



NORTH CAROLINA MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMISSION

Minutes of the 1st Quarter Meeting of the NC Military Affairs Commission (NCMAC) February 20, 2018, DOI Building, Raleigh, NC

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Hon. Grier Martin Chair, NCMAC
Rep. George Cleveland, NCGA
Col. Frank Bottorff, USMC Retired, Cherry Point
CAPT Tony Stimatz, USCG Retired, Eliz. City (by phone)
SgtMaj William Hatcher, USMC Retired, MCB CLJ
RADM Steve Ratti, USCG Retired, At-large
Hon. Chuck Allen, Goldsboro/Seymour Johnson
Julie Daniels, Seymour Johnson AFB
Sally Ann Gupta, A/R for Sen. Harry Brown
COL Kirk Warner, USA, Retired, Fort Bragg
Patricia Harris, USA Ret., At-large
Edward Reeder, At-large
Rep. John Bell (by phone)
Michael Alford, At-large
ET Mitchell, Fort Bragg
COL David Hayden, USA, Retired, At-large
David Long, At-large
Matthew Scott, Army Reserve (by phone)
Jeremiah Daniels, Seymour Johnson AFB
MajGen Robert Dickerson, USMC, Retired, Camp Lejeune
Sonny Roberts, Cherry Point
LtGen Gary McKissock, USMC, Retired, Camp Lejeune
Fayetteville
Timothy McClain, At-large

DEPARTMENT STAFF:

Larry Hall, Secretary DMVA
Angella Dunston, DMVA Communications
Wes Kyatt, DMVA Executive Assistant
Kelly Jackson, Svc Member and Family Coordinator

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS:

Robert Hosford, NCDA&CS
Dewitt Hardee, NCDA&CS
Doug Taggart, NCDPI
Will Best, NCDOC
John Nicholson, NCDEQ

NCCC:

Col. Mike Scalise, MCI-East/CLNC
Dennis Goodson, SJAFB
Paul Friday, MCI-East/CLNC
Bill Meier, MCI-East/CLNC
Gregory Fambrough, SJAFB X
Bryan Ayers, MCI-East
David E. Yow, Fort Bragg Garrison
Barry Hull, Fort Bragg

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES:

Scott Dorney, NCMBC
Ron Massey, City of Jacksonville
Christopher Chung, EDPNC
Brad Helton, EDPNC
Dr. Anthony Wade, City of

Jay Carraway, Lenoir Community College
Rollie Sampson, Moore Cty Schools
Leafa Palmer, MCAC Cherry Point
Jamie Livengood, Wayne Cty Schools
Valerie Nasser, Craven Cty Schools
Megan Doyle, Superintendent, Craven C
Mike McIntyre, Poyner Spruill LLP
Stuart Ruffin, NC Military Foundation
Kimberly Williams, NC4ME
Keith Martin, MCEC
Bob Coats, Governor's Census Liaison

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ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES:

Allen M. Thomas, NC Global Trans Park
Whitney Christensen, Ward & Smith, PA
Caroline Outten, Ward & Smith, PA
Laura Puryear, McGuirewoods
Laura Kilian, NCDA&CS
Steven D. Benton, Wayne Cty Councilman
Marc Finlayson, ACT
Jamie Norment, ACT
Jim McClesky, SONC
Carol Stubbs. Stubbs Perdue
Buzzy Stubbs, Stubbs Perdue
Millissa True, SBS Forward, LLC

CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME REMARKS:

Chairman Martin called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting. He conducted a roll call and introduction of NCMAC members. He asked everyone to sign in on the sign in sheet provided. Chairman Martin commented that he was grateful to be on board and is trying to contact each member by phone. He hopes to have that completed in the next couple of weeks. He is also working to visit our military communities.

CONSENT MINUTES:

Chairman Martin called for a motion to approve the 4th quarter meeting minutes. A motion to approve the minutes of the 4th quarter meeting of the Commission was made by Bob Dickerson, seconded by David Hayden and passed unanimously without discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/OPEN ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chairman Martin called for any public comments and announcements. Bob Coats gave an update on the Census. The 2020 Census preparation are underway with local governments. A concern for military communities for the past decade has been that the census process for counting deployed military has apportioned that count back to the home state of residence but not to any one community within that state. Since the Census figures are the foundation for federal funding and representation, deployments and how the Census counts those deployed military adversely impacted our military communities. So, with the leadership folks from Jacksonville and Fort Bragg areas the state has been working with the Census Bureau very closely. I am proud to say that on Feb 8th the US Census Bureau has released their residency rules. The guidelines for how they will count the population for 2020. Section 13 F. states United States Military personnel who are deployed outside the US while stationed in the United States, and are living on or off a military installation outside the United States on Census day will be counted as a US resident where they live and sleep most of the time using administrative records from the Department of Defense (DoD). That is North Carolina's recommendation that we have been struggling with the Census Bureau for the past decade. The Census Bureau has worked with us closely and it has been a great example of partnership between with military communities, counties, state and federal government to get this change in place. The Commission deserves thanks on behalf of this project.

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Mike Cline the State Demographer creates the certified population estimates for the counties and municipalities and uses those figures to distribute state funding back to the communities. He has been closely working with folks at Fort Bragg and Fayetteville to improve how the Census Bureau looks at the military base housing and has found ways to improve the Census counts to make sure that funding is accurate. Gen Dickerson thanked Bob Coats and his team for all that they have done. He asked what is in the numbers that was in jeopardy by using the old rules? Bob Coats replied that it was over 10,000 in the 2010 Census. That was enough that in the 2010 Census we could have gained a seat. Gen Dickerson asked about the education process for the families as they get the Census data. Bob Coats responded that the Census Bureau is encouraging local communities or any organization to form committees to support Census participation. Then those communities will have trusted local community members to reach out the military. There will be a state outreach along that line. But for the communities that are aligned with military bases, I recommend that you have a military presence with the local communities to explain why this is important and how important it is for them to be counted. The state can help provide that information. Frank Bottorff commented that this has been a very large issue for the military communities and the NCMAC for the past 10 years. We have tried hard with not a lot of success but with the work of Bob Coats, his team and the Governor's support this has happened. There were no other public comments or open announcements.

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS (DMVA) UPDATE: SECRETARY LARRY HALL

Secretary Larry Hall gave an update on the DMVA. It is great to see the new and long serving members for the NCMAC. Thank you for the time that you put into this commission and we appreciate your service. I want to give an update on Veterans Information Platform. This is designed to accumulate data on the location, usage of services, health aspects of our Veterans and our Veteran communities and the needs of those communities. It will help us in the future decide to target assets, how much should be spent and how best to deliver them, to our Veteran Communities and the communities around our military bases. That is invaluable service that we can achieve. We are doing this through a partnership where we are sharing information accumulated through our department, Veterans Affairs, Department of Health and Human, Services Department of Revenue and other departments in the state. They have been informed to accumulate data and reports on Veterans activities in their specific areas. Thus, we plan to have that data shared where necessary and possible. Each agency is required to maintain responsibility for the security of that data. Government Data Analytics Center (GDAC) was the organization that was created to manipulate, categorize and secure state data. Another item that is going to be a big benefit for the NCMAC and to all departments of government on how we serve NC citizens and particularly Veterans. This will be a great management tool. This will audit services and the individuals that receive those services. You will hear more about this as we move forward. Another item that we are a partner in is the Governor's Working Group. This is a group that works on families and community issues for Veterans in NC. We are in a partnership with UNC TV, Jeff Smith. They have started a new program called Situation Report or SITREP on state-wide UNC TV. This program provides Veterans with information about Veterans programs. Local Communities wanting to publicize Veterans information may find a partner with UNC TV. No further discussion.

