

MILITARY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

24 JULY 2017 ✂ 1500-1600

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE ROOM

PRESENT: RADM Kevin Cook, LCDR Adalberto M. Diaz, Elizabeth Dietzmann, RDML Mark Gemmill, CAPT Steve Herbert, RADM Gary Jones, RADM Phillip R. Olson, RADM Fenton Priest, RDML Craig Quigley, CAPT Robert Rieve, Councilmember John Uhrin,

STAFF: Jerry Stewart, Ray White, Ron Williams

VISITORS: Tanya Canty (Mission United), Ryan Felton (SGA Office), Julie Gifford (Governor McAuliffe's Office), Tim Giles (Eggleston), Mercedes Holland (JEB Little Creek-Ft. Story), Charlotte Hurd (Mark Warner's Office), John Uhrin, Sr. (MOAA), Rick Dwyer, HRMFFA.

ABSENT: CAPT Steve Brennan, Councilman Ben Davenport, RADM Dick Dunleavy, RADM Bud Jewett, CAPT Richard Trowbridge, Dot Wood, LT GEN Fran Wilson

APPROVAL OF 27 JUNE JOINT MEETING NOTES

Approved as written.

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

RADM Gemmill welcomed all other visitors.

27 JUNE JOINT MEETING

There was a brief on Sea Level Rise and the upcoming 100 year anniversary of Naval Station Norfolk. Harry Lester suggested a networking social event/forum for transitioning senior service members.

HRMFFA UPDATE (*RADM Craig Quigley*)

- Heather Wilson, Secretary of Air Force has been in her position for a couple of months. No nominee for Secretary of the Army. Richard V. Spencer, Secretary of the Navy, had an uneventful confirmation process.
- Budget for FY 18 is going to be an interesting discussion in the fall.
- BRAC - both appropriations and authorizers (organizer) have language prohibiting a BRAC. Senators John McCain and Jack Reed have said they are open to a discussion. The Air Force and Army are in support of a BRAC. The Navy is not.

CITY UPDATE

Councilmember John Uhrin

Seal Monument – John Uhrin noted staff did a nice job at 21 July the dedication.

Vietnam Veteran's Honoree Program – finally received newspaper coverage. You can view the YouTube video at the following link <https://youtu.be/70IQetk80VI>

At RADM Quigley's invitation, John Uhrin, Sr. will meet with the Allied Command.

Deputy City Manager, Ron Williams

Tourism Development – releasing the official 60 day solicitation for a PPEA for a Sports Center. 75% of our bookings at the VBCC are sports marketing centric. With a Sports Center we can be competitive. The Sports Center will have a private operator and we are hoping for 365 day season. October through April is the “shoulder” season.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

Ray White’s Report:

- 13-14 July - Warrior Expo was held at the Virginia Beach Convention Center. We attended this event which continues to grow both in number of attendees and exhibitors. The keynote speaker was retired U.S. Army General Martin E. Dempsey, the former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. His topic was leadership.
- 14 July we attended the ODU HR Cyber Employer’s Cyber Security Behavior workshop.
- 20 -21 July we attended the Naval Future Force Science and Technology Expo in Washington, D.C. We assisted six companies by lining up meetings and making introductions to key individuals within the Office of Naval Research.

REVIEW OF VIRGINIA BEACH 2040 PARTNER DOCUMENTATION (RADM Jewett)

Unfortunately, June was RADM Jewett’s last meeting as he is moving to Northern Virginia. He would have been here today but had a personal emergency. In RADM Jewett’s absence, Jerry reported out.

Under Current Activities on pages 2 & 3 are the top ranked elements. They directly connect to the MEDAC mission.

Peggy Layne came to the March MEDAC, and Jerry led the brainstorming exercise in May. Jerry turned the results of the brainstorming session into the document he provided today. It was agreed that Jerry would forward our document to VTAC.

COMMAND VISIT (RADM Olson and CAPT Herbert)

We had a great visit at Little Creek with Mercedes’ help. We will model future briefs after the Oceana brief. RADM Gemmill suggested briefing on a regular basis between these two Commands.

MISSION UNITED (Tanya Canty, Senior Director Mission United)

Tanya recently retired from the Construction Battalion after 21 years. Mission United was launched last year. Mission United is a collective impact model at the United Way that is a one-stop shop of resources for our military.

For more information contact Tanya by e-mail at tcanty@unitedwayshr.org or by phone at 853-8500 ext 111.

DISCUSSION

- RADMs Priest and Gemmill attended the Hillier Ignite event. Hillier Ignite provided a grant to Seal Kids
- RADM Cook reported that former Navy RADM Mark Buzby was nominated by President Trump to be the Maritime Administrator
4 August is the Coast Guard's 227th birthday
- Elizabeth– Fund raiser - 9 September Equi-vets first annual corn hole classic and BBQ 1300-1800. For more information contact Elizabeth at Edietzmann@earthlink.net
- John Uhrin, Sr. – having problem getting word out for 50th anniversary commemoration of Vietnam Veteran (1 November 1955 through 15 May 1975)
 - John Uhrin, Sr. will attend the MVC meeting to announce
 - Possible dates 4, 7, or 12 November at the VB Convention Center
 - There will be a luncheon and awards
 - Needs sponsors for the luncheon
 - Link to the website for more information: <http://www.vietnamvet50thvabeach.org>

For complete information, please contact John Uhrin, Sr. at johnuhrin3@verizon.net

Next meeting 25 September at 1500 (**no August meeting**)

Meeting adjourned a 1632