

**MILITARY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**22 AUGUST 2011 ✧ 1500-1630**  
**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE ROOM**

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**Present:** VADM Ed Clexton, RADM Jack Dantone, LCDR Adalberto M. Diaz, VADM Joseph S. Donnell, RADM Dick Dunleavy, RADM Mark Gemmill, RADM Bud Jewitt, CAPT Robert Rieve, RADM Rick Ruehe, Councilman John Uhrin, CAPT Daniel R. Walters, Roger Whiteway, Ph. D

**Staff:** Scott Hall, Warren Harris, Steve Herbert, Bob Matthias, Jerry Stewart

**Visitors:** Brian Ballard (JEBLC), RADM Craig Quigley (HRMFFA), CAPT Charles Stuppard (JEBLC)

**Absent:** Joseph Gianascoli; Don Jellig, Vice-Mayor Louis Jones, Jerry Miller, RADM Phillip R. Olson, MCPO Paul Pierce, RADM Fenton Priest, Mayor Will Sessoms

**APPROVAL OF 27 JUNE NOTES**

The notes were approved as written.

**INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS**

RADM Dunleavy welcomed all visitors

**HRMFFA UPDATES** (*RADM Craig Quigley*)

HRMFFA is working closely with the delegation to delay or stop the moving of an aircraft carrier to Florida. The proposed \$350-400B reduction in defense spending may have a serious impact on Hampton Roads. We will know more by the end of December 2011.

**OLF** – The municipal training field to be used for the E2 and C2s are not intended for tactical jets. Only turbo prop. There is an environmental assessment being conducted by the Navy for the Greenville municipal airfield (Emporia). It is approximately 80 miles from Chambers Field. Once the environmental assessment is complete (and successful) there will be negotiations with the airport authority, county, and city officials. There are a few voices of disapproval from those that live close to the airfield, but more voices that are in support of the effort. It would allow Fentress be used mostly for the Hornets and remove the use by the E2 and C2s. NASA/Wallops Island did not provide a bid to be considered. It's not in their vision plan for 2020. HRMFFA is currently in the early stages of building a partnership among PAX, NASA/Wallops, NASA/Langley and the National Institute for Aerospace to set up an Atlantic UAS aircraft test range. Using the facilities, brain power, instrumented ranges, the command and control, and the restricted airspace among the various facilitates to allow the federal, state or local government, or firm to come and test their UAS aircraft.

**Cyber Command** – Little Creek personnel are expected to move out of the trailers and into one or both of the vacant JFCOM buildings on the Suffolk campus. They will not be going to Fort Meade. Fort Meade is having problems with growth from the 2005 BRAC.

**HRMFFA**- Legislative initiative to get the power grid at JEB-Little Creek upgraded is an issue. Unfortunately there is no language in the budget toward this effort. Chairman Forbes and Congressman Rigell are very aware of the power grid problem at Little Creek and are trying to get the \$32M needed to fix the grid without earmarks. The Navy has been asked why such a critical project did not make the budget submitted.

**Bio-Fuels** - There was an announcement last week by the Agriculture, Energy, and Navy departments of a partnership to create bio-fuels. Each of those departments would have a role to play with the Navy being the consumer of the bio-fuels produced. The two missing pieces here are private investors of the front end to provide funding to build the bio-fuel plants for some percentage of sales. At this time, there is no agreement by the Navy as to how much or over what period they would buy the bio-fuels.

#### **22 JULY ENVISION 2040 MEETING** *(Dr. Roger Whiteway)*

RADM Dunleavy and Dr. Whiteway participated in the 22 July Envision 2040 committee meeting with civic organizations. Speaker was John Martin, CEO of Southern Institute of Research. Martin made a presentation about the communities of the future and how major trends and key drivers shape how we will live, play, and work. His presentation is a link on the Strategic Growth Area Office's home page at [www.vbgov.com](http://www.vbgov.com).

#### **CITY UPDATE** *(Bob Matthias)*

- The Mayor will be having a reception for all the base commanding officers and others on 12 October
- Virginia Beach was recognized as a National Veteran's Regional Site Day
- The Department of Energy's BOEMR (offshore energy management and regulation) will be putting out a Call for Interest for offshore wind development in mid October. There will be a 45-day comment period. We are hoping for three to five proposals. This could create a lot of jobs and industry for the region. For more information contact Bob Matthias at 385-8267.

Bob will share information on the comparative cost of wind energy. It is believed that within 10-15 years wind power it will be economically feasible compared to other energy sources. The cost of the energy source (wind) is never going to go up compared to the cost of all other sources of energy continuing to rise.

#### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**

**Company profile- Atlas North America** – Will be rescheduled for the 26 September.

#### **ADC Conference Recap** – *(Warren Harris)*

RADM Quigley was a host for the conference. There were well over 500 in attendance. Economic Development had a mobile workshop and tour of NAS Oceana. The bus tour was conducted by the Deputy Base Commander and then they came back here to Troutman Sanders for a reception. ED staff briefed the group on Virginia Beach's APZ-1 program. We

received kudos for the workshop and tour. The following day we also conducted an APZ-1 panel discussion.

**Virginia Beach Development Authority (VBDA) Annual Report** - Next month the VBDA will provide its annual report. Job creation is up, we will be able to show more than 2,000 new jobs created in Virginia Beach and more than \$171M in capital investment. Whole Foods will break ground sometime after 1 September at a Hilltop location. Their goal is to open just before Thanksgiving 2012 or at the latest in February 2013.

**NEXCOM Distribution Center** (*Scott Hall*)

They have received seven responses to their RFP. They have completed a second round of interviews over the past two weeks. They are expecting to make a decision between 15-30 September. There are two sites in Virginia Beach; a “build to suit” off Harper Road’s or the Lillian Vernon building near Lynnhaven Mall.

**VSD Solutions** – Scott attended their open house. Their focus is defense and government training (simulation). They recently opened a new training simulation warehouse in Norfolk but they have one in Virginia Beach as well. They do modular training systems and have extended an invitation for MEDAC members to come out for a site visit.

**Kriss, USA** – They are a Swiss based arms manufacturer that located here two years ago. May get a contract to increase their business seven to ten fold. ED staff will be meeting with them 6 September.

**OTHER REPORTS/DISCUSSION**

**Gala Navy Centennial** (*RADM Gemmill*)

24 September at the VBCC – 1800-1900 cocktails with dinner at 1900. Contact Maryellen Baldwin, Navy League Executive Director at 486-7654. RADM Gemmill also has more information on this event. Tickets are \$100 per person.

**JEBLC Power Grid** – (*CAPT Stuppard*)

Due to RADM Quigley’s help, CAPT Stuppard received an e-mail that the Navy will be pursuing funding for the JEBLC’s power grid issue. Within the next two years they will close down all the trailers and move those staff to JFCOM.

**Fleet Forces Command Briefing** (*RADM Dunleavy*)

RADM Dunleavy briefed the three new Navy flag officers at Fleet Forces Command; VADM Dave Buss, RADM Mark Guadagnini, and RADM Pat Driscoll. He’d like to invite them to attend a future MEDAC meeting.

Next meeting 26 September

1600 – Adjournment