



Minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter July 10, 2017, Base Sustainability and Community Affairs Committee Meeting  
City Hall, 200 N. Center Street, Goldsboro, NC

#### MEMBERS PRESENT

MGen Bob Dickerson, USMC Ret., CMTE Chairman  
Mr. Sonny Roberts  
Col. Frank Bottorff, USMC Ret.  
Steve Ratti, RADM Ret.  
Hon. Chuck Allen

#### ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES

Mr. Ron Massey, City of Jacksonville  
Mr. Will Best (A/R Dept of Commerce)  
Mr. Paul Friday (MCI-East)  
Mr. Robert Hosford (A/R Dept of Ag)  
Mr. Marc Finlayson, ACT  
Mr. Willie Casey, DMVA  
Ms. Kelly Barretto, DMVA

#### OPENING REMARKS

Chairman Dickerson called the meeting to order at 9:33am.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Dickerson requested a motion to approve the minutes from the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter meeting of the Committee on April 17, 2017. Mr. Roberts made the motion, which was seconded by Frank Bottorff and passed by unanimous vote with no further discussion.

#### UPDATES:

Chairman Dickerson noted that there have been changes at the DMVA. Joe Kelly is back on board, and Jason Cain is departed. We do not have information to be able to update and cannot brief on the grant process. Chairman Dickerson noted that he is aware that there are communities that have applied for grants, and understands that the money that was awarded does not revert. Ron Massey has the same understanding about the grant not being subject to the end of the fiscal year.

#### REAL ID ACT

This Real ID Act was brought up at the Chamber in Jacksonville. After learning about imminent deadlines and potential effect on installations, Chairman Dickerson asked Mr. Semmens of Motor Vehicles to brief the Committee on the Act. Homeland Security created a regulation in 2005 requiring all states to comply with the Act to ensure that one's form of ID is federally recognizable. It is used by many to access installations. If your only form of ID is a driver's license, you will not be permitted access after the transition deadline. This requirement cannot be waived.

Mr. Jim Semmens of Division of Motor Vehicles briefed the Committee as follows.

- Charles Grady (mobile unit) and Troy Cunningham of the NC DMV are in attendance with Mr. Semmens and are SME's on Real ID
- In 2005, states were mandated to become Real ID compliant by October 2020
- NC is compliant for having put 28 safety measures in the ID card on the back end making it impossible to forge
- Offers ease of access to commercial flights, allows access to federal buildings and military installations – in October 2020 TSA will turn customers away if they do not have a Real ID compliant card or other form of ID like a passport, social security card, etc.
- Since May 1, 2017 more than 35,000 card have been issued to NC customers, however, there are 9.5 million more to complete, causing the need to prompt the transition to Real ID using mobile units to avoid backlogs in DMV offices
- This is voluntary, currently
- Fort Bragg has begun the transition to Real ID
- To register, bring in the same documents used to obtain a driver's license and one additional form of ID, i.e., proof of age and identity: Driver's license, certified birth certificate, DMV driving record, Social Security card (or a tax form, such as a W2, with full name and Social Security number) AND Proof of address: Utility or cable bill, military documents, school records, car insurance policy. Any documents issued by federal, North Carolina or local government. Housing lease or mortgage, letter from homeless shelter. For non-citizens, any federal document that indicates legal presence
- 18 Mobile units are available to come to your place of business, and do all that is done in a DMV office
- With all required documents, statewide average time to process is 11 minutes
- You must pay a duplicate fee if your license is not in a renewal period
- As of November 2017, anyone trying to board an installation without a military ID, must have a Real ID.

Mr. Semmens will make available Real ID posters for advertisements in government and military offices along with 18 mobile units for accessibility to customers. Not having a Real ID can result in delays in visiting loved ones in a correctional facility, contractors and vendors getting on bases, military that travel to other installations, etc.

When Mr. Bottorff asked if military ID would still be accepted, Mr. Semmens replied that when training in other states, Real ID would be a requirement for installation access in a Real ID-compliant state.

