

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
Alexandria Division**

KATHLEEN L. WATTS, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

TROY E. MEINK,

Defendant.

Case No. 1:25-cv-01093 (MSN-IDD)

JOINT NOTICE

Pursuant to the Court's January 16, 2026 Order (Dkt. 45), the parties provide the following update to the Court.

1. The parties have conferred about the proposed class definition and agreed to the following revised definition:

- a. All current and former members of the United States Air Force, including the Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard, who, from July 1, 2019, to the present, (A) met the criteria for referral into the Integrated Disability Evaluation System ("IDES") under Department of Defense Instruction 1332.18 § 5.2, and (B) who were referred into the Air Force's Pre-IDES, and did not receive access to IDES.
 - b. By agreeing to this revised definition, Defendant does not waive any right to appeal the Court's decision on class certification.
2. Both parties believe that the merits of the case can be resolved on cross-dispositive motions. However, Defendant requires additional time to determine whether the administrative record needs to be supplemented in light of the Court's decision on class certification.

Accordingly, on January 30, 2026, the parties will propose a briefing schedule on cross-dispositive motions.

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SO ORDERED.

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