

MILITARY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
26 FEBRUARY 2018 ✕ 1500-1630
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE ROOM

PRESENT: CAPT Steve Brennan, RADM Kevin Cook, Elizabeth Dietzmann, RADM Dick Dunleavy, RDML Mark Gemmill, CAPT Steve Herbert, RADM Gary Jones, RADM Phillip R. Olson, RADM Fenton Priest, RDML Craig Quigley, CAPT Robert Rieve, CAPT Charles Stuppard, CAPT Richard Trowbridge, LT GEN Fran Wilson

STAFF: Jerry Stewart, Ray White

VISITORS: Rick Dwyer (HRMFFA), Mercedes Holland (JEB Little Creek-Ft. Story), Charlotte Hurd (Mark Warner's Office), Diane Kaufman (Senator Kaine's Office), Jim Shaeffer (ODU), John Uhrin, Sr. (MOAA)

ABSENT: Councilman Ben Davenport, LCDR Adalberto M. Diaz, RADM Greg Nosal, CAPT Louis Schager, Councilmember John Uhrin, Dot Wood

APPROVAL OF 06 DECEMBER MEETING NOTES

Approved as written.

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

RDML Olson welcomed all members and visitors.

HRMFFA UPDATE (*RDML Craig Quigley*)

- State level – there are two bills working their way through the General Assembly with unanimous support of both house and senate. Bill 2 speaks to military spouse licensure. This is for teachers only. If you move to Virginia with a teaching license from another state you will automatically be able to teach in Virginia Beach. There is talk about expanding to other professions in the future.
- HB 1085 Military families in military housing with school age children K-12. Families can put their child in the school of their choice, within the assigned school district, as long as the parent provides transportation.
- National Governor's Association (NGA) is meeting this week. All three service secretaries wrote a letter to the president /chair of the NGA stating the top two things on their list is to support military spouse licensure and improving the quality of secondary education.
- According to Congressman Scott Taylor, the appropriators will be done with their mark ups by 23 March (date the current CR expires). In FY 19 budget there is pointedly no BRAC.

STEVE HERBERT *(on behalf of Councilman Uhrin)*

Councilman Uhrin wanted to thank MEDAC for their letter of support to the Mayor regarding Council's resolution in opposition of offshore drilling.

RDML Quigley reported there is also a letter from the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (representing all 17 municipalities) with the same position.

Both Congressman Taylor and Senator Kane are opposing offshore drilling because there is no revenue sharing. Employees on the rigs do not live or spend money in our communities. Mayor and City Council are also opposed.

The Cavalier Hotel will open for business on 07 March. The ribbon cutting is on 01 March.

RAY'S REPORT

- The date and venue has been changed for the upcoming Catapult Naval Technology Discovery to Deployment Forum and Expo. It will now be held 5-6 June 2018 at Sandler Center in Virginia Beach.
- There will be a kick-off mixer for the Catapult Naval Technology Discovery to Deployment Forum and Expo on 27 February at Back Bay Brewing Co. at 614 Norfolk Avenue in Virginia Beach from 1730 – 1830.
- Sea Air Space, the largest maritime exposition in the U.S., will be held 9-11 April at National Harbor, MD. Virginia Beach Economic Development will be attending this annual event. In conjunction with Sea Air Space, we will also be attending the Department of Navy's FST Forum for SBIR/STTR Transition.
- On 14 February, Virginia Beach Economic Development held a Cybersecurity Business Roundtable with excellent attendance and presentations on Regent University's Cyber Lab, ODU/Go Virginia initiative, Catapult event and Collaboration opportunities with companies outside our region.

OCEANA 75TH ANNIVERSARY *(RADM Greg Nosal)*

RADM Nosal was absent. Ray reported that the Navy League has approached Virginia Beach regarding support for the event. The City Manager will discuss with City Council. John Lauterbach reported that on 16 August there will be symposium and evening gala at the VBCC. There will also be an airshow and "flight suit social" at the Officers Club. The Navy League is working to get the website up and running.

SAILOR TO FAMILY INITIATIVE *(Elizabeth Dietzmann)*

Elizabeth provided a white paper on the Sailor to Family Initiative. This program has been well accepted and still in use at Fort Leonard Wood. She is trying to get traction here in Virginia Beach. Currently the City of Hampton has implemented the program. She is working with Mercedes in the hopes to have it implemented in Virginia Beach. We don't have an outlet for this age demographic. RDML Gemmill suggests run this past the USO and the Armed Services YMCA. Mercedes suggested a Face Book page to get a feel for interest.

Mercedes stated it needs to be better established and sponsored by the City for the Navy to get involved. The Navy does not want to show favoritism to any one non-profit organization. Jerry will resend the white paper to RDML Gemmill to share with the USO.

CAPT Rieve suggested reaching out to Schools. Jerry will get this issue to Councilmen Uhrin and Davenport. It was suggested this program be added to the Command brief.

COMMAND VISIT (*RADM Phil Olson*)

RADM Greg Nosal has scheduled a brief at Oceana 24 April 1300

CAPT Charles Stuppard has scheduled a brief at JEB Little Creek-Ft. Story 26 March 1000

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Horizons Hampton Roads has an annual summer program for low income kids. Their fund raiser is 25 March at Top Golf 1500 - 1900. Teams of six are \$1,000. It includes refreshments. More information is available on line at <https://horizonshamptonroads.ejoinme.org/topgolf>

Fenton is attending the Cowen Veterans Network Focus group tomorrow for the new military clinic that is opening in Virginia. Scott Taylor's office has also been involved.

John Uhrin, Sr. 29 March there will be a MOAA luncheon. For more information, contact John Uhrin at juhrin3@verizon.net

John Lauterbach - 9 March 1000 - Meadows/Vincelette Change of Command. French airwing coming in early April.

NEXT MEDAC MEETING

26 March at 1500

NEXT JOINT MEDAC MEETING

30 April 1500 at Hampton Roads Veterans Employment Center – 861 Glenrock Road, Suite 220, Norfolk, VA