

SUPPORTING STATEMENT – PART B

B. COLLECTIONS OF INFORMATION EMPLOYING STATISTICAL METHODS

If the collection of information employs statistical methods, it should be indicated in Item 17 of OMB Form 83-I, and the following information should be provided in this Supporting Statement:

1. Description of the Activity

DACOWITS plans to perform 60 focus groups with approximately 720 Service members at eight installations. Participants are recruited or volunteer to participate, via command leadership, through the military point of contact for the installation. Focus group participants will be gathered based on Service-branch, gender, and rank.

2024 Focus Group Participants											
Protocol A: Recruitment and Retention (90 mins.)						Protocol B: Key Influencers (90 mins.)					
	FEMALE		MALE				FEMALE		MALE		
Services	E4-E7	O2-O5 / W1-W4	E4-E7	O2-O5 / W1-W4	Total Groups	Services	E4-E7	O2-O5 / W1-W4	E4-E7	O2-O5 / W1-W4	Total Groups
Army	2	1	1		4	Army	1	2		1	4
Navy	1	2		1	4	Navy	2	1	1		4
Marines	2	1	1		4	Marines	1	2		1	4
DAF	1	2		1	4	DAF	2	1	1		4
Coast Guard	2	1	1		4	Coast Guard	1	2		1	4
Total	8	7	3	2	20	Total	7	8	2	3	20
Protocol C: Family Planning (90 mins.)											
	FEMALE		MALE								
Services	E4-E7	O2-O5 / W1-W4	E4-E7	O2-O5 / W1-W4	Total Groups						
Army	1	2	1		4						
Navy	2	1		1	4						
Marines	1	2	1		4						
DAF	2	1		1	4						
Coast Guard	1	2	1		4						
Total	7	8	3	2	20						
		Per Base	Total							Total # of FGs	60
Peterson SFB		6									
Fort Carson		6	12								
Camp Pendleton		6									
NB San Diego		6	12								
MCAS Miramar		6									
Sector Puget Sound		6	12								
JBLM (DAF)		6									
JBLM (USA)		6	12								
NB Kitsap		6									
Yorktown TRACEN		6	12								
			60								

In the 2023, 481 personnel attended the focus groups, with all participants completing the mini-survey.

2. Procedures for the Collection of Information

The study does not employ statistical methods. Responses from each individual are not required during focus groups. No analysis will be conducted on non-responses. The mini-survey collects additional information from focus group participants to quantify and contextualize sociodemographic information and other topical questions related to DACOWITS study topics. The mini-survey is not designed nor will be used to generalize to the broader population of Service members. Descriptive statistics from the mini-survey will be used to describe the sample of focus group participants to provide quantitative findings alongside qualitative findings.

The research is based on qualitative assessments, not quantitative data. Unlike survey research which gathers information on the numbers or proportions of respondents who answer particular questions in a certain way, focus group research does not gather information on concurrence across all respondents, and findings are not generalizable to a larger population. As a result of the small sample size, the groups might not represent the larger population accurately.

3. Maximization of Response Rates, Non-response, and Reliability

Participants are not required to respond to the protocol questions. However, the focus group moderators are trained and provided strategies on how to get focus group participants to engage in conversations.

4. Tests of Procedures

Focus group protocols and mini-surveys were reviewed by DACOWITS staff and Committee members. Additionally, the focus group protocols/questions were reviewed by the research contractor. The DACOWITS staff has performed, and will continue to perform, internal practice tests of the survey instruments. Committee members will receive training and practice opportunities during the Committee's March meeting prior to the start of the focus groups.

5. Statistical Consultation and Information Analysis

No additional consultation apart from soliciting public comments through the Federal Register was conducted for this submission.