

Military Economic Development Advisory Committee Meeting
Joint Meeting
24 February 2020
1500-1614

Virginia Beach Members Present

RADM Kevin Cook, LCDR Diaz Adalberto, Elizabeth Dietzmann, RADM Richard Dunleavy, RADM Mark Gemmill, CAPT Robert Herbert, RADM Gregory Nosal, RADM Phillip Olson, CDR Kathleen Owens, RADM Fenton Priest, RADM Craig Quiqley, CAPT Robert Rieve, CAPT Louis Schager, Jr., CAPT Richard Trowbridge, LTG Francis Wilson

Norfolk Members Present

CAPT Len Remias, RADM Jack Kavanaugh, Thomas E. Bosse, CAPT Malcom Branch, CAPT Michael S. O'Hearn, CDR Michael Vecerkauskas, CAPT Michael Fierro, Will Fediw

Regular MEDAC Guests

LTC Rick Dwyer, CAPT Bob Clark, Robert A. Baker, Charlotte Hurd, John Uhrin

Welcome and introductions

- Chair Olson welcomed members and guests
 - Members and guests introduced themselves

Approval of Minutes

- Approval of October 28, 2019 notes

HRMFFA Update – RDML Craig Quigley

- 2020 Legislative Priorities draft out for formal Board approval by tomorrow or the next day
 - After approval Rick and I will take it to DC and hand deliver to all six of the Congressional offices
 - This document consists of the items we are asking their help with during this legislative cycle.
 - We will share with both MEDAC's
- We attempted to get a State level version of the Defense Community Infrastructure Program
 - This will provide grant money to communities that host military installations with a community match for a project outside the fence line that would benefit the military mission inside the fence line
 - We asked for \$10 million and did not get it
 - There were 9.4 billion worth of requested budget amendments
 - We did not make the cut but will try again next year
 - Going on Thursday to the Washington Navy Yard to meet with NAV-C
 - We will be there for the Maritime industrial base ecosystem initiative
 - Hear the Navy's vision on how they are going to dig itself out of the hole of ship sustainment, modernization, and repair
 - We will share with them our vision on how Hampton Roads can help them do that

Navy League of Hampton Roads – Bre Kingsbury

- Was not present to share

SECNAV Education Initiative – Bob Clark, ODU

Kathy Owens – introduced Bob Clark, ODU Liaison to give the group updates

- Kathy shared a handout with information and talking points on the initiative of excellence
- A letter of proposal was sent to the SECNAV and the CNO's Office as to what we can do here in Hampton Roads to encompass all the educational institutions together
- We have held meetings with the John Kroger, Chief Learning Officer, and the staff to share our ideas and what we can do as a team to educate our sailors
- They were very receptive to the conversation and the President said he wanted to partner with us as well as others
- Announcements have been made concerning the Navy Community College at Quantico
- Process is in place to hire a President
- We should try to invite him to one of our joint MEDAC meetings to pitch him as to why it would be a great idea to bring the Navy University System to Hampton Roads
- We relayed to him we have the programs here to move from Associates up to a master's degree
- We communicated the community college is already on the East Coast at Quantico so there might be a chance for them to move the Navy University System over to the west coast
- It is the hopes that the Universities could carry the accreditation in case something happened to the Navy installation.
- Expecting an RFP for the University System to come out some time in March or April
- We will ask for input from the MEDAC members for this document for the region as a whole
- There are talking points on the back of the handout for MEDAC members to share (see attached)
- Hampton Roads has infrastructure and ability to make this happen
- We should plan to invite SECNAV to our next Joint MEDAC meeting
- We will know more when the RFI comes out
- We need a better plan to get our sailors educated

Special Guest with announcement - Dot Wood

- Congratulated Al Diaz for being the Health Care Giver of the year
- He and his wife volunteered at LifeNet for the year
- Members shared interest in another tour
- Al stated he would get it together and let the members know about a date

757 Tech Bridge - CDR Bobby Hanvey

- Elizabeth Dietzmann introduced Bobby Hanvey to share NavalX and the Tech Bridge program
- NavalX is the Assistant SECNAV for Research and Development Acquisition
- Biggest challenges is the operational side of the Navy is solving short term problems
- Another challenge is this region does not have the best history with partnering with other organizations and cities to meet the needs
- We are looking at inside the Navy and outside the Navy
- We want to take information already out there, put it together within the groups and implement the strategies
- To maintain and succeed, we need operational aid

- Reaching to find out how small businesses can work with the Navy instead of just the large companies
- Getting more consistent to deliver projects more timely
- Ideas to get classified information out to the small business community and industries
- Looking to provide a public office where the DON can meet with others to discuss projects, collaboration, workshops, and events
- The difference in this is the Navy is reaching out to the communities, so the longevity will have a better chance of surviving as we would be joining efforts already in place
- Navy staff are being appointed to this effort so it will continue
- Tech groups have been established
- Continued discussion on the Warfare gap issues
- Short term solutions are most important at this point
- It was asked the MEDAC group be added to the email group for NavalX and the Tech Bridge initiative
- MEDAC members were asked to share with Bobby who he needs to reach out to and give him any information that may assist the initiative to move forward

City & Economic Development Update - David Couch

- David shared the City representative were not at the meeting today as they are at an annual retreat
- They are soliciting a new City Manager, but as we all know it is a long process
- They are also discussing the new budget for 2020-2021
- Two staff members with the Economic Development are on international travel
- Continued conferences and meetings concerning Subsea cables, cyber-security, and wind energy

Other Discussion

- The Navy's newest expedition ship, the Hershel Williams, will be downtown Norfolk on March 7th
 - Expecting 1500 guests
 - All are invited

Adjournment at 1614

Next Joint MEDAC Meeting – April 20, 2020 @1500 @ the Slover Library in Norfolk

Next Virginia Beach MEDAC Meeting - March 23, 2020 @ 1500 - Canceled