NORTH CAROLINA COMMANDER'S COUNCIL (NCCC) REPORT: PAUL FRIDAY

Paul Friday shared updates from the NCCC. They had 4 main topics at their meeting. They only discussed 3 of the topics. They had a great presentation from Dr. Dunsmore, Wayne County

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Schools Superintendent and Julie Fulton, USMC K-12 School Liaison Lejeune-New River on K-12 education. The second item was a presentation from Matt Hogan, Contractor in support of the General Assembly's efforts to do a mapping effort of the military mission footprint for all the services. He made sure that the Commanders knew that if they had not been visited they would be visited soon. We will then have an opportunity to review the draft maps prior to them becoming final. The product is due to be turned into the General Assembly Mid – End of May. The mapping is an academic exercise. The third topic was in reference ranges, facilities and training. We had a good discussion today and this discussion will continue. The discussion was about what infrastructure each of the installations currently have and what capabilities do we have. Future discussions will be about what are our needs and can another installation help us with those needs. What are some of the future plans at each installation? Gen Dickerson asked if the mapping was 3D? Paul Friday responded that it was 3D. Chairman Martin commented that he attended the NCCC today. He mentioned that this high-level participation is crucial and that he appreciated all that the Commanders were doing.

BASE SUSTAINABILITY AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS: FRANK BOTTORFF

Frank Bottorff reported on the Base Sustainability and Community Affairs Committee. The Committee discussed the following items at their 1st quarter meeting on Monday, Jan 22, 2018.

- Grant Status. The 2 grant recipients (Allies for Cherry Point's Tomorrow (ACT) and City of Jacksonville, have signed the paperwork and returned the documents to the DMVA. The DMVA should be processing the paperwork and issuing the grant money for the 2 grants that we approved last year. You will see that in the budget, \$200K for last year's grants and we have money for grants for this year that we have not started yet. We will begin that process.
- Sentinel Landscape: We had a long discussion about that and it is on the agenda for this meeting.
- Military Day with the Legislature. A few years ago, we had a military day with the legislatures. Members of the NCMAC and military communities all visit at the same day. We tried to get time with legislators. We talked about doing that again. If we decide to do this again, we need participation from the NCMAC members. It is worth our time to talk about items that are important to our military communities and installations. Draft Budget discussion and will be briefed later during this meeting.
- Community Video update: It is in-progress but not ready to be shown yet. We hope to have something to share at the next meeting.
- Census Update: That was given today.

Chairman Martin commented that it was important to coordinate with the Legislative Affairs Committee about a Military Day. Frank Bottorff commented that it was a good idea to hand that off to the Legislative Affairs Committee. Chairman Martin asked Sally-Anne Gupta to take on that task to consider a Military Day. He also asked about the 2 Grants. Does the NCMAC have a formal process that we receive grant requests, vet them and make decisions? Frank Bottorff commented that the last cycle we came up with a process. It was between the NCMAC and DMVA. When we approved the first grant the DMVA had decision and fiscal authority. We were advisors to the process. We took the grant applications and selecting the recipient. I don't think that we had completely flushed out the giving of the grants. There were 2 grants recipients selected out of 3 or 4 submissions. One grant selected was to

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the City of Jacksonville for monitoring wells. The other grant recipient was Allies for Cherry Point's Tomorrow for military overlay districts. The process is being finalized but Frank does not have any more details on that matter. Chairman Martin commented that he is still trying to get up to speed on the Grants process and the By-laws. He will welcome everyone's input and feedback on those matters. Gen McKissock asked if the grant for ACT, could be done by a consultant? Frank Bottorff responded yes it could be done that way. Since the installations have done a JLUS, we could contract directly to implement those parts of the JLUS recommendations that we think are important. I think there are a lot of aspects that we could do directly from the NCMAC. ET Mitchell asked if we are going to map out the impacts of military operations in the local community, like Cherry Point. Why can't we use that with UNC TV to show the citizens of this state just how far the military influences go throughout this state.

QUALITY OF LIFE (QOL): KIRK WARNER

Kirk Warner reported on the Quality of Life Committee. Our meeting was held on Tues, Feb 13, 2018. We had all the committee member in attendance for the meeting.

- K-12 education issues. Doug Taggart from DPI and Military Liaison Officers. The Superintendents meeting will be held on Wed March 7th in Goldsboro. The meeting is for the top 10 military connected Superintendents to share best practices and concerns. Recommend a report from DPI on this meeting at the May NCMAC.
- Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC) will make a presentation today at the NCMAC. Comprehensive Plan.
- Troops to Teachers Grant presentation. There is a Shadow program for military personnel departing the military. The candidate spends 2 days with a teacher watching, learning and observing. This program accomplished two results. The candidate decides if they want to be a teacher or they don't want to be a teacher. This program is being done in the Cumberland County school system. The next school system would be Onslow County.
- Military Child Identifier Update: The schools were required to submit their updates by the end of January. It takes approximately a month after the schools submit the data and then a report can be run. More information will be available at the next meeting. Statewide need: NC children ages 5-17 there are 65,108 military-connected children. That is broken down into 2 categories: Full-time Active Duty parent/guardian 46,163 children and National Guard or Reserves parent/guardian 18,945. NC Veteran households with children ages 5-17 equal 254,718 households.
- American Council of Education held a meeting in Winston-Salem. The meeting was attended by 80 educators from various Universities and Community Colleges. They were working on the military experience credit piece, Senate Bill 761, Session Law 2014-67, approved July 10, 2014. We have Dr. J. Carraway in attendance at our NCMAC meeting today from Lenoir Community College, Vice President of Continuing Education. The handout about SB 761 gives us information on credits with the universities and the community colleges systems for military education. Also, to coordinate the instructors on the military side of the house and teacher and curriculum nation-wide, so they will become transferable credits. This is a huge effort to improve quality of life.
- There was a good discussion on the Low Wealth Formula for school funding. If that could be an element

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- Child Crisis Stabilization Unit which remains a focus. There are 1400 children a month under the age grade 12 seen with behavioral issues at Fort Bragg. Emotional and behavioral issues. We prepared a letter of support for the Child Crisis Stabilization Unit to be presented to Senator Wesley Meredith. Mr. George Breece presented the letter to Senator Meredith. No new updates on the status of that letter of support.
- MCEC was a topic of discussion and they will make a presentation to the NCMAC on the Comprehensive Support Plan.
- NC4ME was also a topic of discussion and will be presenting at the NCMAC today.
- Remote K-12 enrollment for military families was a topic of discussion. It is now a Legislative Affairs item.
- Senate Burr has introduced legislation Senate Bill 1072. Homeless Veteran Prevention Act. This act deals with dental, legal care and things to keep the at risk for homelessness and homeless Veterans. To give them more services and help them to prevent becoming homeless. This has public and private partnerships for legal efforts to help them get benefits. It is a broad-spectrum support package for the homeless or at risk. More to follow in this bill.
- Discussed QOL priorities. We recommend that the NCMAC have a strategic planning workshop to discuss the priorities of the NCMAC. This workshop could be in lieu of a quarterly meeting or an additional meeting.

