



Military Economic Development Advisory Committee Virginia Beach / Norfolk Joint Meeting Summary 28 February (1500-1630)



Members and Guests Present in Person or by Phone

Virginia Beach - RADM Fenton Priest (Chair), CAPT Steve Brennan, RADM Kevin Cook, Elizabeth Dietzmann, RADM Dick Dunleavy, RADM Mark Gemmil, CAPT Loren Heckelman, RADM Phillip Olson, CDR Kathleen Owens, RDML Craig Quigley, CAPT Charles Stuppard, CAPT Richard Trowbridge, Lt-Gen Frances Wilson, John Uhrin; City of VB: Ray White, Letitia Langaster, Vicki Kelley, and Special Guest Mayor Dyer.

Norfolk - RADM Jack Kavanaugh (Chair), RDML Craig Quigley, CAPT Mike Fierro, Len Remias, Tom Wilson

I. Welcome and Introductions

- a. Virginia Beach MEDAC Chair, Fenton Priest welcomed all, introduced Mayor Bobby Dyer, and asked if he would like to share anything with the group.
- b. Mayor Dyer shared with the group:
 - i. Shared appreciation of MEDAC members and their service
 - ii. Very proud of the Military presence in our community
 - iii. Skillbridge program – providing those Vets with training to stay in the area after retirement.
 - iv. OffShore Wind – bringing high-tech jobs to help keep graduates here in Hampton Roads.
 - v. Master Plan – Mayor Dyer explained the agreement has been signed but discussion on the plan going forward is currently taking place.
 - vi. Kathy Owens shared information on the set tours of the Veteran’s Care Centers.
 - vii. Ray White shared information on Industry Day and explained the Navy is planning and ED Staff is assisting.
 - viii. Mayor Dyer shared DOD had a message of urgency to assist with infrastructure which is why they are concentrating on this first plot of land.
 - ix. Craig Quigley added that the Navy is interested in hearing ideas during Industry Day.
 - x. Kathy Owens said she believed a study should be done before decisions are made, and that it doesn’t seem fair to all, including adjacent property owners.
 - xi. Fenton Priest reminded the group that the Virginia Beach MEDAC has submitted their letter of support.
- c. Len Remias shared updates on the HVN in Norfolk.
- d. Mayor Dyer shared that teaching skills for the industries that are growing is very important.
- e. Craig Quigley announced that Mayor Dyer would be giving the State of the City speech on March 16, 2022, at the City of Virginia Beach Convention Center.
- f. Mayor Dyer thanked everyone for all they do and wished everyone well.

II. Summary of November 2021 Joint Meeting notes - provided via email.

III. HRMFFA Update – RDML Quigley

- a. Appropriations Bill will hopefully be finalized before the March 11th continuing resolution expires.
- b. Craig Crenshaw appointed, consider inviting him to a MEDAC meeting.
- c. Bill for \$5 Million commonwealth infrastructure assistance is hopeful. This is for projects outside the fence line.

IV. Guest Presentations (Presentations attached)

- a. Navy League: “The Centennial Anniversary of US Navy Aircraft Carriers”; Maryellen Baldwin, President & CEO shared information on the Centennial Celebration.
- b. USO: Overview of Hampton Roads and Central VA OPS and Transition Activities, The 2022 “USO Experience” (aka Warrior Week); Chelsea Lynch, USO Corporate Development Officer; Robert Habib, USO HRCV Transition Manager: Both shared information on the USO.
- c. Virginia Military Spouse Liaison, Virginia Department of Veterans Services (VDVS) – Kayla LaFond.

V. Discussion

- Charles Stuppard coordinated with JB Little Creek; they would like for us to come on 12 May 2022 at 11:30 am.
- Craig Quigley announced a huge shortage of affordable childcare with CDC as there is a long waiting list. The current waiting list has 800 children on it.
- Craig also announced that the VET Income Tax relief would be a huge factor in keeping retirees in Hampton Roads.
- Kathy Owens announced she would send out Tour information to Fenton and Vicki and it could be passed forward to Members.
- Len Remias announced the Sea Air and Space symposium will be April 4th – 8th at MGM National Harbor.

Next VB MEDAC: 28 March 2022

Next Joint MEDAC: 25 April 2022 – Norfolk hosting

Adjournment at 1621