



Military Economic Development Advisory Committee Virginia Beach / Norfolk Joint Meeting Summary 26 April 2021 (1500-1630) via WebEx



Members and Guests Present (Online)

Virginia Beach - RADM Fenton Priest (Chair), RDML Greg Nosal (Vice Chair), RADM Dick Dunleavy, RADM Phillip Olson, RDML Craig Quigley, Rick Dwyer; CAPT Stephen Brennan, CAPT Charles Stuppard, CAPT Loren Heckelman, Ms. Elizabeth Dietzmann, CDR Kathleen Owens, CAPT Robert Rieve, CAPT Louis Schager, CAPT Richard Trowbridge, Lt-Gen Fran Wilson, Steve Herbert, John Uhrin, City of VB: Ray White, Vicki Kelly

Norfolk - RADM Jack Kavanaugh (Chair), RDML Craig Quigley, Rick Dwyer, CAPT Tom Bosse, CAPT Bill Crow, CAPT Brian Donegan, Will Fediw, CAPT Mike Fierro, CAPT Jay O'Brien, CDR Jerry Johnson, CAPT Mike O'Hearn, CDR Mike Vecerkauskas, City of Norfolk: Len Remias (Military Affairs Liaison), N. Lata Salley (Norfolk HVN intern), Jim Redick (Director Emergency Preparedness & Response), Scott Mahone (Norfolk EM)

Guests: Allen Baker (MIBE), Bob Geis (Chesapeake), Ron Peterman (Portsmouth), Earnest McDonald (JEB LC-FS), RADM Mark Hugel, Tom Crabbs (VA ML), Andrew Warren (DE), John Larson (DE), Gaylene Watson (DE), Robert Richardson (DE), Gregory Mathe (DE), Kit Chope (VPA); Delia Johnson (MFAN), Janet Lomax, Charlotte Hurd; Diane Kauffman; John Lauterbach (NAS Oceana); Gene Garland.

I. Welcome and Introductions

- a. MEDAC Chairs, Jack Kavanaugh and Fenton Priest welcomed all and read ordinance for electronic meetings.
- b. Summary of February Joint Meeting minutes were provided via email.
- c. Fenton Priest announced Dick Dunleavy and past VB MEDAC Chair a Happy Birthday
- d. Requested all phone in callers (to identify and introduce themselves).

II. HRMFFA Update – RDML Quigley

- a. Awaiting proposed Congressional budget expected within next 3 weeks. Longer wait will lead to starting FY 22 with CR.
- b. Secretary of Army nominated by POTUS. No other service secretaries identified yet. Asst Sec Defense and key portfolios being nominated. Will notify both MEDAC when nominations appear.
- c. Board Chair, Mike Hipple spent time with CODEL going over legislative priorities and have strong support.
- d. Planning for HRMFFA board for trip to DC around Oct 2021

III. Guest Presentations

1) COVID 19 vaccination efforts - Mr. Jim Redick, Director City of Norfolk Emergency Preparedness and Response.

- a. 4th week of FEMA Clinic hosted out of Military Circle Mall. Numbers for capability is not there.
- b. Supposed to be a Type 2 clinic to see 3K doses/day and have not seen. Best day 2.1K and bordering around 1K. Majority of folks who want to get vaccination have received it. Doing hub and spokes. Vaccines taken from Sentara and taken to Military and going out into City.
- c. Provided a graphic of high social vulnerability index areas. Must be a .75 rating or higher (1.0). There are several high areas in Norfolk. Clinic in Norfolk is a regional area and trying to reach all of Hampton Roads southside cities.
- d. City of Chesapeake, Bob Geis discussed how do you define mission success? State has a goal of 75% which is ambitious that does not include counting military/veterans in community. Using a benchmark

of 60% as one pillar of success. Shots within 72 hours; 1000 shots per day but not reaching those numbers and no longer have need for mass vaccination sites; do we have evidence provided for proper outreach to underserved groups?

2) Military Families Advisory Network - Ms. Delia Johnson is the Director of Programs.

- a. MFAN is a national non-profit dedicated to connecting military families to resources as they navigate military life. Food Insecurity (not knowing when you are going to get next meal or worry about where you are going to get it). Survey of 1 in 8 respondents are food insecure.
- b. Collaborative Response: Military Family Financial Readiness Coalition (MFFRC), Food Insecurity Coalition, Military Roundtable (MHR). Key program pillars: Food Distribution Events, Resources, Research
- c. Food Distribution Events: 15 May Fort Hood TX; 5 June Joint Base Lewis -McChord, WA; 12 June Fort Bragg, NC; 16 June Hampton Roads, VA. Targeting three events in Hampton Roads - June, Sept, Fall

3) Virginia Port Authority - CAPT (Ret) Kit Chope, Vice President, Sustainability

- a. Provided background info. Port of VA 3rd largest container port in US east coast behind NY and Savannah GA. Operate 6 terminals across Commonwealth (NIT, VIG, PMT, NNMT, Virginia Inland Port (VIP) rail hub, Richmond Marine Terminal (RMT).
- b. Works for Port Authority side on quasi-state agency that owns facilities. Unique both owner and operator of which Virginia International Terminals operates.
- c. 1 in 10 jobs tied to waterfront, supporting other business VMA, VSRA.
- d. 10 years ago container ships ½ the size of what we are seeing today.
- e. Investment \$700M to increase on terminal capacity by 46%. Also investing in water to have dept and width of channel to accommodate ships.
- f. COVID had impact on volume but had extra ship that came through. Volumes rebounding. March most 2nd productive month.
- g. Port invested in community to be responsible neighbors. Reliant on transportation, electric power, gas, telecommunications, relationships with CNRMA, academia (ODU), workforce development internships.

4) Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind (CVOW) Dominion Energy - Andrew Warren, Senior Policy Advisor and John Larson, Director of Public Policy & Economic Development

- a. First Turbines in Federal Waters. Two 6-MW wind turbines enough to power 3K homes.
- b. Largest Offshore Wind Project in the U.S. Planning for 11 14-MW wind turbines to power 660K homes.
- c. Growing Virginia Clean Energy Economy (approx 900 jobs/\$143M economic impact during construction and approx 1.1K jobs and \$210M economic impact during operation.
- d. Expanding opportunities for VA businesses. More than 300 VA attendees B2B meetings.

IV. Discussion items (including member/visitor announcement and comments)

- a. Tom Crabbs – Secretary Hopkins to deploy on orders to Kuwait. Deputy Secretary Jobs to fill in.
- b. Fenton Priest – Progress on Future Base Design. City council did act on the MOA and VB set up subcommittee. Lou Schager subcommittee chair. John Lauterbach on call. City of VB/NAS Oceana came to a non-binding agreement. Enables coordination VB/NASO for renovating, redeveloping, utilizing parcels, long term lease initiative, in-kind considerations. Coordination with CNRMA. SECNAV also seeking to do same type of agreement further securing long term commitment.