

Minutes of the May 23, 2017, 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly Meeting of the NCMAC Full Commission  
DPI Building, 301 N. Wilmington Street, Raleigh, NC

**Voting Members Present**

Pat Walker, Acting Chair  
Sally-Ann Gupta, A/R Sen. Harry Brown  
Hon. George Breece  
Steve Ratti  
Bob Dickerson  
E.T. Mitchell  
Sonny Roberts  
Kirk Warner  
Frank Bottorff  
Sgt. Maj. Bill Hatcher  
Hon. Chuck Allen  
Patty Harris  
Hon. Chris Rey  
Cresswell Elmore (by phone)  
Gary McKissock (by phone)

**Administrative Head**

Secretary Larry Hall, DMVA

**Ex Officios Present**

John Nicholson, DEQ  
Will Best, DOC  
Mark Cooney, DNCR  
Robert Hosford, DoAg  
Secretary Erik Hooks, DPS  
Stewart Cox, SJAFB  
CMDR Warren Judge, ECCG

**Additional Attendees**

Tina Paulson, MCI-East School Liaison  
Jamie Livengood, Wayne Co. Schools  
LTC Brian Moll, USMC  
Kristi \_\_\_\_  
Asst. Sec. Jason Cain, DMVA  
Tyler Harris, MCAS Cherry Point  
Ron Massey, Jacksonville City Mgr  
Col. Mike Scalise  
Bob Coats, Governor's Census  
Basil Yap, NC DOT  
Brad Helton, EDPNC  
Heather Craven Co Schools  
Janet Bradbury, A/R Sen. Burr  
Rick Stout, Supt. Onslow Co. Public Sch  
Scott Dorney, NCMBC

Kevin Felix, Roosevelt Group (TRG)  
Stuart Ruffin, NCMF  
John Simmons, TRG  
McRae Collins, Spartan Ranch  
Kyle Snyder, NC State  
Marc Finlayson, ACT  
Jamie Norment, ACT  
Whitney Christensen, ACT  
Hon. Will Lewis  
Kimberly Williams, NC4ME  
Charlie Perham, Matrix Design  
Councilman Pete Benton  
Nimasheena Burns, DMVA  
Willie Casey, DMVA  
Kelly Jackson, DMVA  
Kelly Barretto, DMVA

## **WELCOME, OPENING REMARKS**

Acting Chair Pat Walker gave welcoming remarks, acknowledging Secretary Hall and Assistant Secretary Cain. At the morning's Commanders' Council meeting the Governor offered positive remarks in support of the NC military, surrounding communities and families. She ceded the floor to Secretary Hall.

## **Remarks by Secretary of NC DMVA**

He expressed his appreciation for those attending on a rainy day. Dynamic times are going forward with the proposed budget. We are still on continuing resolutions, trying to fund and not being able to contract to do all other things that affect the bases. He believes that we will build our knowledge base on energy challenges, today.

## **Additional Remarks by Acting Chair**

We will use time cards to keep presenters on schedule. We acknowledge and welcome to our meeting General Rapula (ph) and General Senana (ph) from the Botswana National Guard.

Chair Walker announced the addition of Patty Harris and Chris Rey to the Commission. We have approximately 8 vacancies from the Governor's post in the next month or so.

## **DMVA Update by Assistant Secretary Jason Cain**

*Budget* - The Senate and House have proposed their budgets, and we are awaiting the outcome. The status of the BRAC Fund including current encumbrances is \$190,501.62.

*JLUS* – this has been a 2-year process and the final report has been issued. All are encouraged to review it. The Air force has worked closely with their communities to come up with innovative solutions for compatible land use. This includes where they can potentially site renewable energy projects that do not hamper operations.

*SERPPAS* – in attendance at the Principals Meeting in SC. Sentinel Landscapes is a byproduct of this partnership. He met Ron Tickle, Director of the DoD Siting Clearinghouse. SERPPAS agreed to another working group to bring together best practices and ideas.

*Military Appreciation Week* – The Governor proclaimed this week Military Appreciation Week and has visited or will visit NC bases. The Governor addressed the Commanders' Council this morning.

*OEA Grant* – This grant is up and running. This is a partnership with NC State to do a supply chain map for the entire State. This has been done regionally; Fayetteville just completed their Economic Diversity project through OEA. Our study is an 18-month statewide study, the contractor will be SDG that will do the actual supply chain mapping with a goal of attaining fourth-tier subcontractors for prime defense contractors to be able to identify them, here. Nimasheena Burns oversees the grant for the Department.

Staff Introductions - Additional staff introduced were Kelly Jackson, Family Service Member Coordinator, Willie Casey, Installation Coordinator, Kelly Barretto, Military Affairs Admin.

Chair Walker went on to go around the room for all to introduce themselves.

### **Other Announcements**

- OEA Grant of \$2 million was awarded to the State.
- REPI (Readiness Environmental and Protection Integration) Challenge – NC sole winner, \$9.2million split between CLJ and SJAFB at \$5.8million and \$3.4 million, respectively – projects include 12,000 acres for USMC and 2500 acres for SJAFB.
- Congratulations were offered to Camp Lejeune for winning the DoD Commanders' Award for Excellence.
- Subcommittee chairs should coordinate with Kelly to spread out scheduling of meetings.
- Let Kelly know if you plan to attend the ADC Conference.
- Boards and Commissions per diems will be considered reportable income and require completing W-2 paperwork.

