

**Department of Defense Task  
Force on the Care, Management,  
and Transition of Recovering  
Wounded, Ill, and Injured  
Members of the Armed Forces**

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# **Office of Airmen's Counsel (Air Force)**

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**Please identify the top five changes  
you would like to see made to the  
IDES process.**

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# 1. Improve Line of Duty Process

- **Line of Duty Determinations (LOD)** –  
Recommend a mandatory requirement that with each reserve component Airman undergoing a Line of Duty determination, he or she is required to contact the Office of Airmen's Counsel.

## 2. Improve Independent Medical Reviews (IMR)

- Mandate detailed baseline Independent Medical Review (IMR) training requirement for physicians who conduct IMRs.

# 3. Expand manning control options

- Allow medical retraining.
- Implement the use of Excess Leave for Airmen who are undergoing lengthy IDES processing.

## 4. Increase Time With Attorneys

- Increase to three days from the present one day minimum allowed for individuals to meet and prepare with their attorney for hearings.

# 5. Expand Opportunity for Limited Assignment Status (LAS)

- Change LAS retention criteria to include Airmen in their 19<sup>th</sup> year of service.

**What additional resources would enable IDES lawyers to better serve RWs?**

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# Additional Resources

- A full-time dedicated psychiatrist and physician detailed to the Office of Airmen's Counsel as a confidential expert consultant.
- Access to an interconnected VTC network or the ability to use commercial video-chat tools (*i.e.*, Skype) to allow for early development of the attorney-client relationship.

# Additional Resources

- Access to all current and future IDES related databases (*e.g.* AHLTA, Veterans Tracking Application, eProfile and eDESRNT, e-CFT)

# Questions?

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