

MILITARY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

27 FEBRUARY 2017 ✂ 1500-1630

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE ROOM

PRESENT: RADM Kevin Cook, LCDR Adalberto M. Diaz, Elizabeth Dietzmann, RADM Dick Dunleavy, RADM Mark Gemmill, CAPT Steve Herbert, RADM Bud Jewett, RADM Fenton Priest, CAPT Robert Rieve, CAPT Richard Trowbridge, Councilman John Uhrin, Dot Wood

STAFF: Warren Harris, Bob Matthias, Jerry Stewart, Ray White, Ron Williams

VISITORS: Julie Gifford (Governor McAuliffe's Office), Tim Giles (Eggleston Services), Mercedes Holland (JEB Little Creek-Ft. Story), Terry Campbell (Navy Reserve Forces Command) Charlotte Hurd (Military Liaison for Senator Mark Waner), Dr. Jim Shaeffer (ODU) John Uhrin, Sr. (MOAA), Michael Camden, Wayne Adcock (Eggleston Services)

ABSENT: CAPT Steve Brennan, RADM Gary Jones, RADM Phillip R. Olson, RDML Craig Quigley, LT GEN Fran Wilson

APPROVAL OF 23 JANUARY NOTES

Approved as written

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

RADM Gemmill welcomed all visitors.

23 JANUARY JOINT MEETING COMMENTS (*RADM Gemmill*)

The meeting went well. Discussions included:

- Norfolk International Airport
- Sea Level Rise

HRMFFA UPDATE (*RDML Craig Quigley*)

- Rick Dywer and RDML Quigley met with their entire CODEL on 7 February in Washington, DC. They hand delivered HRMFFA's 2017 legislative priorities and also mentioned the need to recapitalize the Norfolk Naval Station and NAS Langley, plus the 250th anniversary of Norfolk Naval Shipyard. The 100th anniversary of Fort Eustis is next year. Each of those anniversaries has a variety of observances associated with them.
- The CR expires on 28 April, and it is unknown what happens after that time. Could get appropriations bills done (either individually or an omnibus), or it could be full year CR.
- Lou Schlager is working at ReInvent Hampton Roads with Jim Spore.

CITY UPDATE (*Councilman John Uhrin*)

- 7 March is the deadline to hear from USM (developer) regarding their financing for the arena. There is no more Council action needed, since the deal has not changed.
- Patriotic Festival – there will be more wounded warrior participation, but the format will be the same. Commanding Officer is working with the USO. These are two different events. The USO (Wounded Warrior Week) and HR Chamber of Commerce (Patriotic Festival).

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

Ray White's Updates:

- An articulation agreement was signed on 8 February at a ceremony attended by the Governor, between Old Dominion University and Tidewater Community College regarding Cyber Security courses. Ray White attended this event in Richmond, VA.
- Virginia Beach Economic Development, Cyber Protection Resources will hold Cyber Security Roundtable III on 28 March, 0830 – 1100 at the Virginia Beach Department of Economic Development. The topic will be “Applying Big Data Techniques to Cyber Security and Workforce Development.”
- Funding was approved for the Go Virginia initiative, by Virginia's General Assembly. The program is designed to foster private-sector growth and job creation through state incentives for regional collaboration by business, education, and government. The regional non-profit cyber organization, Cyber Protection Resources (CPR) and Virginia Beach Economic Development staff have been meeting with ReInvent Hampton Roads officials regarding CPR applying for a grant from this new state program.

Warren Harris

- Economic Development Community Profile –Warren briefly reviewed the content of the new *Community Profile* and commented that we received national recognition from the economic development profession. In a couple of weeks you will be able to download the document as an iBook.
- VBDA approved three EDIP grants
 1. Mythics – They are a home grown company and the largest provider of Oracle services. They are moving into the Clark-Nexen building and will occupy the entire top floor as well a portion of the 8th floor. MEDAC will get a briefing from them in the future.
 2. Stihl grows deeper roots – they will be expanding into Lillian Vernon building (2200 International). They consider Virginia Beach a major component for their growth. They do not sell any of their products to the national chain hardware stores, only in home grown independent locally owned stores. Warren and the Mayor are going to German to visit their operations.
 3. U-Play. They manufacture and sell adult incontinent products as well as pet potty training products.
- In conjunction with the Neptune Festival, Economic Development hosted a recognition reception 23 February to thank them for doing business and being a part of our community. We have more than 30 international companies calling Virginia Beach home. We are growing and strengthening our relationship with these international companies.
- Veteran's Care Facility is going to City Council 7 March.
- Broadband/Data centers – the cable is coming through Croatan on Pendleton to General Booth Boulevard to Telefonica's data center near Green Flash Brewery.
 - In January, the VBDA approved the first tenant in Corporate Landing that will house a data farm.
 - The City has been investing for years now and continues to build next generations networks.
 - Warren will pull together a Broad Band Task Force with both private sector and City (staff) members.
- Elizabeth Dietzmann – She does a lot of work transitioning exiting military personnel. She is hearing about the impacts of exiting military not getting jobs due to federal hiring freeze. These

companies, trying to hire exiting military, need to get waivers (from the hiring freeze) and guidance from the White House.

