

Fiscal Year 2016 Report of December 8, 2015 Closed Meeting
of the Office of the Secretary of Defense Reserve Forces Policy Board
Under Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act

1. The Reserve Forces Policy Board (RFPB) held a quarterly meeting in the Pentagon, Washington, DC on December 8, 2015 in Room 3E863.

2. A portion of the meeting was closed to the public from 9:20 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The meeting was closed in accordance with provisions outlined by the Government in the Sunshine Act, as amended by 5 U.S.C. § 552b(c)(1) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended by 5 U.S.C. Appendix (Executive Order 13526 – Classified National Security Information). The agenda items covered during this period were presentations from the following speakers: Institute for Defense Analyses, Joe Adams and the Chief of Staff, US Army, Gen Mark Milley. The unclassified summary of each of the presentations is provided below:

a. Joe Adams - Institute for Defense Analyses

Mr. Adams provided an update on a study of RC performance during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

- He provided background on how the study was being conducted. He reviewed personnel contributions by service, SIGACTS, THOR Aviation Database input, mission and performance assessments, lesson learned, transcripts, and interviews, and briefly commented on forthcoming engagements and obstacles and challenges related to the study.
- Dr. Nagl, LTG Barno, and Dr. Davidson mentioned 3 key takeaways from the IDA update:
 - 1) There was a shared burden between AC and RC
 - 2) There was a shared risk between AC and RC
 - 3) There were similar results between AC and RC
- Dr. Nagl recommended that these key takeaways be used for the title of the study study – “Shared Burden, Shared Risk, and Similar Results.”

b. General Mark Milley, USA - Chief of Staff, Army

General Milley outlined the “World according to Milley” and provided insights about how he plans to get the Army ready as a service and as a vital component of the Joint force.

- He described geostrategic challenges in the Middle East, Europe, Asia and Regional/Global Terrorism and how the Army is adapting to meet current and future threats.
- He emphasized his goals regarding Reserve Component (RC) utilization in the current training spectrum and how he plans to keep them relevant going forward. GEN Milley expressed concern with the number of RC training days saying, “39 days is not enough.”
- He also talked about Cyber security and the role the Army and the Reserve Component could provide to the Department of Defense.

3. No other actions were taken during the closed portion of this meeting.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Arnold Punaro". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail that extends to the right.

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