



VIRGINIA MILITARY ADVISORY COUNCIL

OCTOBER 20, 2016 –RICHMOND, VA

1300-1600

MINUTES OF MEETING

Dec 19, 2016

1. Attending

John Harvey, Secretary Veterans & Defense Affairs	RADM John Scorby, Commander Navy Region Mid-Atlantic
MG Tony Funkhouser, Commander, Center for Initial Military Training TRADOC	BG Paul Griffin, for Adjutant General of Virginia
Col Caroline Miller, Commander, JB Langley-Eustis	COL Joe Murray, Commander USMC Base Quantico
COL John Frost, for CG TJAGLCS	COL Adam Butler, Commander, Ft Lee
CDR , Chris Zayatz, for CO, Naval Support Activity South Potomac	CAPT Gregory Sanial, for Commander, Fifth Coast Guard District
COL Angelia Holbrook, Commander, Ft. Belvoir	CAPT Paul Haebler, CO, Naval Weapons Station Yorktown
CAPT Rich Meadows, CO, Naval Air Station Oceana	CAPT Douglas Beaver, CO, Naval Station Norfolk
CAPT Kevin Carroll, for Commander CG Sector Hampton Roads	COL Ralph Clayton, Commander, 733d Mission Support Group
CAPT Daniel Senskly, CO, JEB Little Creek-Ft Story	CAPT Brenda Kerr, Commander, US Coast Guard Base Portsmouth
CAPT Jay Vann, CO US Coast Guard Training Center Yorktown	CAPT Jack Freeman, CO, Naval Support Activity Hampton Roads
LTC Preston Scott, Commander, Ft Pickett	LTC Andy Jordan, Commander, Ft AP Hill
Honorable Scott Lingamfelter, Member of the House of Delegates	Honorable Rich Anderson, Member of the House of Delegates
Honorable Bryce Reeves, Member of Senate	Mr. Jaime Areizaga-Soto, Dep Sec Veterans & Defense Affairs
Ms. Meg Hendricks, for Vivian Greentree, Governor Appointee	Mr. Michael McCalip, Governor Appointee
Ms. Alexis Rodgers, for LT Governor	

Not Attending

Honorable Mark Herring, Attorney General	BG Allan Day, Commander, DLA Aviation
RADM Kenneth Iverson, Commander, Naval Medical Center Portsmouth	RADM Charles Rock, Commandant, Naval District Washington
Major General Bradley Becker, CG Joint Forces Headquarters	Major General Darrell Williams, CG CASCOM
COL Patrick Duggan, Commander Joint Base Ft Myer-Henderson Hall	CAPT Scott Brown, CO, Norfolk Naval Shipyard
Colonel Jason Kelly, US Army Corps of Engineers	Lieutenant Colonel Alicia Masson, Commander Radford Army Ammunition Plant
CDR Jeff Lock, CO, Surface Combat Systems Center	Mr. John Newby, Commissioner, Dept of Veterans Services

2. Secretary Harvey, Veterans & Defense Affairs, provided opening remarks and welcomed the new military representatives to the VMAC. Secretary Harvey provided an overview of the VMAC and addressed the focus areas his staff has been working on since the last meeting in April 2016.
 - a. The importance of the work being done with the military installations to determine possible partnership opportunities, and the Commonwealth has a contract in place to provide support to any interested installation to work on possible initiatives.
 - b. The work being done by the Local Planning Groups developing regional employment initiatives which support transitioning service members (TSM). Additional information was provided by each LPG later during the meeting.
 - c. The work done with the Military School Liaison Officers which met on Oct 11, 2016. Additional information was provided by Julie Gifford later during the meeting.
3. John Simmons, The Roosevelt Group, provided a briefing “Federal Budget Report and Virginia’s Advocacy.” Slides are included in the attachment.
4. John Brandecker, Director, McGuire VA Medical Center, provided an update on how the VA is supporting the military community. Slides are included in the attachment.
5. Mark Whiting and Beverly Van Tull, Virginia Department of Veterans Services provided an overview of the Military Medics and Corpsmen Program. This program, created as a result of legislation passed by the 2016 Virginia General Assembly is an initiative to allow former military medics and corpsmen to work in Virginia health systems, even if they do not have a civilian license or credential. Slides are included in the attachment.
6. Dan Stoddard, Dominion Resources, talked about the Dominion Charity Classic Golf Tournament. The golf tournament has identified the Virginia Values Veterans (V3) Program as a benefactor. Additionally, there are several events to recognize the military community. All military and veterans can attend the events free of charge as recognition of the service performed. Slides are included in the attachment.
7. Julie Gifford, Regional Military Relations Liaison, Secretariat of Veterans and Defense Affairs, provided a summary of the School Liaison Summit held on October 11, 2016. Notes from that Summit and a list of Best Practices were provided to the VMAC earlier. Copy of both documents are included as an attachment.

