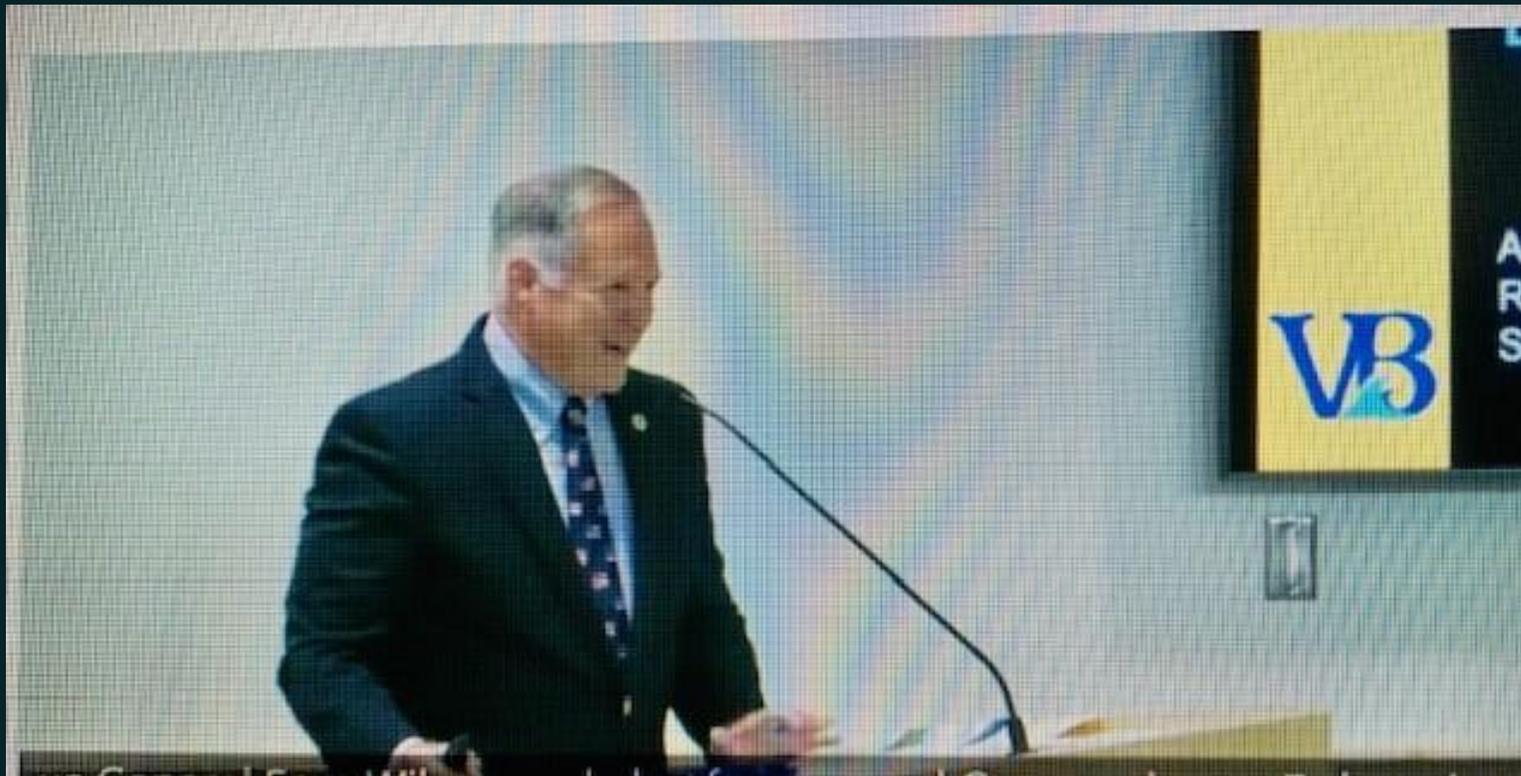


Virginia Beach Military Economic Development Advisory Committee (MEDAC)