Chairman Dickerson asked Mr. Semmens to be available to brief the full Commission on August 15. Chairman Dickerson asked Ms. Barretto to facilitate Mr. Semmens' addition to the full Commission Agenda.

### **ADC WRAP-UP, AIR FORCE RANGE INITIATIVE**

Commissioner Frank Bottorff briefed these issues to the Committee, and noted the following concerns.

- Several attended the recent Association of Defense Communities Summit in Washington, DC, in June. Overall, a pretty good conference. Pat Walker, Jason Cain, and for the MAC, Frank Bottorff

and Will Lewis plus others went including Allies for Cherry Point's Tomorrow, and a Goldsboro contingent.

- This occurs twice a year, in San Antonio and DC. DC event has higher-level officials in attendance. There were lectures on wind power, general base sustainability and other lectures. Mr. Bottorff encouraged other NCMAC members to attend during a future opportunity to advance the general knowledge level and to see what competitors are doing in their states to ensure their installations succeed.
- During preparation for the trip, The Roosevelt Group prepared briefing papers to use during visits with the various Service Secretaries' meetings, since the goal is not just to attend the lectures but to have office visits. Usually the meeting is with the Deputy Assistant Secretaries of the Services, usually out of the Installations, Energy and Environment office. We brief them on issues that are important to the NCMAC and the issues it supports. Mr. Bottorff was concerned about the letter to the Air Force with a range issue that exceeded the scope of what was put before the NCMAC. Mr. Bottorff wrote to Secretary Hall, Pat Walker and John Simmons that he disagreed with the Issue Paper and felt it said more than was agreed to. Mr. Bottorff added that he had concerns that the AF initiative, if enacted in the long term, would hurt Cherry Point. This occurred within five days of going to the Conference.
- Pat Walker and John Simmons disagreed and went forward with the letter. In addition to that letter written under the NCMAC flag, there was language for the state of Virginia to go into the NDAA. Mr. Bottorff disagreed with that as well, and asserted it should not be briefed as an NCMAC initiative.
- Mr. Bottorff commented that if we are going to brief issues on behalf of North Carolina, they should be agreed upon in advance. This was clearly not agreed to. He suggested that as a Committee, we should potentially recommend to the full Commission that limitations are established on how NCMAC issues are represented to DoD or congressional leaders, since this issue which was accepted in the NDAA so far, is not good for the Marine Corps and its ability to control their ranges, in his opinion. It will be briefed at the upcoming NCCC meeting. The letter was prepared 5 days prior to the ADC Summit followed by briefing to the Under Secretaries in DC. His concern is that the letter reflects a positive stance by the NCMAC to the issue.
- There is data about improving ranges; the argument was this was an enhancement on the strategy to improve the ranges that was not agreed to.
- Mr. Bottorff reiterated that Issue Papers should be vetted through the full Commission. He saw it as unfair that it did not go through full discussion. Secondly, he believes direction should be given to our lobbying effort to avoid this issue, specifically. They [consultants] are still actively working this issue because they believe the MAC supports it, in general. He believes they should be told to stay away from the Air Range initiative until the MAC agrees to it. Mr. Ratti asked whether Matrix or Roosevelt prepared the paper, to which Mr. Bottorff replied Roosevelt Group.
- Mayor Allen added that Mr. Simmons essentially works for the State and should not have presented that paper as part of the NCMAC, because he [Commissioner Allen] did not even know about it. He thinks it should have gone to the Commanders' Council first since this is a military issue, not a Havelock or Goldsboro issue, e.g. John would tell you he disagrees with Frank's assessment of what the letter says, and says that regional ranges are important to North Carolina and he does not see where it would hurt the Marines. John does understand the importance of regional ranges, what they mean to the east coast and cares about the direction of North Carolina, per Commissioner Allen. The Air Force is going from 32 (not positive about this number) to 12 ranges, and we want to be sure the east coast is a part of that because that is important to

Seymour Johnson. Per Commissioner Allen, if this is divisive to the NCMAC, there should be a conversation.