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS: SALLY-ANN GUPTA

Sally-Ann Gupta reported for the Legislative Affairs Committee. The Legislative Affairs Committee met on Wed, Jan 31st, 2017. The Legislative Affairs committee has one item to share with the NCMAC. There was a tasker that came out of the last NCMAC meeting from the QOL Committee. That item was remote enrollment for children, K-12 of Active Duty (AD) military members or guardians. Senator Brown has researched this tasker and we now have a piece of draft legislation. Senator Brown is optimistic that it can be introduced into the short session. That legislation allowed an Active Duty (AD) military member who had valid Permanent Change of Station (PCS) orders, which allowed that AD member's juvenile dependent(s) to remotely enroll in school prior to physically moving to that state. The benefits are obvious. We have dependents that have been missing out on the ability to enroll in school and school related programs until they were physically move along with AD military member into the state. They have missed out on opportunities. This draft legislation is like the California legislation, and modeled after that legislation. Where a parent or legal guardian is AD military and transferred or pending transfer pursuant to official military orders, this allows that student to seek to enroll in a local education agency or district prior to physically moving to the state. All the student needs to show is that their parent or legal guardian is AD military and has valid PCS orders for an installation in North Carolina. Chuck Allen commented that this benefits our military children. An example is if the parent gets PCS orders in the Spring, their grade school child can enroll in whatever local education district that they choose to reside in. This is not limited to the local education agency that services that installation. We have many military families that reside off post and are living in a neighboring county. Before they physically start attending the school they need to show that they have residency there. We hopeful that this may result in a companion bill on the House side. Doug Taggart asked if there was a time-line on implementation in the draft language? Sally-Anne Gupta replied that she would have to review the

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language to answer that question. Doug Taggart commented that the State would need time to implement this change.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: CRESSWELL ELMORE

Frank Bottorff reported for the Economic Development Committee. The Economic Development committee was on Thurs, Jan 24, 2018.

- The Army Futures Command: The packet submission was due by the end of Jan and selection is at the end of Mar. NC made the short list.
- House Bill 904: We had a presentation from a consultant about House Bill 904, Private Equity Fund. It was a good presentation but not an NCMAC issues unless you give the military communities a high priority.
- Community College Courses: This topic will be briefed at the NCMAC meeting today.
- North Carolina Military Business Center (NCMBC): They plan to get additional funding to expand their staff. They are currently in 12 community colleges. Their vision is to be the go to source for existing industry to help them get federal government work.
- EDPNC update, Brad Helton: The updated the committee on Thunderdrone which is a drone-focused technology innovation, AirLab Feasibility Study Phase II, and Army Futures Command.
- Strategic Planning workshop: We recommend that we plan a meeting to discuss the NCMAC priorities. We are staff limited on this topic but we need to get a meeting planned.
- Education: Improving the K-12 education system is not only good for our communities but it is good for economic development.

BYLAWS WORKING GROUP: KIRK WARNER

Kirk Warner reported on the By-Laws working group. As of December, we are close to a legal review copy. We need to compare the by-laws with other commissions to make sure that our language is tracking and we have synchronization. A couple of points that we will be reviewing and maybe need some input. The funding vote limitation. We had some questions about that. The legislation is unclear on that matter. Whether members of the General Assembly that are on the commission can vote for funding. Clearly those appointed by the Senate and the House cannot. It is unclear if Governor appointee can or can't vote on funding issues. We are considering that. Currently that only affect the Chairman. We also talked about Per Diem and travel for members. How are members defined. Does that mean commission members or include voting, non-voting and Ex-officios? I think the consensus was to include everyone. Our next focus will be on a policy authorizing temporary or emergency delegation of funding approval prior to the full commission's final approval. So, it is whether the Commission delegates in-between authority without having to get the full Commission together. Finally, we will always have some issues coming up with Session Law 2017-57. We are an independent Commission and with administrative support from the DMVA. We need to make sure that we have timely payments of invoices. This may need to be in the Appendix. Once we work on this items it should be ready for a legal review. Chairman Martin commented that he has his staff looking into what other State Government Commission have for by-laws. His goal is that every member has input on the by-laws since these are the rules that guide this Commission. He also wants to make sure that we have efficiency and the full voice of the NCMAC. David Hayden asked about the ability of the Chairman and others to represent the NCMAC outside. Is that being addressed? Kirk Warner commented that he

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would look at that and they tried to put items like that in the Appendix or it could fall within the Ethics. Chairman Martin commented that this was an important piece.

FINANCE AND BUDGET WORKING GROUP: FRANK BOTTORFF

Frank Bottorff discussed the revised FY2017-2019 proposed budget with the committee. We have \$2 million appropriated to the NCMAC from the General Assembly for a 2-year appropriation. We have a carry-over of \$989,400. Total: \$2,989,400.

<u>New Line Description:</u>	<u>2017-2019 Appropriation:</u>	<u>2017-2019 Appropriation:</u>	<u>2017-2018 Planned Budget:</u>	<u>2017-2018 Planned Budget Revised:</u>
17-19 Appropriation	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000		
16-17 Brought forward	\$180,000	\$989,400		
Total	\$2,180,000	\$2,989,400		

Administration			\$40,000	\$40,000
Conference			\$40,000	\$40,000
Contracted Svcs			\$480,000	\$480,000
Minor contract svcs			\$10,000	\$10,000
Other Stabilization Initiatives			\$90,000	\$90,000
Matrix				\$398,900
NC4ME			\$40,000	\$40,000
EDPNC			\$120,000	\$180,000
OEA Grant Support			\$27,000	\$27,500
Sentinel Landscape			\$150,000	\$300,000
Community Grants			\$200,000	\$400,000
Total:				\$2,006,400
Remainder 2017-2018:				\$1,672,905.17

	<u>2017-2018 Expended: Revised:</u>	<u>17-18 Encumbered/ Approved:</u>	<u>2017-2018 Encumbered/ Approved Revised:</u>	<u>2018-2019 Plan</u>
Administration	\$5,494.83	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000
Conference		\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Contracted Svcs				\$480,000
Minor contract svcs		\$5,000	\$5,000	\$9,000
Other Stabilization Initiatives				\$90,000
Matrix	\$268,000			\$130,900
NC4ME		\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000
EDPNC	\$60,000	\$120,000	\$180,000	\$120,000
OEA Grant Support		\$27,000	\$27,500	\$14,000
Sentinel Landscape		\$150,000	\$300,000	\$150,000
Community Grants			\$200,000	
Total:	\$333,494,83		\$893,400	\$983,400

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Required Motions during budget meeting:

1. Approve Revised 17-18 Budget as shown
2. (A) The items in yellow in column C include increases for funds brought forward from last fiscal year, and modifications to this year's estimate, to be expended this fiscal year. EDPNC increased by \$60K, OEA grant support increase by \$500.00, Sentinel Landscape increased by \$150,000 (last year has not been paid yet), Community grants increased by \$200,000.00 (last year has not been paid yet).
3. Approve the expenditure of the final 3 Matrix bills totaling 130,900.00
4. Reapprove paying the \$150,000.00 (Last years, already previously approved to SLP).
5. Reapprove paying \$200,000 for Community grants (last years, already previously approved).

