Department of Defense
Task Force on Mental Health

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Purpose

- Update the Defense Health Board on the status of DoD Mental Health Task Force efforts during the period September to December 2006
Activities of the Task Force

- Information gathering
  - Task Force meetings and site visits
  - Direct testimony
  - Subject matter expert briefings
  - Literature review

- Executive Sessions
Information Gathering

- Full Task Force Meetings
  - Fort Hood, TX  September 20-21, 2006
  - Naval Medical Center San Diego  October 19-20, 2006
  - National Center for PTSD, Palo Alto, CA and San Francisco VA Hospital, San Francisco, CA  November 20-21, 2006
  - Washington, DC  December 18-20, 2006
  - Fort Lewis, WA  January 22-23, 2007
Information Gathering

- Site visits
  - Fort Drum, NY  September 6-7, 2006
  - Fort Hood, TX  September 18-19, 2006
  - Hawaii  September 28-29, 2006
    - Tripler Army Medical Center
    - MCB Kaneohe Bay
    - Hickam AFB
    - NH Pearl Harbor
Information Gathering

- Site visits
  - Okinawa  October 2-3, 2006
    - MCB Camp Hansen
    - NH Okinawa
  - Korea  October 5-6, 2006
    - 121st Army Hospital
    - Osan AFB
  - MCB Camp Pendleton  October 16-18, 2006
  - MCAS Miramar CA  October 23, 2006
Information Gathering

Site visits

- Fort Bragg, NC  
  October 30 – November 1, 2006
- Pope AFB, NC  
  November 1-3, 2006
- Nellis AFB, NV  
  November 16-18, 2006
- Travis AFB, CA  
  October 23, 2006
- Maxwell AFB, AL  
  November 29-30, 2006
- Naval Station Gulfport, MS  
  December 4-5, 2006
Information Gathering

- Future site visits
  - Naval Station Norfolk, VA
    December 7–9, 2006
  - MCB Camp Lejeune, NC
    December 11-13, 2006
  - MCAS Cherry Point, NC
    December 14-16, 2006
  - MCB Twentynine Palms, CA
    December 13 -15, 2006
  - Fort Lewis, WA  January 18-19, 2006
Information Gathering

- Future site visits
  - Sheppard AFB, TX  January 3-5, 2007
  - Lackland AFB, TX  January 8-10, 2007
  - Fort Riley, KS  January 11-12, 2007
  - Fort Carson, CO  January 25-26, 2007
  - Europe January 31-February 8, 2007
    - Landstuhl Regional Medical Center
    - Ramstein Air Base
    - Heidelberg
    - Geilenkirchen AB
Information Gathering

- Future site visits
  - Fort Stewart, GA  February 13-14, 2007
  - Warner Robbins AFB, GA  February 15-17, 2007
Information Gathering Methods

- Meetings and site visits
  - Direct Testimony
    - “Town Hall” format
    - Service members
    - Family members
    - Veteran and Military Service Organizations
  - Website for submission of written statements
Information Gathering Methods

- Meetings and site visits
  - Informational briefings
    - TRICARE
    - Community mental health resources
    - Deployment related mental health issues
    - Veterans Affairs mental health program
    - National Guard and Reserve mental health support
    - Veteran and Military Support Organizations
  - Literature Review
Executive Sessions

- Definitions
  - Defining “mental health”
  - Defining a vision for the military mental health system
  - Defining the scope of the military mental health system
  - Defining the scope of the report
Executive Sessions

- Planned informational briefings
  - Telemedicine and advanced technologies
  - Post-deployment Health Assessment/Reassessment (PDHA/PDHRA)
  - Mental Health Advisory Team (MHAT)
  - Family mental health support
  - Child and adolescent mental health support
  - National Guard and Reserve mental health support
Executive Sessions

- Future meetings
  - Washington, DC  February 2007
  - Washington, DC  March 2007

- Final Actions
  - Analyze findings
  - Develop recommendations
  - Write the report
  - Brief the report
Questions?