- Chairman Dickerson stated that for an initiative to come from 5 days at the ADC with the appearance of tacit approval from an organization is not good form. Second, the range initiative is not really a North Carolina issue. This is a Service issue and it is between them to figure out how they will work the range issues in the United States. The Navy has a big hand in this even with the latest request for a vetting process to have the Navy a three-dimensional assessment along the coastal states. This is routine for folks that have ever participated in this. Last week we had a panic about this, but communities can get together for the public comment meetings. Range initiative notwithstanding, no letter should ever issue for the NCMAC without its having been vetted by the full Commission.
- Commissioner Roberts asked where this was going from this point, to which Chairman Dickerson replied that it would be discussed at the ESG meeting and full Commission meeting.
- Mr. Roberts agreed with Mr. Bottorff, and says military folks have best insight. Chairman Dickerson reiterated this should be discussed at the NCCC.
- Commissioner Allen added he wants to be sure the State is advocating and doing what it can at the NCMAC level, politically, to help the issue.
- Mr. Friday added the NCCC Charter requires a unanimous vote from all Services to send a letter to the State to do anything. Each Service can do what they choose. The disconnect is not malicious when getting ahead of obtaining agreement and buy-in. This is not the first time we've read something in a plan we have had to revisit and re-write. In the dialogue we recently had about the ranges, in sitting back from an NCCC perspective, few people in the State know about how vast the ranges are. They know about Razor Talon. The MAC should be educated on range complexes.
- When Commissioner Bottorff first noted his concern he was told that this was just about the Air Force ranges and the battlespace they use for Razor Talon. Mr. Bottorff explained that this was the problem: Razor Talon encompasses hundreds of miles of ranges that are Navy and Marine Corps ranges with 5% being controlled by the Air Force. The Enterprise range plan goes from 32 ranges to 6, most are everyone's ranges that they are trying to consolidate under a single umbrella for scheduling. The individual services would probably lose control over where local training occurs and put it under this single umbrella. This could curtail access to daily users of the space.
- Per Commissioner Bottorff, he believes the best thing is for the Services to work it out, not seeking congressional support, and let them jockey to see how range control will go.
- Chairman Dickerson will talk with Joe Kelly next week.

Chairman Dickerson asked if a motion along the following lines is called for: no communications should issue that purport to state the opinion of the NCMAC without the communication having been approved by a vote by the full Commission.

At this suggestion, Commissioner Ratti expressed concerns about placing limitations on what our leaders can do. If they did something that was or was not a good decision, that's done, but he does not think administrative roadblocks in front of our Chairman, our ESG and others help in case they [leadership] need to something that is short fused and is genuine; they should be made aware that they should be silent until they obtain a consensus.

Chairman Dickerson emphasized that this discussion is to tee up a conversation with the full Commission to let the Commission decide which way to go. Commissioner Bottorff stressed that two communities are not on the ESG, and would not want the decision to be made there. He continued to discuss the composition of the Executive Steering Group lacking representation.

The motion was re-raised. Chairman Dickerson moved that no communications should issue that purport to state the opinion of the NCMAC without the communication having been approved by a vote by the full Commission. This motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Allen asked if NCCC would take up the issue of the ranges. Mr. Friday will include the range issue on the NCCC agenda.

### SENTINEL LANDSCAPES

Paul Friday and Robert Hosford of Dept. of Agriculture gave an update on Sentinel Landscapes.