DC UPDATE: JAMES MCCLESKEY

Jim McCleskey is a state employee and spent several years in the DC office. He has briefed the NCMAC a couple of times and would do that again if requested. He has work in the DC Office during the Hunt, Easley, Perdue, and now Cooper. We are on our 5th Continuing Resolution (CR) at the Federal level which will run through March 23rd. Which is half way through the federal fiscal year 2018. We do not anticipate another extensive CR and hopefully none. The agreement that was announce the week before last between the House/Senate and the White House was announced at the White House by Gen Mattis. I feel that he was instrumental in driving the Congress towards the agreements that were made to raise the budget control act caps and sequester level that have been hanging over the entire scenario since 2011. To raise those both for the remained of 2018 and 2019 by multi millions of dollars. The 2 years combined total increase in discretionary budget authority is just about \$300 Billion. Defense came out ahead of Domestic in that. There was a long debate over that relative parity between the parties up here. But in the end the defense caps were raised by \$80 Billion for 2018 above the budget control act levels \$549 Billion to \$629 Billion. Then in FY19 the increase is \$85 Billion above the budget control act levels from \$562 Billion to \$647 Billion. The Domestic increase were much less, \$68 Billion and \$63 Billion. This does not repeal sequester but it does have prior 2 year deals that were reached in 2 year earlier cycles 2014/2015 and 2016/2017. They have raised those caps and as characterized by commentators up here including Senators McConnell and Schumer, on the floor at the time of the announcement. They gave a lot of credit to the Armed Services Chairman Mr. Thornberry of TX and Mr. McCain of AZ.

There was also an increase for each of the 2 years of \$2 Billion for Veterans Health Programs. It is now up to the appropriations committee in the House and the Senate to put these dollars into effect. That is across the board, defense and domestic. It is the anticipation of everyone in this town that we will not need another CR. That we will in that 3rd week of March see an enactment of an omnibus appropriation package to take us through federal fiscal 2018. That will incorporate these increased cap figures. The distribution of those is still in the works. The Congress is out this week for the President's Day break. They did not roll out sub-committee allocations on Fri. There was some expectation that that might happen before they left town. I think it is fair to say that they will move it in the direction of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) authorization across the accounts.

We are now into the cycle for federal fiscal 2019. In the days, immediately following the announcement of the budget caps agreement, the President released his Fiscal Year 2019 budget. That has significantly interesting implications for the defense department and for North Carolina's defense community. The

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news in the budget is that there is significant focus at the department wide level on next generation weapons and warfighting techniques and supports. Research, Development, Testing and Evaluation (RDT&E) increased by nearly 25% department wide (23.9%). In the budget, there were significant proposed increases in several other areas. Almost 15% for procurement, buying new equipment right now across the department and 9.4% on more personnel, growing end strength across the services. 8.5% for O&M and readiness. These percentages are compared to the FY19 CR level. So, the percentages are a bit inflated. On the services level those figures are interesting, the Army received 14.9%, Air Force received 14.1%, Navy and Marines received 12.1%. The Army is heavy on heavy; track vehicles, artillery and ammunition. This will address concerns around those inventories and capabilities. The dangerous world that we live in and the concerns about our adversaries in Europe, Asia, Russia and Korea. A lot of artillery and armor. A significant proposed increase at the Army level in research and development. That is indicative of the play that we are looking to make in NC for the Army Futures Command. The Navy and Marines emphasis is not on achieving the 300+ ship Navy. The focus is on aircraft. The services are holding even on the numbers F-35s across the 3 modes. They have grown the number but not the dollars. Martin Lockheed is bringing down the per unit costs and hope to continue to do that. Instead of 70 aircraft across the 3 variances, 70/77 a 10% increase in total procurement. There is desire at the Corp level and at Lockheed to look at taking that number up by 4 aircraft per year to 24 (thru FY2022) or 25 (FY2023) per year. I think that a conversation about aircraft numbers, and its relationship to our aspirations at both Marine Corp Air Station and Fleet Readiness Center East. The next generation heavy helicopter(H53K) is also an item of interest. It is in the pipeline and maybe some interest in advocacy around that.

Another piece that needs some conversation and this was raised with the Governor and others by Lockheed and maybe Cherry Point is their radar profile facility. This item is not programmed currently. There are significant numbers for Military Construction (MILCON) in the FY2019 budget for NC military installations, \$315.7 Million. Army (Bragg): dining facility \$10 million; Special Operations Command \$12 million; Seri resistant training lab complex \$20 million. New River: Ambulatory Care Center/Dental clinic replacement \$32.3 million. Cherry Point: Aircraft Maintenance Hanger \$133.9 million; Flight line utility moderation \$106.8 million. It is hard to add items out right in a no earmarking era. There was a hearing in the House rules committee just a few weeks ago. There were members of our delegation from the majority party who testified on both sides of the issue as to whether to return to an earmarking process for the Congress. To give the Congress back its Article 1 Constitutional authority to direct federal spending. It looks like there will be further development on a potential proposal for a rule change. That item is very controversial both inside and outside of the Congress and in both Chambers. I don't think we are there yet but we do have a seriousness of purpose and a unity of purpose in our delegation around what we need to do for NC installations.

I look forward to spending more time with the NCMAC. Also, to learn more from the North Carolina Commanders Council (NCCC) and the NCMAC to direct our effort in DC. During the AUSA meeting in DC General Milley, Army Chief of Staff announced that The Army Futures Command would be created and that is proceeding. Governor Cooper met with Gen Milley the day of that announcement with the help of the NC Military Foundation. The Governor and Sec Hall talked with Gen Milley about that announcement. This will be a 4-Star Command and would look like other campuses in the Research

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Triangle Park (RTP). The command would oversee new things for the Army and new ways of getting things for our Army. We think that NC is a great location for this Command. We have some information on potential and real competitors for this Command. We understand that there is currently a list of locations that has been developed. Our delegation and the Governor have come together and sent written communication to Gen Milley. We think there will be a down select in Mid-March and a decision by the Summer. Our initial investment is interesting and positive that placement of such a facility in NC would represent. I

will defer for any questions. The team effort has been outstanding from the Economic Development world, state level, regional and local level, our university community, and our business community. I think we have put our best foot forward.

NC4ME: STEWART RUFFIN AND KIMBERLY WILLIAMS

Stewart Ruffin, NC Military Foundation and Kimberly Williams, NC4ME presented for NC4ME.

