

Norfolk/Virginia Beach Military Economic Development Advisory Committee 25 February 2019

A joint Norfolk/Virginia Beach Military Economic Development Advisory Committee was held in Virginia Beach on 25 February, from 1500 to 1425. VADM Architzel (Norfolk Chair) and RADM Olson (Virginia Beach Chair) presided.

Ms. Kathleen Jobs, Deputy Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs was introduced by Mike Coleman, Virginia Military Relations Liaison.

The MATRIX Group and the Roosevelt Group were introduced by ADM Quigley. The MATRIX group has been engaged to update the strategic plan.

MATRIX Presentation and Defense Spending Summary Attached.

- MATRIX partners with the Roosevelt Group
- Virginia and Hampton Roads needs to focus on sea level rise
- Workforce with high-tech skills important
- See two page handout detailing defense spending in Virginia
 - \$41 billion impact in Hampton Roads
 - Defense jobs are paid 18% more than others
 - Virginia is high in jobs impact from defense spending
- Virginia has the strongest military focus across the United States
- This second iteration of the strategic plan is from an updated SWOT analysis
- Twenty recommendations in the plan – the presentation touched on only the following
 - Improve “military friendly” programs
 - Increase the shared services concept
 - Sea level rise
 - William & Mary Center of Excellence
 - Strengthen support groups
 - HRMFFA is the gold standard for all support groups across the United States
- Items of Interest
 - Federal budget impacts on Virginia
 - ADC Conference
 - Implementation of 5G technology
- Questions:
 - Impact to Virginia in regards to the taxing of military pensions
 - \$132 million deficit if Virginia stopped this tax

- In regards to strengthening support groups, this affects other installations across the Commonwealth
- Infrastructure improvements are important, with over 70 miles of interstate improvements underway in Hampton Roads
- Excellent regional cooperation and dialogue with Hampton Roads installations
- Sequestration is still a possibility
- The report is available to the public and MATRIX will provide the website

HRMFFA Update - RDML Quigley

- Expect the President's budget the middle of March
- The question is what area constructions projects could possibly be redirected to the border wall funding
- Success at the General Assembly for regulation of private drones near military installations

Maritime Industrial Base Regional Ecosystem Initiative – VADM Architzel

- Need to upgrade the entire ecosystem for ship building and repair in Hampton Roads
- Area shipyards are a full capacity
- 33% of the Navy ship repair is completed in Hampton Roads
- A strategy team is focused on the entire Hampton Roads region and not just one shipyard
- Next Catapult event is planned for November 2019

Open Discussion Topics

- Potential use of Coast Guard funds for any border wall funding
- The Federal government shutdown had a severe impact on Coast Guard operations
- Impact of high-speed oversea cables on the area
- Privatization of military housing

Next Joint MEDAC meeting planned for 20 May 2019.