force's  
mission of providing a  
report to Secretary of  
Defense assessing and  
recommending  
improvement to the  
efficacy of mental health  
services provided to  
members of the Armed  
Forces by the  
Department of Defense.  
In accordance with 41  
CFR102.3.35, the Task  
Force subcommittee's  
activities during this  
meeting were discussed  
during a subsequent  
open meeting of the full  
AFEB.

[DoD Task Force on Mental Health] 07/15/2006 - 07/16/2006

[DoD Task Force on Mental Health]	<p>A subgroup of the DoD Task Force on Mental Health, a subcommittee on the Armed Forces Epidemiological Board, conducted a site visit at Fort Drum, New York on to obtain information and observe clinical operations related to the Task Force's mission of preparing a report for the Secretary of Defense. The report will provide an assessment of, and recommendations for improving the efficacy of mental health services provided to service members by DoD. The subgroup activities will be delivered by the Mental Health Task Force and the full Board in open session.</p>	09/05/2006 - 09/07/2006
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The DoD Task Force on Mental Health, a subcommittee of the Armed Forces Epidemiological Board, conducted an open meeting on Sept 20 and Sep 21, 2006 to obtain information required to complete its mission of preparing a report for the Secretary of Defense. The report will provide an assessment of, and recommendations for improving the efficacy of mental health services

[DoD Task Force on Mental Health]

provided to service members by DoD. The Task Force met with military service members and their families in an open "Town Hall" session and received briefings from mental health agencies at Fort Hood. Task Force Subgroups updated the full Task Force on the progress of activities intended to address specific elements of the Task Force report. Transcripts from the meeting will be available by October 21, 2006

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On April 30, 2006,  
members of the  
Occupational and  
Environmental Health  
Subcommittee  
conducted a site visit at  
the Chemical Materials  
Agency, Aberdeen  
Proving Grounds,  
Maryland to observe  
and review the  
occupational health  
program and  
environmental  
monitoring procedures.  
The visit was conducted  
in response to a  
question presented to  
the full Board regarding  
the health implications  
of very low dose  
chemical agent  
exposure. In accordance  
with 41 CFR102.3.35,  
the activities conducted  
during the site visit and  
the information gathered  
by the subcommittee  
members was  
deliberated by the full  
Board during a  
subsequent open  
meeting. A letter report  
was sent from the full  
board to the Assistant  
Secretary of Defense for  
Health Affairs and the  
military Surgeons  
General outlining the  
Board's finding and their  
recommendations.

[Environmental/Occupational  
Health] 04/30/2006 - 04/30/2006

	The AFEB Select Subcommittee for Pandemic Influenza Preparedness met on January 20, 2006 at the Pentagon, Washington, D.C. to receive information via panel discussion from subject matter experts in the Department of Defense regarding pandemic influenza and the Department's activities to prepare for a possible pandemic. In accordance with 41	
[Select Subcommittee on Pandemic Influenza Preparedness]	Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 102.3.35, the subcommittee's activities were discussed and deliberated during subsequent AFEB open sessions. A letter report was sent from the full Board to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs with recommendations for avian influenza vaccine, personal protective masks, needed research, and the implications to DoD from influenza in children.	01/20/2006 - 01/20/2006

[Select Subcommittee on Pandemic Influenza Preparedness]	The AFEB Select Subcommittee for Pandemic Influenza Preparedness met on July 14 2006, at the Uniform Services University for Health Sciences in Bethesda, Maryland. Subject matter experts from the Department of Defense, the National Institutes of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Food and Drug Administration and Health and Human Services provided briefings and information on the epidemiology of avian influenza and biology, avian vaccine clinical trials, the vaccine approval process and avian influenza risks to the military. In accordance with 41 CFR102.3.35, the subcommittee's activities were discussed and deliberated during subsequent AFEB open sessions. A letter report was sent from the full board to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs with recommendations for avian influenza vaccine, personal protective masks, needed research, and the implications to DoD from influenza in children.	07/14/2006 - 07/14/2006
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**Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 12**

	Current FY	Next FY
<b>18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$21,147.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00