The number 1 driver for economic development is talent. NC is the 4th largest Department of Defense (DoD) presence in the US. We have over 20,000 service members leaving our bases every year. We have over 244,000 Veterans under the age of 50 years old. We have over 32,000 Guard and Reservists. We have talent and high performing talent. We wanted to put together a program that uses that high performing talent and keep that talent in NC. We are not just another Veterans service organization. There are over 42,000 Veterans service organization across the country. We are different because we are a NC program, we are your program. We have pulled key players as one team. We pulled together State organizations such as the DMVA and Department of Commerce. We also pulled in the NC National Guard, Employer Support for Guard and Reserve (ESGR), United Service Organizations (USO) of NC, NC Military Bases, MetLife, CISCO, Pike Corporation,

- Implementing a Joint Strategy: Training employers to hire military and then connecting them with qualified talent.
- NC4ME Results (March 2015-January 2018): Changing the Military Employment Environment
 - Leaders hear business case for Get hiring: 2,241
 - HR professionals trained to hire military: 386
 - Interviews documented: 1,880
 - Coordinated Network for Employment: Uniform message for why to stay in North Carolina and how to find a job here.
 - Changing the way employers hire military: CICSO Veteran Talent Incubation Program
- Vision 2018: NC4ME will be the go-to program in North Carolina enabling employers to hire qualified military talent.
 - North Carolina's public-private effort – single team of key players implementing a joint strategy.
 - Focused on enabling employers to hire military. Showing the business case, training & sharing best practices with HR teams, and connecting with qualified talent.
 - Providing service members, based, training organizations, VOS, etc. With connectivity to a coalition of employers who are trained & ready to hire military.
- 2018 Strategy Forward:
 - Sustain: Part Time Executive Director (Private Sector); NC4ME Program Manager (NC Commerce); NC4ME Summits (Private Sector, HR Training (USO of NC), Hiring Events (Commerce leading with heavy cooperation).

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- New in 2018: Part Time NC4ME Marketing Person (Private Sector); Improve hiring events (NC Commerce/Workforce Board contribution increased to 1 Program Manger + \$100,000); SHRM engagement (NC Society for Human Resource Management (NC SHRM) redoubling effort).
- Still needed in 2018: Non-event based matching capability (\$100,000); Curate NC4ME Coalition (Staff member of \$80,000), Curator talent organizations (Staff member or \$80,000).

Steve Ratti asked what are we doing to make sure this program stays in NC? Kimberly Williams responded that NC4ME is here to stay and we can make this program sustainable. We need to become more strategic in our planning. Stewart Ruffin commented that we need more human resources to make this program sustain and grow. Steve Ratti asked who do you talk to daily to communicate your needs? Kimberly Williams responded that they work with Secretary Hall and he has been a great help to the program. Stewart Ruffin commented that we also talk to Kirk Warner, Quality of Life Committee.

Mike Alford asked if we have good data on exiting service members either monthly or quarterly and what is our retention percentage as metric? Can we compare or contrast that to other military states? Stewart Ruffin responded yes, that he has seen more data on that than anything else. These are the numbers that he trusts. In 2017, 20,000 military transition from installations. He gets numbers that range from 8-20 % stay where they are. If they leave, where do they go and that is normally to their Home of Record (HOR) or to the right opportunity. The Senior rank retiree will normally stay because they have put down roots. The number we care most about is the 20,000 with great skills. Gen McKissock commented that DoD has a huge transition program but they have no idea if those people ever get a job. The numbers that NC4ME has are solid concrete numbers and I don't think you could find this information anywhere in the United States. There are many hundreds of organizations that doing transition stuff but never follow up to see if they get jobs.

SENTINEL LANDSCAPES UPDATE: DEWITT HARDEE/ROBERT HOSFORD

Dewitt Hardee and Robert Hosford presented for Sentinel Landscape.

Sentinel Landscape's mission is to improve military readiness, protect at-risk and endangered species, enhance critical wildlife habitat and restore working agricultural and natural lands in the Southeast and Midwest.

North Carolina Agricultural Development and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund (ADFPTF), (2005). Today there are 33 counties in NC that are part of the Sentinel Landscape Partnership.

- Article 61. Agricultural Development and Preservation of Farmland.
Part 1. General Provisions.
106-735. Short title and purpose.
(a) This Article shall be known as "The Agricultural Development and Farmland Preservation Enabling Act."

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(b) The purpose of this Article is to authorize counties and cities to undertake a series of programs to encourage the preservation or qualifying farmland as defined herein, and to foster the growth, development, and sustainability of family farms. (1985(Reg Sess. 1986). C. 1025, s. 1;2005-390,ss.2,9.)

- Protect
 - Water Rights
 - Hunting Rights
 - Development Rights
 - Farming Rights
 - Mineral Rights

- Timber Rights
- Eastern North Carolina Sentinel Landscape (ENCSL) Conservation Easement Recordings: Dare County Training Range Military Training Route (MTR)
 - R&M Properties of Hyde County; \$776,000 for 388.26 acres, December 15, 2017
 - John W. McAden and wife; \$735,000 for 459.5 acres, December 15, 2017
- ENCSL Partnership Conservation Easement in Progress
 - US Air Force (USAF) Readiness and Environmental Integration (REPI) \$767,803
 - North Carolina Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services (NCDA&CS) Agricultural Development and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund (ADFPTF) \$767,803
 - 2016 United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) \$1,162,570
 - Total: \$2,698,176 being contracted for 2,037 acres in USDA – USAF – ADFPTF Conservation Easements.
- ENCSL Partnership Funding & Planning for Conservation Easement (Feb 1, 2018)
 - Available Funds - Funds that they have retained from various resources.
 - 2018 USDA NRCS RCPP (Match Required) \$7,000,000
 - 2017 REPC Challenge (Match Required) \$10,000,000
 - NCDA&CS ADFPTF Military Balance \$1,318,983
 - Acres Under Conservation Easement Purchase Option
 - USAF Importance 16,418 acres
 - Marine Corp Installation-East (MIC-EAST) Importance 5,634 acres
 - On-going activities
 - Cooperative Agreement with Navy/Marines & NCDA&CS
 - Conservation Easement Template for USDA-Military-NCDA&CS
 - Landowner Outreach
 - MCI-EAST Target Area
 - USAF Target Area

Sally-Anne Gupta asked if these easements were in perpetuity? Dewitt Hardee commented that they are in perpetuity. At this time, all easements will be in perpetuity. Robert Hosford briefed the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Affairs is asking the Commission to support along with Soil, Water and Conservation Districts, NC Forever, NC Forestry Association, NC Farm Bureau and the

