

ignated from each of the military hospitals nearest in proximity to the facilities of the Retirement Home.

(I) One senior judge advocate from one of the Armed Forces.

(J) One senior representative of one of the chief personnel officers of the Armed Forces.

(K) Such other members as the Secretary of Defense may designate.

(4) The Administrator of the each facility of the Retirement Home shall be a nonvoting member of the Advisory Council.

(5) The Secretary of Defense shall designate one member of the Advisory Council to serve as the Chairperson of the Advisory Council. The Chairperson shall conduct the meetings of the Advisory Council.

**(d) Term of service**

(1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2), (3), and (4), the term of service of a member of the Advisory Council shall be two years. The Secretary of Defense may designate a member to serve one additional term.

(2) Unless earlier terminated by the Secretary of Defense, a person may continue to serve as a member of the Advisory Council after the expiration of the member's term until a successor is designated.

(3) The Secretary of Defense may terminate the term of service of a member of the Advisory Council before the expiration of the member's term.

(4) A member of the Advisory Council serves as a member of the Advisory Council only for as long as the member is assigned to or serving in a position for which the duties include the duty to serve as a member of the Advisory Council.

**(e) Vacancies**

A vacancy in the Advisory Council shall be filled in the manner in which the original designation was made. A member designated to fill a vacancy occurring before the end of the term of the predecessor shall be designated for the remainder of the term of the predecessor. A vacancy in the Advisory Council shall not affect its authority to perform its duties.

**(f) Compensation**

(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), a member of the Advisory Council may—

(A) be provided a stipend consistent with the daily government consultant fee for each day on which the member is engaged in the performance of services for the Advisory Council; and

(B) while away from home or regular place of business in the performance of services for the Advisory Council, be allowed travel expenses (including per diem in lieu of subsistence) in the same manner as a person employed intermittently in Government under sections 5701 through 5707 of title 5.

(2) A member of the Advisory Council who is a member of the Armed Forces on active duty or a full-time officer or employee of the United States shall receive no additional pay by reason of serving as a member of the Advisory Council.

(Pub. L. 101-510, div. A, title XV, §1516, as added Pub. L. 112-81, div. A, title V, §563(a), Dec. 31,

2011, 125 Stat. 1421; amended Pub. L. 115-91, div. A, title XIV, §1413(b), Dec. 12, 2017, 131 Stat. 1708.)

**PRIOR PROVISIONS**

A prior section 416, Pub. L. 101-510, div. A, title XV, §1516, Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1728; Pub. L. 107-107, div. A, title XIV, §1406, Dec. 28, 2001, 115 Stat. 1262; Pub. L. 110-181, div. A, title XIV, §1422(e), Jan. 28, 2008, 122 Stat. 421; Pub. L. 110-417, [div. A], title X, §1061(b)(12), Oct. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 4613, related to local boards of trustees, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 112-81, div. A, title V, §563(a), Dec. 31, 2011, 125 Stat. 1421.

**AMENDMENTS**

2017—Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 115-91, §1413(b)(1), substituted “15 members.” for “15 members, each of whom shall be a full or part-time Federal employee or a member of the Armed Forces.”

Subsec. (f)(1). Pub. L. 115-91, §1413(b)(2), substituted “may” for “shall” in introductory provisions.

**§ 416a. Resident Advisory Committees**

**(a) Establishment and purpose**

(1) A Resident Advisory Committee is an elected body of residents at each facility of the Retirement Home established to provide a forum for all residents to express their needs, ideas, and interests through elected representatives of their respective floor or area.

(2) A Resident Advisory Committee—

(A) serves as a forum for ideas, recommendations, and representation to management of that facility of the Retirement Home to enhance the morale, safety, health, and well-being of residents; and

(B) provides a means to communicate policy and general information between residents and management.

**(b) Election process**

The election process for the Resident Advisory Committee at a facility of the Retirement Home shall be coordinated by the facility Ombudsman.

**(c) Chairperson**

(1) The Chairperson of a Resident Advisory Committee shall be elected at large and serve a two-year term.

(2) Chairpersons serve as a liaison to the Administrator and are voting members of the Advisory Council. Chairpersons shall create meeting agendas, conduct the meetings, and provide a copy of the minutes to the Administrator, who will forward the copy to the Chief Operating Officer for approval.

**(d) Meetings**

At a minimum, meetings of a Resident Advisory Committee shall be conducted quarterly.

(Pub. L. 101-510, div. A, title XV, §1516A, as added Pub. L. 112-81, div. A, title V, §563(a), Dec. 31, 2011, 125 Stat. 1423.)

**§ 417. Administrators, Ombudsmen, and staff of facilities**

**(a) Appointment**

The Secretary of Defense shall appoint an Administrator and an Ombudsman for each facility of the Retirement Home.

**(b) Administrator**

The Administrator of a facility shall—