

**Virginia Beach Military Economic Development Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**28 March 2022**  
**1500**

**Members Present:**

Chair RADM Fenton Priest, Vice-Chair RADM Gregory Nosal, RADM Richard Dunleavy, CAPT Robert Herbert, RADM Phil Olson, CDR Kathleen Owens, RADM Craig Quigley, CAPT Robert Rieve, CAPT Louis Schager, CAPT Charles Stuppard, LtGen Frances Wilson

**Members Present via Phone:**

RADM Kevin Cook, Elizabeth Dietzmann, RADM Mark Gemmill

**Guests/Advisors/Staff Present and via phone**

Charles Bauman III, John Boss, Sulton Camp, Tim Baker, Amanda Lawson, John Nickerson, Jeff Brunner, Vicki Kelley, Letitia Langaster, Joh Lauterbach, Ron Peterman, Kip Pucash, John Uhrin, Ray White, Rep. Senator Kane's Office,

**I. Welcome and introductions**

- a. Chair Fenton Priest welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**II. Approval of 24 Jan 2022 notes**

- a. Notes approved unanimously with corrections.

**III. City Update – Councilman Moss**

City Council held a special meeting and Councilman Moss was unable to attend the MEDAC meeting so no city update.

**IV. HRMFFA Update – RDML Craig Quigley**

- a. Today we are getting a look at the President's proposed 2023 fiscal year budget
- b. BRAC Process – During the '90s and early 2000s. The VA completed a similar effort after it was mandated by a law passed in 2018 to do an infrastructure review.
  - i. Where are facilities located, what is their physical condition, are they appropriately sized, etc....
  - ii. This was published a week ago.
  - iii. For Hampton Roads this would be a proposed closure of the Hampton VA Medical Center.
  - iv. Continued structure of other medical centers and care centers going up in Newport News, Chesapeake, Virginia Beach, and Suffolk.
  - v. This will go through the process to be approved.
  - vi. This will not happen fast as it could be a ten-year or more project.

**V. Economic Development Update – Ray White**

- a. Offshore Wind is moving closer to beginning construction.

- b. Staff will be attending the National Offshore Wind Conference being held in Atlantic City in April.
- c. Industry Day will be on 20 April 2022 at the Virginia Beach Convention Center with a tour of the Horse Stables to follow.
  - i. Invitations have been sent out
  - ii. Posted on Economic Development Website
  - iii. An email was sent to MEDAC Members with the website link

**VI. Command Visit Program – Greg Nosal/Charles Stuppard**

- a. Planning a JEB command visit for May.

**VII. MEDAC Updates: Veterans Care Center – Kathy Owens**

- a. Chair Fenton Priest shared that there were many Vets working on the building.
- b. Kathy Owens shared a presentation of photos from the tour
- c. Can house up to 128 residents
- d. Photo presentation attached
- e. Great facility and appreciate the City of Virginia Beach donating the land for this purpose
- f. An additional Tour is scheduled in April for those who could not attend the first tour

**VIII. NAS Oceana FBD Report – CAPT (Ret) Lou Schager, Industry Day Website**

- a. Chair Priest mentioned this has been on our agenda for over a year and am happy to see the progress we are making.
- b. Industry day
- c. A lot of unknowns and learning
- d. Master Long Term Plan – There will be a better report after Industry Day.
- e. 700 invitations were sent out for Industry Day

**IX. Special Guests Presentations**

- a. Director of Hampton Roads Veterans Employment Centers – Blueprint to establish working groups - Sulton Camp
  - i. Presentation attached
- b. Wounded Warrior Intern Program, Tim Baker, Director, Purple Knight Initiative/John Nickerson, Program Manager
  - i. Presentation attached

**X. DoD SkillBridge/HVNFP Endorsement**

- a. A letter of endorsement has been sent to Mayor Dyer supporting the Hire Vets Now Fellowship Program. Letter attached

**XI. Discussion and Announcements**

- a. Fenton Priest announced there is a subcommittee in place to plan for succession planning as there will be openings on MEDAC in 2023.
  - i. Chair Priest asked the committee to please identify individuals believed to be a good candidate

**Adjourned at 1629**

**Next Scheduled Virginia Beach Meeting: 23 May 2022**

**Next Joint Committee Meeting: 25 April 2022 (Norfolk Hosting)**