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Conservation Fund the NCDA&CS request for \$13 million. I would like to introduce to you a new member of our team, Laura Kilian our Legislative Affairs person. We are looking for partners. The DMVA staff along with others have been working hard on this project. We are close to the finish line. These funds will be deployed to area that need the funds. The Commanders and their staff tell us what they need and we are trying to support those requests. We are coming to you with an opportunity and asking this body to support our request for \$13 million going forward. Chairman Martin asked when did they need the Letter for Support from the NCMAC? Robert Hosford replied that they wanted the support sooner than later. They are already making their legislative visits and when they make those visits it is helpful to have those letters of support in hand to show what organizations support this request. Chairman Martin commented that he wanted to make sure that the entire Commission had time to discuss this and make an informed decision. Representative Cleveland commented that the NCMAC has always fully support the Sentinel Landscape program. I don't think there is any problem with us providing a letter of support in getting the funding from someone else. Frank Bottorff asked Robert what the request was for? Robert Hosford replied that they were requesting a Resolution or Letter of Support from the NCMAC to support the \$13 million request for NCDA&CS from the General Assembly. Chairman Martin asked when then next NCMAC was scheduled? Kelly Jackson replied that it was scheduled for Tues, May 15. Kirk Warner motioned to prepare that letter of support and seconded by ET Mitchell. Chairman Martin requested the Commission to discuss the matter. Steve Ratti commented that this program is not new to the NCMAC and unless you are a new member we fully support this program. Gen Dickerson commented the NCMAC has been in support of this program for many years. The REPI Challenge is free money but we need to support the match money. What is the penalty if we don't get the match funding? Dewitt Hardee commented that we will lose the federal dollars. We have approximately 4 years to spend the funds and it will take us around a couple years to get that completed. Kirk Warner made a motion for the Commission to adopt a resolution in support of the Sentinel matching fund request and be accompanied by a letter of support. Also, that the Chairman is authorized on behalf of the Commission to sign it. ET Mitchell seconded the motion. Tony Stimatz commented that we need to have a resolution to look at before we can give our permission. Representative Cleveland commented that he had added to the motion that the resolution would be distributed to the Commission prior to signature for comments. Would that change satisfy the requirement? Tony Stimatz responded no. The letter is find so have the Chairman sign a letter. Kirk Warner stated that he moved that the Commission adopt a resolution in Support of the North Carolina Agriculture Development and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund Request. Kirk Warner read the Resolution listed on page 22 of these minutes. Kirk Warner moved that the resolution and a supporting letter be adopted. Tony Stimatz seconded the motion and there was no further discussion with an unanimously vote from the Commission. The motion passed.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP FOR NC (EDPNC) UPDATE: CHRISTOPHER CHUNG

Christopher Chung presented for EDPNC.

The Economic Development Partnership for NC was created by legislation about 31 /2 years ago and opened its door in the Fall of 2014. We are a public/private non-profit organization. The five functions that they do on behalf of the Department of Commerce are 1) Business Recruitment 2) Taking care of the needs of existing business that are already in NC. 3) International Trade and Export assistance 4) Small Business Start-up assistance 5) Tourism Promotion. We serve under contract with the Department of Commerce and have 65 employees. We do receive some of our revenue from private

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fund raising efforts such as banks, construction companies, and utilities. These are some of the private section entities and support our work across our functions. We work very closely with the Department of Commerce. The dedicated position in the EDPNC that is focused on the Military and Defense Industry. That got started when members of the NCMAC learned about the NC Department of Agriculture (DA) funding a similar position in our organization. In 2015 the DA working with the legislature identified funding that could be put towards a dedicated position focused on the recruitment of food processing and food manufacturing companies. Individuals from the NCMAC heard about thought this could work to have a dedicated person to focus on the military and defense industry. After a presentation and a lot of discussion the NCMAC voted to support the funding for a position for one year. That position has been filled since Jan 2017 by Brad Helton. Brad Helton's position is Business Development. He goes out and finds companies in the military and defense industry that might be ready for expansion, looking for a new location, might need to fulfill a new DOD requirement and are looking to see where they are going to do that from. To find that kind of company, qualified as an opportunity and hands them off to one of the other Business Development staff members. That gives us the most lift with the one year funding. He is part of the Business Development Team. The metric that he is measured against is how many leads and how many qualified leads is he generating and handing off to our team of business recruiters. We decided that would give us the most return on the investment by the NCMAC funding. We appreciate that you have approved funding to extend this for another year. We appreciate the support of this position. I know that there has been discussion on an advisory team that will be meeting with Brad Helton on a regular basis to give him guidance and for him to use as a sounding board. I think that the advisory board will be very helpful.

EDPNC's relationship with Commerce. We are contractors to the Department of Commerce. Most of our revenue comes from Commerce. In day to day operations, we are the sales team out in the field working with the companies that are thinking about moving to NC or the companies that are considering expanding. A lot of work goes into convincing a company to move or expand here. We talk up the quality of our work force, including the great Veteran talent. We talk up our infrastructure, tax climate, energy costs, logistics and location. There is a lot that will go into the sales pitch. We know that incentives are very important and part of the conversation. The company is looking at a couple of locations and they will bring up the incentives. That is when we work the most with the Department of Commerce. They control the funding and the policies behind the state's incentives program. Our job is to inform the Commerce staff the fullest possible picture of what that opportunity looks like and whether and how much we should do in the way of state incentives to get that opportunity to come to NC. Our team meets weekly with the Secretary of Commerce and his staff. It is good relationship. We can't lobby. I hope that information is helpful. I want to thank the Commission for the support.

Steve Ratti commented that he thought the agreement was more of a bridging strategy. Chris Chung does not recall that from 2 years ago. Steve Ratti commented that he thought the NCMAC had agreed to fund the position for one year, and then a second year and then Commerce would start funding the position. So, it would be a bridging strategy? LtGen Gary McKissock commented that the resolution that went over to Commerce was for them to take over paying for the position, but Commerce didn't agree with that resolution. I think the Economic Development Committee would like to continue to work with you and develop a strategy on how to continue to fund this position and there are many ways

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to do that. We need to keep our eye on the ball and not let this die. Frank Bottorff commented that the way this was written into NCMAC's budget, I think the legislature did that. They increased our budget and said fully fund this position. Our budget last year was \$1.6 Million and this year we got \$2 Million and it did say to fully fund this position. That is why I wrote it into both years for \$120,000 a year. Rep Cleveland commented that you said that Brad Helton found prospects and then handed them off. I have trouble with that strategy. Chairman Martin commented that they use that strategy because of the short-term horizon that they are under that. LtGen Gary McKissock said that the NCMAC needs to determine if this is something we continue to support or what is an alternate strategy. Rep Cleveland commented that the NCMAC had been given funding for this position for 2 years and unless the law changes, if the NCMAC is funded through the Legislature this position will be funded. That is what has been done. At this point you have 2 years of funding, next budget cycle, unless the law changes you will get 2 more years of funding. Chris Chung commented that would be a degree of certainty for this position. Rep Cleveland commented that there is no certainty in government.

MILITARY CHILD EDUCATION COALITION (MCEC): BG (R) KEITH MARTIN

BG (R) Keith Martin presented for Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC). I am proud to represent this organization and have been doing that for 13 years. He is happy to be in the state that prides and promotes itself as the most military friendly state in the nation. That is a strong statement and it takes a lot to back that statement up. True interaction with your Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3), Department of Public Instruction (DPI) and a long experience of working in NC on behalf of the MCEC you are doing great things. You are ahead of a lot of states but not all states. Other states are becoming very creative. This is a very competitive environment. The state of Florida has committed \$4 Million approved legislative appropriation for an advertisement campaign to attract Veterans from other states to relocate to Florida. That is a lot of money to put behind an effort like this. That is how serious the situation and climate we are in now. With everything that you are doing, I can tell you with experience that you must get School Liaison Officers (SLO) on your installations. You must get a Military Liaison Officers in your state system. They are all working, doing more with less. Particularly on the federal side. As the State Family Program Director for the NC National Guard or ask your SLOs what has happened to the military budgets, service budgets, DOD, budgets or Youth and Family budgets for these programs. The mission has not changed but the budgets have been severely cut. I have scheduled professional training for educators all over the country, all this training paid for by the DoD or individual services. Currently there are only 2 services paying for this (Navy and Air Force). The focus is on readiness. But with all the progress that we have made with Families and Youth Programs supporting our service members we are now in danger of taking steps backwards unless the states step up and step in, in key areas. Because of all the great things that I have heard today and all my interactions with NC the missing ingredient is support for K-12 education quality for military and veteran connected children.

