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SECRETARY OF DEFENSE ANNOUNCES MEMBERSHIP FOR QUALITY OF LIFE TASK FORCE

Secretary of Defense William J. Perry today announced the names of the Quality of Life Task Force as members began two days of meetings at the Hyatt Arlington at Key Bridge in Arlington, Va.

Headed by former Secretary of the Army John O. Marsh Jr., the task force was set up in November 1994 by the Secretary to make recommendations on how to improve the quality of life of military personnel, their families, and civilian employees in the Department of Defense. Membership includes retired senior officer and enlisted members from each of the Services, civilian business leaders with backgrounds in housing, construction and finance, and individuals with concerns for military families, civilian personnel and legislative background.

The purpose of meetings over the next two days will be for panel members to get together for the first time, get quality of life perspectives from each of the Services, and lay the groundwork for strategies to achieve task force goals and objectives.

Members of the task force include:

- The Honorable John O. Marsh, former Army secretary, Task Force chairman
- James M. Defrancia, Lowe Enterprises
- Marvin M. Siflinger, former chairman, Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency
- Dr. Heather Wilson, former vice-chairperson, DACOWITS
- The Honorable Edward C. Aldridge Jr., former secretary of the Air Force
- Lawrence B. Simons, former assistant secretary of Housing/Federal Housing commissioner
- G. Kim Wincup, former assistant secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, former assistant secretary for the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs
- Claire E. Freeman, former deputy assistant secretary of Defense for Civilian Personnel Policy
- Sylvia E.J. Kidd, president, National Military Family Association
- General John A. Wickham Jr., U.S. Army retired
- Admiral William D. Smith, U.S. Navy, retired
- General John A. Shaud, U.S. Air Force, retired
- Lt. Gen. Herbert R. Temple Jr., U.S. Army retired
- Chaplain Maj.Gen. Matthew A. Zimmerman, U.S. Army retired
- Maj. Gen. Donald R. Gardner, U.S. Marine Corps, retired.
- Rear Admiral Roberta L. Hazard, U.S. Navy, retired
- Sergeant Major William J.H. Peters, U.S. Army, retired
- Sergeant Major Charles A. McKinney, U.S. Marine Corps, retired
- Master Chief Petty Officer, William H. Plackett, U.S. Navy, retired
- Chief Master Sergeant Sam E. Parish, U.S. Air Force, retired
- Maj. Gen. Robert S. Delligatti, U.S. Air Force, retired, Task Force Chief of Staff

Members on the Task Force will also be supported by a group of experienced counselors and technical advisors, including:

- The Honorable Robert H. Michel, former U.S. Rep., 18th District, Illinois
- Lee Perry, spouse to Secretary of Defense William J. Perry
- Alma Powell, spouse to former JCS chairman, Gen. Colin Powell, U.S. Army, retired
- Dr. Barbara P. Glacel, chief executive officer, VIMA International
- The Honorable Sean O'Keefe, former secretary of the Navy
- Robert W. Page, former assistant secretary of the Army for Civil Works
- General Joseph P. Hoar, U.S. Marine Corps, retired
- Lt. Gen. Edgar A. Chavarrie, U.S. Air Force, retired
- Maj. Gen. Robert M. Joyce, U.S. Army, retired
- Maj. Gen. John L. Matthews, U.S. Air Force, retired