8. Each Local Planning Group provided a summary of the progress for the respective region.

- a. Mike Kuhns, President and CEO, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce :
 - i. The Peninsula LPG has 4 different services and a joint-base culture which from a local standpoint creates nuances.
 - ii. The region recognizes finding employment for separating service members is a community responsibility, not a military responsibility. The region is best served if the region can create programs and interfaces with installations to meet the needs of the service members.
 - iii. The Peninsula LPG approach is to utilize the great one stop centers in the region that are on the community college campuses. Thus the biggest challenge is to bring everyone together and focus on TSM and to improve the handoff from the installation to the community.
 - iv. A challenge the region faces is small businesses and aging ownership of these small businesses. There are approximately 300 businesses on the peninsula side that employ more than 50 employees.
- b. Peggy Tadej, Director of Military Affairs, Northern Virginia Regional Commission:
 - i. The NOVA LPG recognizes there's a sea of good will in the area, not a lack of services.
 - ii. The region is conversing with the Institute for Veterans and Military Families (IVMF) to utilize the America Serves Model to address the issues.
 - iii. The focus will be on the 66% of the transitioning service members who are planning to stay in the area, or are not sure about where they will relocate.
- c. Shawn Avery, President and CEO, Opportunity Inc. of Hampton Roads:
 - i. The Southside LPG is led by the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce and is working closely with Opportunity Inc. the local workforce development board for the region.
 - ii. The region also recognizes there is not a lack of services, but with so many it is difficult for the TSM to navigate the systems.
 - iii. The region wants to bring together resources so an individual can go to one place, get services, and be in touch with all services. In addition, they want to establish a place the TSM can come and have an easy hand-off to the civilian community.
 - iv. The region wants to connect them to careers in high-demand sectors: logistics, healthcare, advanced manufacturing, etc.
 - v. The Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce is taking the lead in securing funding for this center from localities and businesses. The LPG is finalizing the plan and performance metrics.
 - vi. The region is setting up strong data system in order to ensure they are putting measures of success in place that will demonstrate they are meeting the needs of TSMs, vets, and their families.
- d. Mark Manasco, Executive Director, Commonwealth Center for Advance Logistics:
 - i. The Commonwealth Center for Advance Logistics (CCALS), an applied research group of academia and government, is the lead organization for this region. They are working closely with CASCOM at Ft. Lee, which is a member organization of CCALS, and the Community College Workforce Alliance (CCWA), which is the workforce development partnership between John Tyler Community College and

Reynolds Community College serving the economic development and workforce needs of Central Virginia, to implement an assessment tool for all TSMs.

- ii. This assessment tool which is used by a large number of businesses in the region to identify skills of prospective employees is the initial link for service members interested in remaining in the region after separation.
 - iii. The LPG is developing the metrics and milestones to address continued funding and measure the results of their efforts.
9. Report by Installation – Each installation commander was provided an opportunity to provide comments. Below is a summary of those comments:
- a. Joint Base Langley-Fort Eustis - Col Miller reported that her installation was taking advantage of the work of Matrix Design Group/The Roosevelt Group to work on several partnership initiatives. She mentioned the installation may face future challenges with the power grid based on issues that Dominion Power is facing. All installation on the Peninsula expressed similar concerns. COL Clayton, Ft Eustis, wants to work more closely with the community to address school children initiatives that the School Liaisons are working, and employment for TSM.
 - b. Coast Guard Sector Hampton Roads – CAPT Carroll wants the Coast Guard members to be included in the work with TSM and obtaining employment in Virginia. He did state, that with North Carolina not taxing military retirement, many of those leaving the service move to NC seeking employment.
 - c. Naval Weapons Station Yorktown - CAPT Haebler reported that with his increase of Marine forces on the installation there is an equivalent increase in training thus noise, they are working closely with the community. He also reported there is a Coal Fire Plant on the installation that is scheduled to be taken off-line in the spring of 2017. The installation needs another waiver and he may turn to the Office of the Secretary for assistance.
 - d. Naval Support Activity Hampton Roads – CAPT Freeman brought forth an issue that has impacted several military families. Apparently when military families are moving during the school year and are staying in temporary housing, they are not allowed to enroll their children in the school system they will be in once the family establishes permanent residency. This issue was addressed during the Virginia Military School Liaison Summit as well. The Secretariat will review with the Superintendent of Public Instruction and Secretary of Education means to address the issue to include legislative changes if needed.
 - e. Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek – Fort Story – CAPT Senesky wants to seize upon what the community is doing to provide employment to TSM by ensuring his service members are aware of the LPG's efforts. In addition, the installation will engage the community more frequently on the different events on the installation.
 - f. Center for Initial Military Training, TRADOC – MG Funkhouser reported the Army fully recognizes the important of credentials, especially when the service members leave the service. The Army is looking into ways to address the issue of military skills and credentials.

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- g. Navy Region Mid-Atlantic – RADM Scorby discussed that finding employment for military spouses is as important as finding employment for the service members. He commended the Commonwealth for the efforts it has taken to address encroachment as that is one of the largest issues facing the military today.

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