Highlights of the Virginia Beach City Council Briefing
Date: September 13, 2022



Chair Fenton Priest MEDAC Presentation to City Council



City Council receives annual MEDAC briefing from Chair Fenton Priest





Chair Fenton Priest continues his Presentation to City Council Members



**Deputy City Manager
Taylor Adams and MEDAC
Chair Fenton Priest**



**City Council Member
Delceno Miles**



**City Council Member
John Moss**



**City Council Member
Aaron Rouse**

Mayor Bobby Dyer



**Thank you for supporting
the Virginia Beach Military
Community**



The HIVE VB Business Resource Center

MEDAC- October 24, 2022



WHAT

Offering a variety of fundamental resources to Start-Ups and established small businesses

- Individualized consulting
- Training programs/Events/Seminars
- Legal services
- Certifications
- Procurement assistance
- Marketing
- Capital formation
- Mentorship
- networking



WHO

- New entrepreneurs including veterans
- New entrants into the Virginia Beach business community
- International small businesses new to the U.S. and/or the City
- Existing businesses wanting to grow and expand
- Individuals looking to expand their skill sets or learn new skills
- Home-Based Businesses



At The HIVE, We Can Assist With

Business Start-Ups	Business Plan Development	Guidance and connections for financing, marketing, and product development	City permitting and processes	Zoning related questions
Business licensing	Government certifications	Industry-recognized certifications	Grant and loan application assistance	Hiring, training and managing staff
Vocational skills	Basic skills	Hard skills	Soft skills	Job Fairs

The HIVE's Business Resource Partners



Talent Innovation- Attraction & Development

Exiting
Military

Domestic
Recruitment

International
Recruitment

Virginia
Wesleyan
University

Tidewater
Community
College

Business
Resource
Partners

Talent Pool- Exiting Military Members

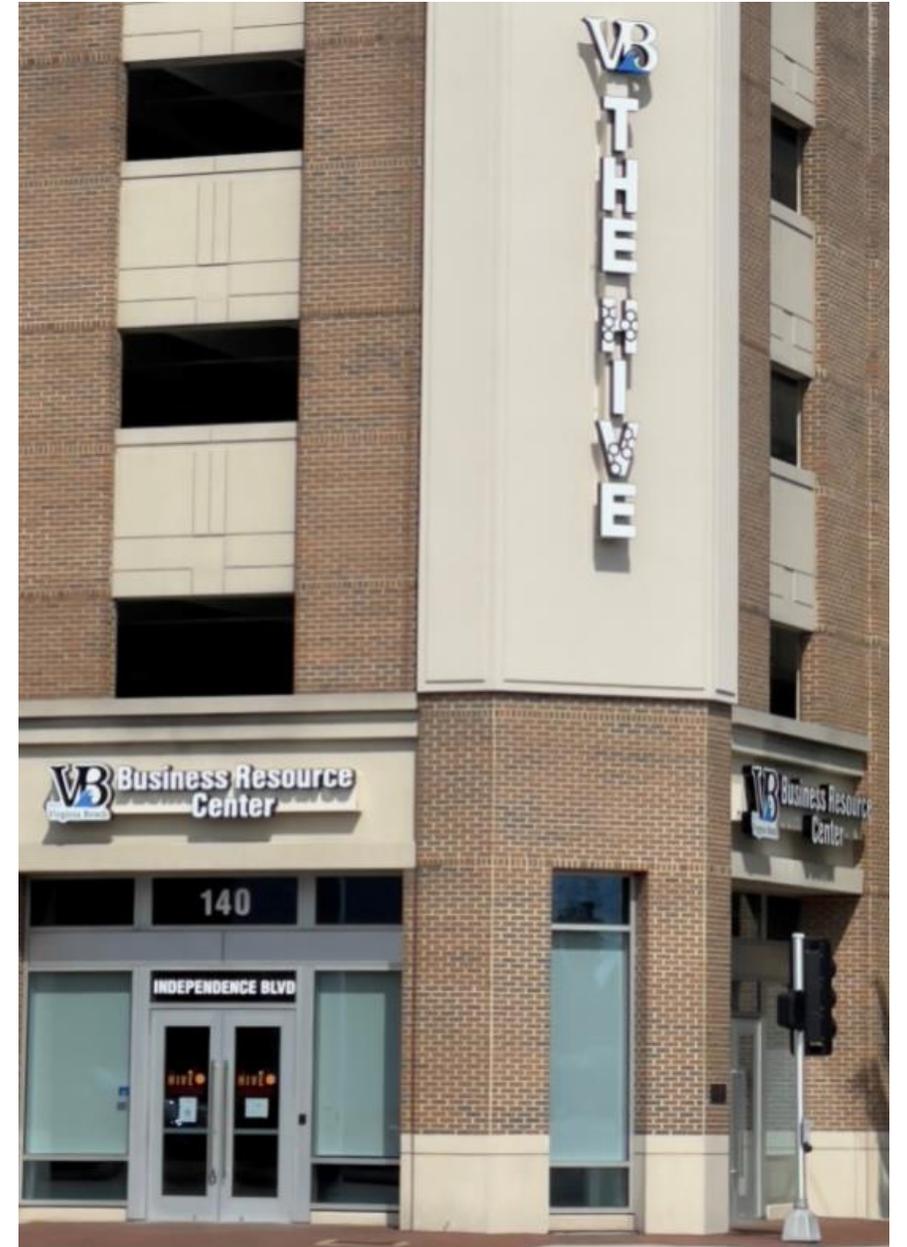
- Military events being held at the HIVE:
 - Transition Assistance Program (TAP) Seminars
 - After Tap workshops
 - Regional Military Employment meeting
 - Quarterly executive military Employer Advisory Consortium meeting
 - HRVEC staff meeting
 - Military spouses collaborative discussion
- Veteran Business Outreach Center:
 - Business Plan Bootcamp
- Programs in the works:
 - Transition Overwatch- Virginia Beach Veteran apprenticeship “hub pilot”
 - Gener8tor- Veteran-focused start up ecosystem
 - Heroes MAKE America- Manufacturing Institute
- Promoting the different programs to VB employers:
 - Virginia Values Veterans
 - DoD Skillbridge