<b>18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff</b>	\$170,000.00	\$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>	\$94,412.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members</b>	\$10,947.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff</b>	\$6,395.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants</b>	\$17,134.00	\$0.00
<b>18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)</b>	\$368,997.00	\$0.00
<b>18d. Total</b>	\$689,032.00	\$0.00
<b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>	1.95	0.00

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

The current charter assigns the AFEB the responsibility to consider medical issues as they may relate to operations, policy, and research and development, and include, but are not necessarily limited to, preventive medicine, occupational and environmental health, and health promotion programs. The AFEB addresses questions brought before the Board by the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs and the Surgeons General of the Military Services and prepares findings and recommendations based on best available scientific evidence and technological and epidemiological principles while considering military operational concerns for the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs and the Surgeons General of the Military Services. The AFEB meets routinely four times a year with audiences composed of up to 125

Federal and non-Federal attendees. Meeting locations are selected to provide the Board members with first-hand experience of the military operational environment, focused particularly on issues currently before the Board. A variety of questions are addressed to the Board by the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs and the Service Surgeons General on behalf of the Secretary of Defense. Subcommittee meetings are held as required. Board staff perform reviews of the peer reviewed medical literature which is provided as read-aheads for background preparation for deliberations during and after Board meetings. Board subject matter experts are assigned issues and draft recommendations for full Board concurrence.

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

Potential AFEB members are nominated by the Service Surgeons General and endorsed by the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs and appointed for appointment by the Secretary of Defense and White House. Representatives from the Military Services and Health Affairs through an independent and objective process recommend candidates for nomination to the Service Surgeons General. Prior to forwarding the nominees for consideration for appointment, the recommended individuals confirm their willingness to serve on the Board and verify that they are not currently serving as a member of any other Federal Advisory Committees. Administration of the appointment is through the Secretary of the Army as Executive Agent for the AFEB. Nominees are continuously solicited by a variety of means, including formal requests for nominations to the Deans of the accredited Schools of Medicine and Public Health in the United States, ongoing

nominations from active and former members of the Board and from the Service Surgeons General and their liaisons to the Board. Nominations and selections are based on potential members nationally recognized competence in fields allied to the functions of the Board (providing recommendations on prevention of disease and injury in our military population and their beneficiaries). Diversity in background and geographic home of record is sought. A member is generally appointed to a two-year term and may be reappointed for another term. As part of the appointment process, members complete a financial disclosure report, undergo a security investigation, and complete various related personnel management requirements. Members of the Board normally shall be appointed annually as Federal Government consultants and serve as Special Government Employees of the Department of Defense. Although members are not usually compensated financially for their time, they are reimbursed for travel expenses associated with Board meetings. The nomination committee considers overall Board composition and seeks to ensure the Board is balanced in terms of race, ethnicity, and gender. To ensure credibility and independence of the Board, no more than 25% of members are retired from the military and receiving military retirement pay.

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

The Board schedules meetings on the third Tuesday and Wednesday of March, June, September and the first Tuesday and Wednesday of December. Special meetings of the Board or Subcommittees of the Board may be held as needed dependent on AFEB business and requests for advice from the Department of

Defense. All Board meetings address issues of importance to the Department of Defense. Recent recommendations resulting from meetings addressing immediate issues include recommendations on the deployment related mental health research, the use of adverse childhood events data as a DoD population health metrics, biological warfare countermeasures development, smallpox preparedness, deployment related specimen collection, global emerging infections surveillance and response, and occupational health programs for new force protection technologies.

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

The AFEB is the only continuing Federal Advisory Committee within DoD that deals exclusively with issues related to health and disease prevention among military members. Providing scientific advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Defense through the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs and the Service Surgeons General, the Board is uniquely positioned to rapidly offer independent expert opinion on health concerns impacting the DoD mission and the service member. For over 50 years, the civilian physicians and scientists who have served on the AFEB have contributed to numerous, significant advances in the prevention and control of diseases and injuries among military men and women. The fruits of their labors have advanced medical science and health for the entire nation. AFEB members are all nationally recognized with competence in fields allied to Board responsibilities. The Board currently considers and makes formal recommendations on approximately 10 issues annually. This service is provided without compensation, requires

