

# Department of Defense Task Force on Mental Health

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# Purpose

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

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

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## □ 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
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# Information Gathering

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## 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
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# Information Gathering

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## Site visits

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

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## □ 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

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# Information Gathering

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## 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
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# Information Gathering

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## 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
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# Information Gathering

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## □ Future site visits

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

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- Meetings and site visits
    - Direct Testimony
      - “Town Hall” format
      - Service members
      - Family members
      - Veteran and Military Service Organizations
    - Website for submission of written statements
      - <http://www.ha.osd.mil/DHB/mhtf/testimony.cfm>
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# Information Gathering Methods

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- 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
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# Executive Sessions

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## □ 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
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# Executive Sessions

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- 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
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# Executive Sessions

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## Future meetings

- Washington, DC February 2007
- Washington, DC March 2007

## Final Actions

- Analyze findings
  - Develop recommendations
  - Write the report
  - Brief the report
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# Questions?

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