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Washington, D.C. The National Commission on the Structure of the Air Force, chaired by the Honorable Dennis McCarthy, held its third public hearing yesterday, taking testimony from several prominent individuals and groups with relevant perspectives on its statutory responsibilities.

The Commission heard from MajGen (Ret) Arnold Punaro, who focused on the Reserve Forces Policy Board's Jan 2013 report to the Secretary of Defense regarding alternative strategies to better identify military manpower costs.

MajGen (Ret) Punaro raised the following points:

- Both external and internal fiscal constraints confront the Department of Defense
- DoD lacks an agreed upon cost assessment model to compare and assess fully-burdened life-cycle costs of military personnel of all three components
- While costs should inform any force structure changes, mission requirements must be the principal driver to shape the structure of the Active, Guard and Reserve components.
- The Commission should consider several measures for potential cost savings:
 - Define military requirements, roles and responsibilities for civil support and homeland security
 - Co-locate Component Commands for more effective use of infrastructure and resources
 - Determine the most effective way to accomplish the mission, then decide who should execute it

In the second session, the Institute for Defense Analyses and RAND Corporation analysts addressed the Commission concerning their respective cost models, including the IDA's Stochastic AC-RC Assessment model and RAND's (Military Career Analysis Model).

- In its current studies, IDA analyzes several scenarios for both comparing cost and projecting future requirements
- The RAND study focus is on cost per output rather than cost per individual, with emphasis on flying hour cost for different airframes across Air Force components

In the third session, Heather Hogsett, representing the National Governors Association, and Major General Tim Orr, The Adjutant General of Iowa, provided perspectives on the unique role of the National Guard and the Governors' requirements for assured and speedy access to military capabilities required for disaster relief and emergency response.

- The newly-created "Dual-Status Commander" position, with authority over both Title 10 and Title 32 resources, successfully enables unity of command for the Governor
- Governors are ready to collaborate with the Air Force to develop an actionable strategy to address requirements that meet the needs of the states and the nation

The next public hearing will be held near Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst on Tuesday, July 16, 2013.