



**Military Economic Development Advisory Committee
Virginia Beach / Norfolk Joint Meeting Summary
25 April 2022 (3:00 PM – 4:30 PM)
In-Person Meeting (ONLY)
SLOVER LIBRARY 6TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM**



Members and Guests Present:

Norfolk - RADM Jack Kavanaugh (Chair), Craig Quigley, Rick Dwyer, CAPT Brian Donegan, CAPT Mike O'Hearn, CDR Jerry Johnson, CDR Mike Vecerkauskas

Virginia Beach - RADM Fenton Priest (Chair), RADM Dick Dunleavy, RADM Phillip Olson, RDML Craig Quigley, RADM Kevin Cook, Rick Dwyer, CDR Kathleen Owens, CAPT Robert Rieve, CAPT Lou Schager, CAPT Charles Stuppard, CAPT Richard Trowbridge, Debra Zywna

Guests: Rep Luria, CAPT Frauenzimmer (CO NSA-HR), Tom Crabbs (VA ML), Allen Baker (MIBE), Shea Diehl, Julie Stark, Tanya Canty, Gene Garland (Warner Rep), Alexis McDonough (Luria Rep), Janet Lomax (Kaine Rep); Sam O'Neil, Jeff Bruner, Amy Rodriguez, Kayla Lafond, Mark Buehlman, Sultan Camp, Julie Riggs, Ashley Scott, Karen Scherberger, Matt Vinson.

Welcome and Introductions

Virginia Beach MEDAC Chair, Fenton Priest welcomed all and asked for introductions.

HRMFFA Update – RDML Quigley

General Assembly passed a State version of Federal DCIP program of \$5M for localities supporting installation; Governor support for income tax forgiveness for portion of military retired pay to retain veterans in commonwealth; President submitted proposed FY 23 budget to include 4.6% pay raise for active duty in addition to funding for ship building/repair

Craig announced retirement and step-down position in June and relocating to Phoenix, AZ. Recommend Rick Dwyer for his relief and search for new Deputy.

Rep Luria – provided remarks on Defense Budget and effort of adding \$29M, ship decommissioning and commissioning efforts.

Commonwealth of Virginia Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs / Virginia Department of Veteran Services

- Secretary Crenshaw and Commissioner Daniel Gade provide various remarks about VDVS initiatives and efforts to work with municipalities and supporting veteran organizations.

Guest Presentations:

- Julie Riggs, Director Blue Star Families – Provided Blue Star families mission and goals brief
- Karen Scherberger, Executive Director – Provided update on Sail 250 Virginia and Norfolk HarborFest
- Sultan Camp, Director HRVEC – Provided update on Blueprint for Virginia

Discussion items (including member/visitor announcement and comments)

- Chairs provided update on Norfolk/VB HVNFP as well as MEDAC roles and responsibilities for new guests.
- HRMFFA ED discussed benefits and value of MEDAC/HRMFFA and stakeholders working together.
- CO NSA HR, CAPT Frauenzimmer provided a brief installation update

Next Norfolk MEDAC: 16 May (Tentative); **Next VB MEDAC:** 23 May

Next Joint MEDAC: July 25th, hosted by VB

Adjournment at 1630