

**MILITARY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**24 JANUARY 2011 ✧ 1500-1630**  
**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE ROOM**

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**Present:** Councilwoman Rita Sweet Bellitto, VADM Ed Clextan, RADM Jack Dantone, LCDR Adalberto M. Diaz, RADM Dick Dunleavy, RADM William J. Ecker, RADM Mark Gemmill, RADM Phillip R. Olson, MCPO Paul Pierce, RADM Fred Ruehe, Councilman John Uhrin, Dr. Roger Whiteway Ph.D, CAPT Daniel R. Walters

**Staff:** Ron Berkebile, Warren Harris, Tammy Owens, Jerry Stewart, Cynthia Whitebred-Spanoulis

**Guests:** Jeanne Evans (Senator Webb's Office) RADM Craig Quigley (HRMFFA) CAPT Skip Zobel (Senator Warner's Office), Shannon Kendrick (Congressman Rigell's Office), Bre Kingsbury (Congressman Rigell's Office), Shawn Kuhle (Turner Strategic Technologies {TST}), Russell Turner (TST), Terrence Williams

**Absent:** VADM Joseph S. Donnell, Joseph Gianascoli; Don Jellig, RADM Bud Jewitt, Vice-Mayor Louis Jones, Jerry Miller, RADM Fenton Priest, CAPT Robert Rieve, Mayor William D. Sessoms, Jr.

**APPROVAL OF 25 OCTOBER NOTES**

Notes approved as written.

**INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS**

RADM Dunleavy recognized all visitors.

**HRMFFA UPDATE**

- Disestablishment of **JCOM**. President Obama approved the disestablishment action of JCOM on 6 January. General Ray Odierno, Commander of JCOM met with many of the news organization in Hampton Roads. He described the status of development of the implementation plan. The goal is to have this completed by the end of February. Hopefully, it will be approved by Secretary Gates. In general terms, approximately 50% (up to 2,000) will remain.

One piece of good news is the retention of the modeling and simulation capability as a center piece of whatever remains of the command.

What is the collateral damage from the JCOM closing? Al Diaz mentioned that Tidewater Association of Services Contractors and Government Industry Council are getting organized now to be ready to help those who may lose their job due to the JCOM closing. We don't want to lose those 2,000 people from this area. Dr. Whiteway

stated that Terrie Suite is talking about setting up a transition office (in Suffolk) for the out of work JCOM personnel. He believes she has some state funding for this effort.

As a positive opportunity to get information out to those affected by the JFCOM downsizing, Jerry will add links to employment information and opportunities to the milcom Web site.

- **Out Lying Field (OLF)** – RADM Quigley reports that negotiations with the Navy and City of Franklin and Isle of Wight County are really just underway. Simultaneously with that is an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that would accompany a change use of Franklin field. Best estimate is approximately a year to complete both the negotiations and the EIS and if all that goes well, E2s and C2s will be able to utilize that field as early January 2012. There will be a ripple effect, if the Navy is able to use Franklin Field for the E2s and C2s; they no longer have to burden Fentress Field with E2/C2 FCLP training. Easing the load on Fentress Field. Taken as a working assumption that Oceana is going to be the east coast Master Jet Base, and you remove the FRS squadron and locate them at NAS Lemoore (California), the combination of the use of Franklin and reduced loading on Fentress, coupled with fewer aircraft at Oceana would negate the need for an out lying field. The Navy has not moved off their official position that they are still looking for an OLF.

#### **CITY UPDATE**

- Councilmember Rita Bellitto  
Councilmember Bellitto provided a brief overview of the January Council Workshop as it pertains to MEDAC. She mentioned that Councilmember Uhrin did talk about the work of MEDAC as something that is important and needs to keep moving forward.

Councilmembers are excited about the Burton Station SGA and the fact that there will be infrastructure funding for this area and hopeful that we can attract some defense contractors in the next 12 months.

