

MILITARY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

25 SEPTEMBER, 2017 ✂ 1500-1630

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE ROOM

PRESENT: CAPT Steve Brennan, RADM Kevin Cook, LCDR Adalberto M. Diaz, Elizabeth Dietzmann, RDML Mark Gemmill, CAPT Steve Herbert, RADM Gary Jones, RADM Greg Nosal, RADM Phillip R. Olson, RDML Craig Quigley, CAPT Robert Rieve, CAPT Richard Trowbridge, LT GEN Fran Wilson

STAFF: Scott Hall, Jerry Stewart, Ray White

VISITORS: Bill Coley (Opp. Inc.), Steve Cook (Opp. Inc.), Rick Dwyer (HRMFFA), Mercedes Holland (JEB Little Creek-Ft. Story), Charlotte Hurd (Mark Warner's Office), Diane Kaufman (Senator Kaine's Office), Ron Lewis (Ret Army), John Uhrin, Sr. (MOAA)

ABSENT: Councilman Ben Davenport, RADM Dick Dunleavy, RADM Bud Jewett, RADM Fenton Priest, CAPT Charles Stuppard, Councilmember John Uhrin, Dot Wood

APPROVAL OF 24 JULY MEETING NOTES

Approved as written.

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

RDML Gemmill introduced RADM Greg Nosal, a new MEDAC member. CAPT Charles Stuppard is also a new member, but was travelling and unable to attend. RDML Gemmill welcomed all other visitors.

HRMFFA UPDATE (*RDML Craig Quigley*)

- HRMFFA arranged a meeting with John Uhrin, ACT Chief of Staff, and the USO to discuss Warrior Week.
- There will be in a Continuing Resolution in a few days. Continue until 8 December. Final budget deliberations will be very difficult.
- One item in the bills – reset of the four public shipyards. First among them Norfolk Naval Shipyard. Their original mission was to build warships. Today they repair ships including nuclear powered ships.
- 21 October - NASA open house for 100 year anniversary

CITY UPDATE

Due to Councilmember John Uhrin's absence, there was no report.

HAMPTON ROADS MILITARY TRANSITION CENTER (*Steve Cook, Vice President of Work Force Innovation, Opportunity Inc. / Bill Coley, Opportunity Inc. - Hampton Roads Military Transition Center*)

Opportunity Inc. (Opp Inc.) works closely with Economic Development staff. They are the Workforce Development Board for the Southside. They provide training programs and services. Their main customers are the businesses that reside in Hampton Roads. They offer one-stop workforce development centers in Norfolk, Franklin, Suffolk, and opening soon in Portsmouth. Last year more than 12,000 were served, with 36,000 subsequent visits. They have a youth services center located at TCC that provides career coaches and counseling. They also talk with high school counselors. For more information on Opp Inc., please contact Steve at scook@oihr.org

Bill Coley, Opportunity Inc. – “Hampton Roads Military Transition Center” is a temporary name, they are in the process of conducting several focus groups to officially name the center. Hoping to open the center the end of October 2017.

Two years ago ADM Harvey commissioned four local planning groups across the Commonwealth to convene stakeholders and come up with the best way to serve veterans, transitioning services members and their families. As a result, the Plan Subcommittee was formed. The problem was not that there was not enough resources and services, but the connectivity to resources. They needed a plan to help customers navigate all available resources.

Process:

- Assessment of the person and their skills
- Employment Plan is then written and customized to each individual
- Provide assistance with navigating through the services base on employment plan
- Obtain civilian employment

Their goal is to serve 750 veterans, transition service military and their family members in the first year. They have an aggressive communications plan both on and off the bases. They have partnered with the Virginia Employment Commission, United Way (through Mission United), and other businesses and agencies.

For more details, please review the four-page handout provided or contact Bill at bcoley@oihr.org

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

Ray White's Report:

- As a follow-up task from the Naval Future Force Science & Technology Expo, Ray White attended in July, Rear Admiral David Hahn discussed with us the possibility of having a similar technology event in Virginia Beach/Hampton Roads. We met with several organizations to see if they would be interested in being the event operator/manager for such an event. This could be held in the spring of 2018.
- The HR Cyber Workforce & Economic Development Summit, led by ODU, will be held 27 October at ODU's Virginia Beach Higher Education Center. Regent's University new range will be open soon.
- 2017 Hampton Roads Regional Cybersecurity Conference will be held 13 October at Thomas Nelson Community College in Hampton. Keynote Speaker will be Rear Admiral Danelle Barrett, Navy Cyber Security Division Director/ Deputy Department of the Navy Chief Information Officer.
- We have been able to re-energize the CPR group. GO Virginia will provide some funding. We need to find a way to get Norfolk State (ODU and TCC) wrapped in on this project. Existing military need training on fiber technology.

SCOTT HALL

- VBDA Annual report – 2017 was a great year for Economic Development. A copy of the Annual report was provided.

- Subsea Cable – There was an event at Kingsmill (Williamsburg) on 22 October – Hosted by Governor McAuliffe, both Senators Kaine and Warner, Brad Smith (President of Microsoft), and others.
- Regional Broadband Network – there is collaboration between Norfolk State and Old Dominion University, as well as all the CIO's meeting on a regular basis talking about establishing a Next Generation Regional Broadband Network. It is also one of the GO Virginia projects.
- Virginia Beach is also working with Microsoft vendor Wildfire 5G to provide a low cost, high speed, wireless internet solution for the residents of Virginia Beach and Hampton Roads.

Gary Jones – The CIO's and City Managers have met half a dozen times and concluded we need a regional strategy. They have agreed to go at this as a regional network. The proposal is to connect 70 miles of cable to link various TCC campuses together with in-ground municipal networks. The resourcing and funding is unclear. A Regional Broad Band Study will be completed as part of the GO Virginia broadband application.

COMMAND VISIT (*RADM Olson and CAPT Herbert*)

Working with Mercedes to schedule briefings for Little Creek. We are targeting November. We will revisit Oceana in approximately six months.

There is a State of the Airport address 18 October. It was suggested MEDAC get a briefing on a second runway for the Norfolk International Airport and the impacts to Little Creek. A briefing at the joint meeting with Norfolk in October is planned.

DISCUSSION

Charlotte Hurd – October is cyber security month. Norfolk State is having a workshop on 11 and 12 October. Thomas Nelson is having Hampton Roads cyber security day 13 October. Karen Jackson is the speaker.

The Virginia Woman's conference is on 21 October at VBCC. Sign up on line. Charlotte will provide a link.

1 November – Norfolk Naval Ship 250th anniversary celebrations with a concert. It begins at 1500 at Pavilion in Portsmouth

John Uhrin, Sr. – Vietnam Veterans commemoration is 12 November at 1300 at the VBCC. John handed out information if you'd like to sponsor or contribute to this event, please contact John Uhrin, Sr. at johnuhrin3@verizon.net.

Next meeting will be the Joint MEDAC on 23 October at 1300 at the Westin, Town Center

We will skip November – the next MEDAC will be on 4 December at 1500

Meeting adjourned at 1634