- Last time we met we discussed \$9.2million REPI award to North Carolina – OSD is preparing to release funds. The two winners were Air Force and Marine Corps, \$5.8 million and \$3.4 million, respectively. Marine Corps funds go to off-installation habitat for red-cockaded woodpeckers at Bear Gardens and protection of the Dare Bombing Range to the Air Force. This has been a 5-6-year process. The money should flow within a week or so. The fate of the \$800,000 is to be determined.
- There was a first-time national Sentinel Landscape program meeting in New Orleans last month. All 7 Landscape designees were represented there along with other community states that had applications for designation with pending approval. An outstanding meeting. The unfortunate part is that everyone else is playing catch-up. We got ahead of federal policy changes, federal law changes to get to a place of “hurry up and wait.” Both Interior and Ag are stepping up to the plate and are looking for ways to designate more money to the designations.
- The amount of money that NC turns back in Ag money at the federal level is more money than the defense side receives in a decade for REPI.
- To succeed, you must have match, which varies from Service to Service. Neither Federal nor state puts all the money in - this is a partnership.
- You have five years to spend federal funds
- Worked collectively at state level; received \$4.6 million from the General Assembly, ask was \$19.8 million, which was not in this Administration’s budget. The press is still on. The main constriction with the \$800,000 is with the Army; their Command said no more REPI dollars during this time frame. Mr. Hosford states the Army is coming back into the fold, now.
- The \$4.6 million is for all 100 counties – not just the 33 counties designated as a Sentinel Landscape.
- State legislation passed establishing Sentinel Landscape Committee requiring that leadership meet within 30 days. There are organizational issues that need to be worked out to be updated by Robert Hosford as the structure forms.
- With an MOU and statute in place, this is a good opportunity for federal funding that did not exist before, just need state funding to catch up to maximize federal funds.
- Federal level now includes term contracts with landowners.
- Mr. Bottorff noted a legal case where an individual lost value on his land because of restrictions, a zoning issues. He thinks Sentinel Landscapes will be helpful where issues like this exist.

## 2020 Census

Ron Massey of the City of Jacksonville said next week the regional Census Director is meeting with the Jacksonville Mayor. The Census staff has been to Fayetteville. Jacksonville will invite base partners to sit in on their meeting. They will lobby to get a military liaison to the bases working with the host military cities. There will be Complete Count Committees to advertise the facts about the Census in 2019.

## Fort Bragg

Willie Casey, Installation Coordinator, will visit a ribbon-cutting for a new transition facility on Bragg. Chairman Dickerson asked about AAFES, the Secretary of the Army, and an issue with it coming aboard Bragg, and asked Mr. Casey to look further into this.

## Dare County Range/Giant Killer

Mr. Will Best of Commerce distributed a CD of an addendum to the Seymour Johnson JLUS, adding Dare Co. Range, Giant Killer, ICM map, and 4<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing to the JLUS.

## Additional Comments:

Mr. Roberts noted concerns about tall structures, calls he receives from county commissioners, aldermen, etc. We have always been against encroachment issues, but this can be as bad or worse, economically. Calls should be made to the Governor to encourage him not to veto the bill. Mr. Roberts states the people are still not educated. Per Chairman Dickerson, Senator Brown has written many articles on wind turbine issues and is not receiving the support he expected from retired military. This does create a rise in the energy bill to the installation with the rate increase in the bill.

Mr. Friday added that the Spartan Ranch application was turned down by DOT.

Commissioner Allen reiterated as the MAC we do not do enough to promote the military to our citizens or the General Assembly. Chairman Dickerson stated Matrix is supposed to be putting together a communications plan.

Basic Law Enforcement Training: Chairman Dickerson spoke with Chief Yaniero, recently. This issue is back on the table. Chief Yaniero stated exiting military or civilian law enforcement seeking to return to work in the community should get credit when they leave, get certified to carry a weapon and a badge and given credit for common training items, but the training course is now so spread out so they must attend an entire training course to include the 120 hours for which they received credit. Chairman Dickerson would like to know if this issue exists in other host communities, as well whether an issue exists for those coming from other states who have been certified within the past two years needing to pass a test within a year.

## NC Serves

Ron Massey commented that NC Serves runs in the coastal area and the Raleigh-Durham area. The coastal area covers Seymour Johnson, Camp Lejeune and Cherry Point, and Raleigh-Durham serves Fort

Bragg. They help servicemembers and their families get support they need. He recommends contacting them to expand their support base in their community, and paying attention to how they are doing.

Chairman Dickerson asked about needing to vote on Steve Ratti's assignment to the Committee, but this was confirmed as having been done through the former Chairman and through the MAC earlier in the year.

With no further comments or questions, Chairman Dickerson adjourned the meeting at 11:25am.