QUESTIONS?

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January 12, 2023

The Honorable Mayor Robert "Bobby" Dyer & Members of City Council
2401 Courthouse Drive – City Hall
Virginia Beach, VA 23456

Subject: Endorsement of the USS Iowa Battleship Gun Barrel Relocation Project

Dear Mayor Dyer and Members of City Council,

The Virginia Beach Military Economic Development Advisory Committee (MEDAC) supports the relocation of the historic battleship gun barrel used by the Navy to the Joint Expeditionary Base Fort Story (JEB Fort Story) at Cape Henry. It is the last remaining unhoused gun barrel of its type and currently resides at a storage facility in Chesapeake, VA. The Coast Defense Study Group (CDSG), a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving United States defense equipment, has stepped in to preserve this historical artifact.

The USS Iowa was ordered on July 1, 1939, commissioned on February 22, 1943, and served our country for almost 50 years. In 1984, Vice President George H.W. Bush recommissioned the battleship and would later serve as it's Commander in Chief from 1989 until 1990 when it was finally decommissioned.

By way of introduction, Terry McGovern serves as Chairman of Press, Chairman of the Finance Committee and is a Trustee of the CDSG Fund. He has made presentations to the Virginia Beach Resort Advisory Commission, Resort Investment Committee, and now MEDAC in efforts to raise awareness and support of the cause. RADM Christopher "Scotty" Gray, Commanding Officer of the Navy Region Mid-Atlantic, and Captain Michael Witherspoon, Commanding Officer of JEB Fort Story, both support the placement of this barrel at JEB Fort Story. If successfully housed at JEB Fort Story, visitors will be able to see the gun barrel first-hand while also enjoying the nearby historic Cape Henry Lighthouse, an attraction unto itself.

MEDAC is confident that the fruition of this project will be mutually beneficial to both the Navy and the City of Virginia Beach. We believe its historical significance will serve as visitor "must see" and will positively impact the local economy while preserving a tangible piece of prominent history.

Thank you for your kind consideration of this matter. We respectfully request City Council's endorsement of this initiative. We also remain prepared to address any questions the City Council may have regarding our support of this important endeavor.

Sincerely,


Fenton Priest, RADM, USN (Ret)
MEDAC Chair

CC: MEDAC Members
Patrick A. Duhaney, City Manager
Taylor V. Adams, Deputy City Manager and Director of Economic Development