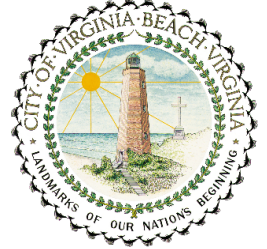




Military Economic Development Advisory Committee Virginia Beach / Norfolk Joint Meeting Summary 24 April 2023 (1500-1630)



Members and Guests Present in Person or by Phone

Virginia Beach – RADM Fenton Priest (Chair), MCPO Lee Barbrey, CAPT Kit Chope, CAPT J.J. Cummings, Elizabeth Dietzmann, CAPT Loren Heckelman, RADM Robert Katz, RADM Chuck Kubic, RADM Greg, Nosal, RADM Phillip Olson, CDR Kathy Owens, CAPT Charles Stuppard, John Uhrin

Norfolk – RADM Jack Kavanaugh (Chair), CAPT Leonard Remias, CAPT Tom Bosse, Tom Ferguson,

Portsmouth - Irv Lindley, Ron Peterman, Mark Hugel

Guests - Bill Brown, Kayla Lafond, Sultan Camp, Bob Ernst

I. Welcome and Introductions

- a. Virginia Beach MEDAC Chair, RADM Fenton Priest welcomed all to the joint meeting in person and on the phone, hosted by the Virginia Beach Chapter at the Virginia Beach Economic Development Boardroom.
- b. Members and guests' introductions

II. Approval of 27 February 2023 MEDAC Joint Meeting notes - Provided via email. Minutes approved unanimously.

III. HRMFFA Update – Rick Dwyer

- a. Rick Dwyer, Executive Director of HRMFFA, shared some items were not funded.
 - a. May 15 through May 19 will be the growing Military Master Plan Meetings.
 - b. Scheduled meetings with each installation.

IV. Guest Presentations

A. Captain David Dees, Chief of Staff, Commander Navy Region Mid Atlantic

- RADM Gray is on leave and scheduled to report to CNIC.
 - There will be a change in command soon.
- Maintenance and Infrastructure – This has been a priority to Rear Admiral Gray.
 - There have been delays but there is a maintenance plan in the Budget.
 - Recruiting Military has become a challenge.
 - Child Development Staffing and Mental Health – New positions being added in partnership with Old Dominion University and other colleges in the area.
- Future Base Design – RFP closing in May 2023.
 - Still visiting different creative ideas depending on the need of the installation.
 - Solicited and unsolicited proposals coming in.
 - Priority is the Horse Stable land.
- Offshore Wind Project – working with Dominion Energy on a team effort.

B. Jeff Guild, Director of Military Affairs, Liberty Military Housing

- Presentation attached to these Minutes

C. Sultan Camp, Director, Hampton Roads Veterans Employment Center

- Presentation attached to these Minutes

Julie Stark, NSWC Carderock, Norfolk Detachment Mid-Atlantic Tech Bridge Powered by NavalX

- Chair Fenton Priest asked Julie Stark to share Mid-Atlantic Tech Bridge.
- Presentation attached to these Minutes

V. Discussion

- A. Portsmouth MEDAC announced they had been invited to join Norfolk MEDAC and invited all to attend a joint meeting at the Casino as the Mayor has offered the space.

Next VB MEDAC: 22 May 2023

Next Norfolk MEDAC: 15 May 2023

Next Joint MEDAC: 26 June 2023 – Norfolk hosting

Adjournment at 1635