We are already doing work in Cumberland County and other places under the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) grants. Everything that we have done in the past in NC has been paid for by someone else. That is a key point. Our organization does professional development training for educators. South Carolina is in their third year of the Comprehensive Support Plan. Alabama has devoted \$800,000 a year/ three year in a row to educational support to K-12 military and veteran connected children. Texas about \$500,000 a year and Florida about \$300,000 a year but focus on the

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area around military installations but not comprehensively state wide. Tennessee legislature has a request for funding before them for their first plan. Georgia is considering a plan. Why do they do this, because it is competitive. It is competitive because the Secretary of Defense says he wants another round of BRAC. Senators Reid and McCain are supportive of the idea. What is the basis for this, 19% excess capacity according to Gen Mattis across the system. The Air Force and Army have 30% each. As we are getting clarity, on the potential for plus ups on the force structure side, and much needed improvement on our defense posture. We are also seeing a corner turned and you can anticipate and count on base closings, re-allocation of force structure and consolidations by hard BRAC or soft BRAC. It is a very competitive environment. So, why is the quality of educational support for K-12 military children so important?

First, because there are so many of them There are 1.8 million children DoD says of currently servicing members of the active Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Marines, National Guard and Reserves. If you take post 911 Veterans children into the count, the number goes to 4 million and a lot of them are in North Carolina. The Department of Public Instruction (DPI) has done some detailed demographic research to outline where these children are in the state. Certainly, clustered around military installations but the research showed that there are Veteran connected children in every county, every school system, every school building and virtually every classroom in the state. Those who are furthest from the flag pole tend to be isolated and anonymous. This is the basis for a comprehensive support plan. Service members continue to tell us that educational quality is one of their top 3 quality of life concerns along with access to health care and job opportunity to spouses. Their satisfaction with their assignment depends largely on those 3 factors. Service members who reach Expiration Term of Service (ETS) or retire say the same factors are critical in deciding where they will live, work and raise their families. The issue of attracting and retaining that Veteran work force that we have heard a couple of great presentation on today. The Service Chiefs tell us that educational quality will be a factor in making decisions about where to put the new forces and what to do about the excess capacity and infrastructure. The marker has been laid down. As I have indicated, other military density states are already taking aggressive action, at least from our perspective by working with us to address the issues of K-12 educational quality. The things that we do are student training programs, military parent training, professional development training for educators, military student transition counseling, and military identifier research. Military children tend to out-perform their civilian counterparts. We are working with DPI, and we will be attending the Superintendents meeting on March 7th. I know some of the Superintendents and we want to hear from the Superintendents. DPI Superintendent Mark Johnson wants to hear from the Superintendents about what they are doing, airing and sharing best practices. Also to identify what can be done internally and what can be done externally to raise the level to the point that NC is not a leader, but the leader. That is the key if you want to be the most military friendly state in the nation. It would be another pillar in the strong effort that you already have in NC. I am amazed at the creativity of what I hear is happening in NC but missing in action is the K-12 education support piece. I hope that at the NCMAC May meeting we can focus in at what can be done, what needs to be done, and how to move forward with doing that. In conclusion, the Comprehensive Support Plan must be proactive, tangible, effective, visible, promoted and sustained. Properly designed, it will be good policy, good practice, good publicity and good politics. I thank this Commission for what they have done, I look forward to working with this Commission and DPI and other interested parties.

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COMMUNITY COLLEGE UPDATE: LtGen MCKISSOCK and REPRESENTATIVE CLEVELAND

Gen McKissock gave the update on the Community College Course Credits. The Economic Development Committee has been working with the Community College System for the past 2 ½ years on trying to crack the nut on military experience, schools and training and receiving credit for those items. It appears that we are picking up steam on this matter. They have put out a couple of messages and email on this matter. We will ask the Community College to attend the next Economic Development Committee meeting and give us an update on the progress that has been made. Rep Cleveland has invited them to present at the next NCMAC meeting in May. There a couple of issues that we have been working on. One issue is the occupations for the ACE catalogue. The second issue is the transferability once they have been granted. What ACE tells you is that if you say these courses are credible then they can be transferred to other institutions. We may be making this more difficult than it needs to be so we are going to discuss this more. I think we are finally making some progress. This is an economic development issue. This an employment issues for many. Rep Cleveland commented that the Commission had received the

CLOSING COMMENTS:

Patricia Harris address the Commission. I have been asked to request from the NCNAC \$10,000 in sponsorship for the NC Women Milvets Summit and Expo. The event is on Wednesday, May 2nd at the McKimmon Center, NC State University, Raleigh, NC. This a second request from the NCMAC for support of this event. The first request was in 2016 after a sponsor had pulled their support of the event. The NCMAC supported that request. The committee for this event wants to thank you for your support and would like that support again. In North Carolina, the women on active duty service is 12,000 and there are over 70,000 women veterans. This summit will connect military women, those that are in transition phase, with networking and support venues in an all day, event that will provide support and direction them and their families. There will also be awareness about benefits, services and partnership with others organizations to enhance that smooth transition. Having retired here at home, I wish that there would have been this program for me. We have had a lot of women attend the 2 prior events. NC should always lead from the front. With NCMAC's support of this event we can certainly achieve that. Do you have any questions? Chairman Martin commented that Patricia Harris had brought this to his attention and that he was still working on how the NCMAC support grants and the process that we use. We need to get the grant process finalized as soon as possible. Sec Hall asked about the time frame of this request and when did they need the funds approved. Patricia Harris commented that we are within 70 days of the event. If this requests waits until the next NCMAC meeting the Summit and Expo will have already happened. Crockett Long asked if she was requesting \$10,000 from the NCMAC? Patricia Harris responded yes. Crockett Long asked if they had sold any other sponsorships? Patricia Harris responded yes they had, she had approached the NC Department of the American Legion and received \$2,500. Gen Reeder asked how much it costs to support this event and how much funds to they need to support this event? Patricia Harris commented that any amount approved by the NCMAC would be appreciated but she did not have the information to answer Gen Reeder's questions. Sec Hall commented that this is a Department of Military Affairs supported event that has happened twice in the past 4 years. This will be the 3rd event and the budget from the last event was approximately \$45,000. We have sponsorship commitment from Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) for \$10,000, NC Small Business for \$5,000 and total commitment of \$30,000. We need an additional \$15,000 to support this event. We also have a portion of the resource guide that is for Women Veterans. This is

important as we talk about the percentage of women veterans who are in business and small business start-ups. Also in the increased number of women who are part of our military force. I am not a voting member of this body but if I was I would vote yes to supporting this request as a critical part of reaching our Veterans and Veteran families. We also talk about the education issues. This event is about Women Veterans and spouses. All I can do is ask for your support of this event. David Hayden commented that he was a rules person. He read from the By-laws Article V: Budgetary and Financial Matters, Section 2: Expenditure of Funds: The Commission shall use appropriated funds to support the purpose, projects and goals of the Commission. One of the purposes is to identify and support ways to provide sound infrastructure. I would put would put housing and education and transition support into NC workforce for military members and their families, military retirees and veterans. I think it is in the authority of this Commission to support this with an expenditure. This is a short time frame to work out our process so maybe we might be worthwhile to look at this as an exception until we finalize our process. Timothy McClain commented that if there had not been a precedence set in years past, that this could be an exception. I would say from a corporate side of the house that we would consider supporting this event. You can't support enough African American women and their pursuit of self-employment. This is a very under represented segment of our state and country. The precedence hasn't been set and there seems to be a provision in the by-laws. Can I make a motion? David Long offered to donate \$1000 to the North Carolina Women Milvets Summit and Expo. Tony Stimatz commented that in 2017 they rewrote the Military Presence Stabilization Fund Section of the law.