approximately 30 person days or 240 hours of consultant time per recommendation, and is conservatively estimated to save the Department over \$2.9 million. The accomplishments of the AFEB are realized through the selfless dedication of each of the members of the Board, motivated by patriotism, good citizenship, and a sense of public responsibility to the health and welfare of the men and women of our Armed Forces. The ability to seek timely independent scientific advice from a committee of noted experts has and will continue to be both essential and critical in the Department's efforts to meet our national obligation to protect and conserve the health of military men and women for all future deployments and combat operations. The commitment that the members of the AFEB have to the Department of Defense was exemplified following the terrorist acts of 11 September. Even under the most difficult of circumstances and uncertainty following the events of 11 September, the Board members unanimously supported going forward with the meeting as scheduled the following week and gave selflessly of their time and expertise to support the soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines defending this great nation.

**20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?**

For discussion and briefings dealing with classified materials and information for Official Federal Government USE Only.

**21. Remarks**

Primary POC for the Armed Forces  
Epidemiological Board: Roger L. Gibson, PhD,  
DVM, MPH Col, USAF, BSC Executive Secretary,  
Armed Forces Epidemiological Board Department  
of Defense Armed Forces Epidemiological Board

Skyline 6, Suite 682, 5109 Leesburg Pike Falls Church, VA 22041-3258 703-681-8014, fax 6063, DSN 761 roger.gibson@amedd.army.mil The AFEB has its origins in the Board for the Investigation and Control of Influenza and Other Epidemic Diseases in the Army. The Board was conceived at the beginning of World War II and established formally by the Secretary of War on January 11, 1941. When the Board was founded, its mission had the following components: (1) to advise the Surgeon General on matters pertaining to preventive medicine; (2) to be prepared to investigate through laboratory and epidemiological study, outbreaks of infectious disease; and (3) to conduct laboratory and other types of research on the pathogenesis, spread, control, and prevention of diseases of concern to the Army. In 1946 the Board became known as the Army Epidemiological Board. The Board received its present designation, the AFEB, in 1949 and was given triservice responsibilities in the field of preventive medicine. In 1953, the AFEB was chartered under the Department of Defense. Under its initial charters the AFEB advised the Surgeons General and the Department of Defense, but also conducted and directed specific research programs through its Commissions. Subsequent to Congressional action sharply limited all advisory committees within the Executive Branch, the AFEB was dissolved on December 31, 1972 and recreated under a revised charter on January 3, 1973. The mission of the AFEB was directed to scientific and technical advice and assistance; the Board's responsibility for the conduct and oversight of field investigations and contract research was eliminated. The current charter assigns the AFEB the responsibility to consider medical issues as they may relate to operations, policy, and research

and development, and include, but are not necessarily limited to, preventive medicine, occupational and environmental health, and health promotion programs. The AFEB prepares findings and makes recommendations based on technological and epidemiological principles to the Secretary of Defense through the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs and the Surgeons General of the Military Services. The impact of Board recommendations can be immediate and significant. In a series of adopted recommendations on accession health issues, independent and evidence-based analysis by the AFEB allowed barriers in the officer accession process that had existed for over 30 years to be removed. This series of in-depth reviews resulted in elimination of needless screening practices that is projected to save over \$6 million annually. By leveraging the expertise of the AFEB to assist the Department in arriving at these accession policy decisions, approximately one year was eliminated from the review and recommendation process and the Department saved an estimated \$1.5 million.

NOTE: Subcommittee meetings are held in conjunction with committee meetings and, as such, the costs associated with the subcommittee meetings cannot be separated from the overall costs to committee meetings. Subcommittees provide comments and recommendations to the full AFEB during open session. After deliberation by the full AFEB, formal written comments and recommendations are provided to DoD by the committee. The committee maintains and archives all financial data in accordance with DoD and National Archives and Records Administration standards.