- Councilmember John Uhrin  
Councilman Uhrin asked that MEDAC put back on its future agenda the initiative for helping correspond the skill set of the outgoing military with needed skill sets in the civilian world. Also partnering with our educational institutions to bridge the gap (if there is one) between their current skill set and converting that into a skill set needed in the civilian world. He went on to say the entire Council is very supportive of MEDAC.

#### **ED UPDATE**

Tammy Owens introduced Shawn Kuhle and Russell Turner of Turner Strategic Technologies (TST)

Russell provided a short introduction for Shawn. Shawn gave the briefing outlining what TST is all about.

They thanked Economic Development for the \$25,000 grant to help grow the company.

TST has been headquartered in Virginia Beach for approximately three years. They are a small Class A general contractor offering tactical defense solutions. They have grown their business from one person to 23 here locally. The majority of their business comes through the Federal Government. They conduct a lot of business in the mid-Atlantic area and are looking to increase their footprint here in Virginia Beach.

For detailed information, please see the attached slide presentation or, visit TST's Website at [www.TSTvb.com](http://www.TSTvb.com) or by phone at (757) 416-7610.

#### **OTHER REPORTS**

- Jerry provided the *HRPDC Special Report* newsletter as FYI.
- Tammy gave information on the Woman in Defense luncheon. Virginia Beach is sponsoring on February 17 at the Holiday Inn on Greenwich Road. Keynote speaker is Major General Susan Lawrence; she is the Vice Chief of Staff for the Army.
- Chief YNC Terrence Williams – looking to get 20 Crystal's restaurants to Hampton Roads area with this goal of bringing four to Virginia Beach. Franchise fee is \$32,000. Each store will employ 115 personnel with Managers making an annual salary of \$35-45,000.
- RADM Quigley provided a report out on the Association of Defense Communities (ADC) conference. The ADC was formed in the mid-90s to cater to the unique needs of communities that were to have a military installation close. The ADC has morphed over time and is completely associated with BRAC – the defense communities that are part of this organization have either lost or gained something through BRAC actions over the years. They hold an annual conference (historically on the west coast). This year the conference will be 17-20 July at the Norfolk Waterside Marriott. Craig Quigley is the head of the Host Committee for the annual conference. They are expecting between 600-800 attendees. They conduct small workshops and tour facilities and sites that have been affected by BRAC. Examples of sites they may visit include: Forts Monroe, and Eustis, Langley AFB, Joint Expeditionary Little Creek-Fort Story, and Oceana (Encroachment roll back efforts). Craig provided an overview of the conference, with the focus being the sharing of best practices. He hopes to have Governor McDonnell as the keynote kick-off speaker.
- RADM Olson reported on the LCS Acquisition. He stated there are two contractors that will continue on in the process to build two different vessels. Congress is still discussing this issue. The mission modules will be the biggest challenge.
- Jerry reported that there is no change with NEXCOM. Scott Hall continues to work with NEXCOM but it is moving slowly. He maintains the relationship (Dennis and

Steve Keller) and interface. The Planning Department will be reaching out to (NEXCOM- Al Diaz) to serve on the Rosemont SGA Steering Committee.

- Al Diaz has organized another LifeNet Headquarters tour. It will be 9 February at 1430 at the LifeNet facility off Princess Anne Road. For more information or if you'd like to attend, please contact Al at.
- RADM Gemmill reports the Centennial of Aviation had its kick off 12 January. Primarily sponsored by Northrop Grumman Corporation. There are sponsorship opportunities coming up for the next two big Virginia Beach events. This summer the Blue Angels Air show and in the fall in conjunction with the Society of Experimental Test Pilots symposium Gala at the Convention Center in November. ADM Gemmill is keeping the Mayor involved on these events.

#### **GENERAL DISCUSSION**

RADM Eckerd announced that on 17 February, General Odierno will be speaking at the Hampton Roads World Affairs Council dinner at the Downtown Marriot. For more information, or to make your reservation, please visit the World Affairs Council's Web site at <http://www.hrwapc.org>

Meeting adjourned at 1600.

Next meeting - 28 February, 1500 in the Economic Development conference room.