SECTION 19.1.(f) Notwithstanding G.S. 143B-1214 and G.S. 143B-1217, the funds appropriated in this act to the Military Presence Stabilization Fund for the 2017-2018 fiscal year may be used for the following purposes:

- (1) Up to the sum of two hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$225,000) may be used to provide grants to local communities of military installations. These funds shall only be used for actual project expenses and shall not be used to pay for lobbying the North Carolina General Assembly, salaries, travel, or other administrative costs. The North Carolina Military Affairs Commission shall establish guidelines for applying for these grants.
- (2) Administrative expenses and reimbursements for members of the North Carolina Military Affairs Commission.
- (3) Federal advocacy and lobbying support.
- (4) Updates to strategic planning analysis and strategic plan.
- (5) Economic impact analyses.
- (6) Public-public/public-private (P4) initiatives.
- (7) Identification and implementation of innovated measures to increase the military value of installations.
- (8) Fully fund the position at the North Carolina Economic Development Center.

Tony Stimatz commented he wanted to make sure that all the members understand the context of how we can spend funds. Item #7, we can come up with anything we want to for that item. Sally-Anne Gupta commented that we have been talking about the grant process. As worthy as any one individual program is, we need to make sure that we are not rushing that process in the vein of wanting

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to do something good and to achieve action on behalf of the NCMAC. So, until we have fully visited and vetted the grant process, I am concerned about the idea about allocating public funds in the rush to make a decision. The things that I want to make sure of, Ms. Harris are you a member or board of member of this organization? Patricia Harris commented No. I want to make sure that we don't have any conflict of interest in the discussion of this grant. Tony Stimatz commented that budget specifically states grants to local communities and military installations. It does not open it up to private or non-profit organizations. Kirk Warner commented that he does not think that this is a grant. Who are we funding? We would be a this group or I would say that we don't need to do any grants until we have the grant process in place and approved so we could run this through the Commission properly. We are a democratic body so anyone can make a motion so we can deliberate and pass. There is time sensitivity to this request. So, the question before this body is do we want to put off giving grants until we have a process in place or do we want to make an exception? I know Secretary Hall can't vote and I will not vote on this matter. Kirk Warner asked who is hosting this event? A non-profit organization or DMVA? Secretary Hall commented that because we have these outside groups helping to support this event it is being run through a 501(c) (3), which has run it the last 2 times. The funds are administered through them because the DMVA can't accept those funds directly as a Department. The DMVA is sponsoring the event. Kirk Warner commented that if we approve this request from a 501(c) (3) then many other 501(c) (3) groups may ask for support. If this was a DMVA event, that is one request, but from a 501(c) (3) that is a different type of request. I can think of 100 501(c) (3) organizations that would want support from the NCMAC. I don't think that we are in the business of being commercial sponsors. I don't think that is an appropriate use of the funds allocated by the state. Chairman Martin commented that this is the time for a motion or not. I think that this items needs to be looked at by the By-laws committee. I know that Timothy McClain may want to make a motion so this would be the time. Timothy McClain made a motion to the NCMAC support the North Carolina Women Milvets Summit and Expo for an amount of \$10,000. Chairman Martin called for a second to the motion. Patricia Harris seconded the motion. Chairman Martin asked if there is any discussion on the motion. Steve Ratti asked the question, is this a grant, is it something else and do we have the authority to give that money. If so, we need the motion that needs to say that we have the authority and legal review to do that. Patricia Harris commented that the NCMAC had approved funds to this event in 2016. Tony Stimatz commented that going back to the legislation, it may be used grant funds to local communities and military installations. It does not go beyond that level. I would take that to mean a town, city, county. If you are going to be giving out money to non-profit organizations, it's not fair to give out money to organizations that know we are there and come in at the last minute and request the funds. Until we have a process, I can't vote to support this request. Kirk Warner commented that he does not think we have the authority to support the request. Gen Reeder commented that he thinks it sets a dangerous precedence because I agree with Kirk that every 501 C 3 will be asking the NCMAC for a contribution for organization that are related military families. I understand that it was done in 2016 but I think it is a bad precedence for the future. Sonny Roberts commented that he agreed with Kirk Warner and others who have commented. We could be opening Pandora's box. This is a great organization or any other military organization but I don't think that is what we are set up for. I don't think that is the purpose of the NCMAC. I think we need to be very careful in how we spend our funding. Chairman Martin commented that due to the discussion and time asked Timothy McClain if he would want to withdraw his motion. Timothy McClain commented that another motivation for the motion was looking at the core committee for this event. It looks like people under our umbrella so it looks like our event.

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Kirk Warner commented that they are members of the DMVA not the NCMAC. Gen McKissock commented that this is not a timeliness issues, if we had all the time in the world this request does not make sense. Timothy McClain withdrew his motion. Chairman Martin asked the Commission members to send him their feedback from the meeting. Also, if they want to have this meeting outside of Raleigh and at military communities.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Vice Chairman Frank Bottorff asked for a motion to adjourn. The Hon George Cleveland made a motion to adjourn and Hon Chuck Allen seconded the motion. The Vice Chairman Bottorff adjourned the meeting at 4:45 pm.



**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE
NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT AND FARMLAND
PRESERVATION TRUST FUND ALLOCATION REQUEST**

WHEREAS, the vision of the North Carolina Military Affairs Commission (NCMAC) is to protect military installations, ensure safety, improve quality of life, and encourage economic growth within North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the two largest economic drivers in the state of North Carolina are the Military and Agribusiness; and

WHEREAS, the preservation of the farming, forestry, and horticulture industry in North Carolina is important due to economic factors, its compatibility with the military and military training, tourism and overall environmental health; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Agricultural Development and Farmland Preservation (ADFP) Trust Fund works in conjunction with the military as working lands in agriculture are compatible with the preservation of airspace training routes; and

WHEREAS, the ADFP Trust Fund is requesting \$12,820,865 in matching funds for the protection of 25,000 acres of farmland and forestland within North Carolina in order to fund conservation easements, allowing private landowners to continue growing food and fiber products while preserving land resources for future generations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Military Affairs Commission does hereby express support of the requested \$12,820,865 in matching funds for the protection and preservation of farmland and forestland statewide and to protect vital training grounds for military installations.

ADOPTED, this _____ day of _____, 2018.

NC MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMISSION

By: _____
Grier Martin, Chairman

ATTEST