### **Designated Federal Officer**

Ellen P. Embrey Deputy Assistant Secretary of

## Defense for Health Affairs (Force Health Protection and Readiness)

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Blazer, Dan	03/14/2005	03/13/2007	J. P. Gibbons Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Duke University Medical Center	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Clements, John	09/18/2006	09/17/2008	Chairman, Dept. of Microbiology and Immunology, Tulane University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Ennis, Francis	10/25/2004	10/24/2006	Director, Center for Infectious Disease and Vaccine Research, Univ. of MA Medical School	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Halperin, William	05/15/2006	05/14/2008	Dept. of Prev. Medicine and Comm. Health, New Jersey Medical School	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Kaplan, Edward	10/17/2005	10/16/2007	Professor of Pediatrics, University of Minnesota Medical School	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Lauder, Tamara	03/14/2005	03/13/2007	Staff Physician, Howard Young Medical Center, Ministry Medical Group	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Lednar, Wayne	10/25/2004	10/24/2006	Vice President and Director Corporate Medical, Eastman Kodak Company	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Lockey, James	09/18/2006	09/17/2008	Dept. of Environmental Health, Occup. & Environ. Hlth. Div., Univ. of Cincinnati Medical Center	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Luepker, Russell	09/18/2006	09/17/2008	Mayo Professor of Epidemiology, Head, Div. of Epi, Prof. of Medicine, University of Minnesota	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Mason, Thomas	09/18/2006	09/17/2008	Dept. of Epidemiology & Biostatistics, USF College of Public Health	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

McNeill, Kevin	09/18/2006	09/17/2008	State Epidemiologist, Mississippi Dept. of Health, Univ. of Mississippi School of Medicine State	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Miller, Mark	09/18/2006	09/17/2008	National Institutes of Health	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Oxman, Michael	10/25/2004	10/24/2006	Staff Physician, Medical Service, VA Medical Center	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Parkinson, Michael	05/15/2006	05/14/2008	Exec. Vice President, Chief Health & Medical Officer, Lumenos	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Poland, Gregory	06/01/2006	05/31/2008	Chief, Mayo Vaccine Research Group, Professor of Medicine, Associate Chair for Research, Department of Internal Medicine, Mayo Clinic and Foundation; President, Armed Forces Epidemiological Board	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Pronk, Nicolaas	09/18/2006	09/17/2008	Health Partners, Center for Health Promotion	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Shamoo, Adil	09/18/2006	09/17/2008	Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Univ. of Maryland School of Medicine	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
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### **Narrative Description**

The Armed Forces Epidemiological Board (AFEB) addresses questions brought before the Board by the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs and the Surgeons General of the Military Services on health and medical issues as they relate to operations, policy, and research and development. Questions include, but are not necessarily limited to, preventive medicine, occupational and environmental health, and health promotion programs. The AFEB researches the question and prepares findings and recommendations based on best available scientific evidence and technological and epidemiological principles while considering military operational concerns.

### **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**

Recommendations provided to Department of Defense by the Armed Forces Epidemiological Board (AFEB) have led to direct improvements in the health and safety of

military service members through enhancements in primary preventive measures such as vaccines, secondary preventive measures such as reengineering periodic health assessments, and tertiary prevention such as improved clinical practice guidelines. As an independent advisory board, the AFEB helps to ensure open discussion on important health issues and improved trust by the public of the Department of Defense's efforts in maximizing the health of military service members. The AFEB helps to advance scientific research by recommending areas of study and reviewing specific research conducted by DoD.

**What are the cost savings associated with this committee?**

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input 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 checked="" 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 Board currently considers and makes formal recommendations on approximately 10 issues annually. This service is provided without compensation, requires approximately 30 person days or 240 hours of consultant time per recommendation, and is conservatively estimated to save the Department over \$2.9 million.

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

200

**Number of Recommendations Comments**

The Armed Forces Epidemiological Board, in its current form, has been providing advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Defense, and Secretary of the Army, the Assistant Secretary of Defense and the Military Service Surgeons General. The Board provides between 6 and 10 recommendations per year on health related issues. The recommendations normally result in changes to DoD policy.

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or**

**will be Fully implemented by the agency?**

90%

**% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

NA

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

8%

**% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

NA

**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 Department of Defense provides periodic updates to the Board regarding the status of actions related to recommendations developed by the Board.

**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 type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Access Comments**

Information pertaining to this committee is available from the Designated Federal Officer or the GSA's FACA Web Site.