- Warren will invite ComIT to a future MEDAC meeting to provide an update on Next Generation networks and Cyber security.

VIRGINIA ADVISORY COUNCIL ON MILITARY EDUCATION SYMPOSIUM (*RADM Priest*)

Mike Camden –President of the Virginia Advisory Council on Military Education. Very passionate about helping veterans. He works at Troy University and also serves on the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce’s Armed Forces Committee.

The Virginia Advisory Council on Military Education advocates for quality educations and support to the military community based on a DoD MOU.

They conduct an annual symposium here at the Westin. They have partnered with Fleet and Family Services, Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce, and the Department of Veterans Affairs to have a military job fair. The job fair will be 28 March at the Westin. Mike is asking that we help get the word out. The USO, and RP6 are presenters. They have reached out to the Honor Foundation asking them to be a presenter and are waiting for their response.

EGGLESTON’S WARRIOR BRIDGE PROGRAM (*Tim Giles*)

Tim Giles, Retired Navy Chief, joined Eggleston in the past year as the Warrior Bridge Program coordinator. They assist, and specifically seek, any veteran that is having difficulty transitioning to the civilian workforce, due to a military related disability (emotional, physical, mental). This is a program that does not consider your discharge status as a qualification. It is a program that gives second chances and changes lives.

Warrior Bridge is a vital connection to resources and support for veterans with disabilities as they seek employment, self-sufficiency, and improved quality of life. Their three areas of operation is to serve, provide placement, and employment. See Tim’s PowerPoint for complete details.

There are many helping programs, Fenton met with Brian Stevens from the Chamber and they are in the process of arranging for an office on Bank Street in Norfolk to help refer veterans to programs such as Warrior Bridge. Craig may have ideas as how to pull these services together. Unity Us is in the process of catalog all these services. Mission United’s (a branch of United Way) Website <https://www.unitedway.org/blog/mission-united-connects-veterans-with-critical-help> is also a good resource. Charlotte Hurd suggested having Mission United for a future brief to MEDAC.

COMMAND VISIT (*RADM Olson and CAPT Herbert*)

23 January command visit to JEB-Little Creek-Fort Story. Attendees were RADM Mark Gemmill, CAPT Steve Herbert, RADM Olsen, Ray White, and Mercedes Holland. The Lesner Bridge project was discussed and they are looking forward to its completion. Overall, the visit went well.

DISCUSSION/EVENTS

- John Uhrin, Sr. – 22 April
 - On 22 April there will be an Honor Flight trip. The Honor Flight organization has one goal: to take every World War II and terminally ill veteran in the Hampton Roads and Richmond areas to visit the World War II Memorial on a charter bus day trip to Washington, DC. In addition to the WWII Memorial, other scheduled stops include Arlington National Cemetery, the Korean War Veterans Memorial, the National Museum of the Marine Corps (Quantico), and others sites as time allows. The brochure can be found online at: http://www.honorflighthtva.org/sponsors/4/22654/file_19743.pdf
 - Vietnam Veterans Era pins - There is a Vietnam Veterans Era pin and certificate to be present to veterans (and their spouse) who served between 1 November 1955 to 15 May 1975 for the 50th year Commemoration. The full “Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pin” fact sheet can be found at: http://www.vietnamwar50th.com/assets/1/7/Veteran_Lapel_Pin_Fact_Sheet.pdf
 - Local VFWs and other similar smaller organizations have had small “pinning” ceremonies and are all interested in forming one single group to have regional events. John Uhrin, Sr. is asking for support from MEDAC.
 - Economic Development will write a letter from MEDAC to the Mayor to support the Vietnam Veteran pins for veterans.
- Charlotte Hurd would like to provide information on the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program at the next MEDAC meeting.
- Councilman Uhrin
 - He’d like to have the Navy Seal Foundation monument – 38th Stub Street Foundation present at a future meeting.
 - The super site for the broadband loop will have 10 GB capacity
- RADM Cook announced that contracts have been awarded with five different ship yards for design to build Ice Breaker ships. These at \$1B ships

Next meeting: 27 March

Adjournment 1700