### **Consent Agenda**

Chair Walker sought a motion to approve the last quarter's full Commission meeting (February 2017) minutes, so moved by Mr. Breece with a second by Mr. Warner. All were in favor and none opposed. The minutes were approved unanimously without further discussion.

These are presentations from industry perspective, NC State, and DOT, which are informational only and not to be construed as supported or not supported by the NCMAC. The purpose is to inform the Commission and others about emerging unmanned aerial systems initiatives and next generation aviation technologies. These current and future next-generation capabilities may be of interest to North Carolina.

### **UAS PRESENTATIONS:**

**Kyle Snyder, NC State:** Mr. Snyder briefed on the status of the UAS program at NC State. He has been leading North Carolina's integration since 2012 under Division of Aviation's leadership. He discussed the following:

- Many FAA changes over the past five years
- NGAT is a 50-member consortium of industry, academic and other governmental agencies
- Gold Leaf Foundation and NC Military Foundation provided initial support
- 2015 landed a role in the FAA's UAS Center of Excellence
- Hosting Drone Day at General Assembly tomorrow
- NC DOT houses UAS Program Office
- Command and control research is primary interest (connectivity in modern aviation world)
- Have been flying out of Hyde Airport since 2013
- Have worked with Cherry Point for access to restricted air space (Dare Co. Range)

- Develop corridor from Stanly Co. Airport northeast of Charlotte to Mackall Army Airfield where Gray Eagle is based to open more operations
- Feasibility study begins next month with Division of Aviation
- Training program this summer is contemplated

Mayor Rey asked if any privacy concerns had been raised. Mr. Snyder stated getting permission through State CIO's office in addition to meeting FAA requirements has been a method of staying within parameters, also legislation added requirement for a DOT permit so that we know who is flying within the State. A test site will be useful in determining how to further protect data. We follow NCIA guidelines.

Mr. Ratti asked where funding stream comes from. Mr. Snyder replied NCDOT Division of Aviation program office for education outreach and feasibility study, research funding from FAA for command and control, industry partner funding.

**McRae Collins, RVision:** Mr. Collins of the Spartan Ranch Tactical Training Center in Maysville briefed the Commission on UAS Systems from an industry perspective. He discussed the following:

- Future threats of UAS and Drones: IED attacks, counter-jamming technology, information security, operations security
- Partnering with Department of Defense and installations: incentivizing prospective of new missions in North Carolina through innovation and leadership in this area; research and development opportunities
- UAS training as a means of retaining transitioning military talent, integration into the North Carolina workforce
- Hoffman Eagle establishment
- Enhancement of NC installations: infrastructure, employment, base sustainability, base security
- Becoming a hub for training, testing, and development of future technology with assistance of NextGen Air Transportation (NGAT) and NC State
- Potential economic impact of aerospace industry development
- Development of a corridor; development of a UAS training facility at Spartan Ranch with NC State's support
- Would like to see a feasibility study done
- Need means of support: legislative, FAA, EDPNC, federal grants

Gen. Dickerson commented that the Marine Corps is opposed to the current location near Hoffman Forest of the Training Center because it is used for low-level flights, specifically for night flights. This is a work in progress, unsure if this is ideal location, but a great idea to build corridors for a UAV Center in NC and capture the training and capability. There are concerns about the location of the tethered balloon and operations over Hoffman Forest. Col. Mike Scalise of MCI-East added that if there is an exception it is to the location of the training Ranch, which intersects two airfields at New River, a Class E airspace – this will create a hazard. This will adversely impact training. Mr. Snyder was certain there is a way to accomplish this without interference with training.

**NCDOT Division of Aviation, Basil Yap:** Mr. Yap addressed the Commission using power point slides on the regulatory environment as it concerns UAS's.

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- The Division's main role is to provide grants to airports in the State for infrastructure improvements, to include airports with a military presence. By statute, the Division of Aviation provides economic well-being for air transportation system development and aviation safety. Mr. Yap discussed the core functions of the Division.
- The Division administers NC UAS Knowledge Tests and permitting as required by General Statutes, provide safety, guidance, and educational materials and resources, support private sector growth by working with the Commerce Partnership, manage the UAS Working Group and maintain the state's long-term Strategic Plan to support UAS activities.
- National Security UAS Flight Restrictions. FAA and DoD have restricted UAS operations over 132 military facilities. The restrictions are up to 400' AGL, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Facilities can be found here: <http://uas-faa.opendata.arcgis.com/>. Other FAA restricted areas for civil operations apply to UAS operators.
- All air space over the US is regulated, but not all air space over the US is controlled. Drone flights will happen often in uncontrolled air space. There are different sets of regulations for hobbyists and government/commercial use. Mr. Yap discussed the present requirement of notification vs. obtaining permission to fly.
- See [www.ncdot.gov/aviation/uas](http://www.ncdot.gov/aviation/uas) and <https://connect.ncdot.gov/resources/Pages/Aviation-Division-Resources.aspx> for more information.

**Discussion:** Asst. Secretary Cain asked about flying restrictions and notifications to military bases, and Commissioner Mitchell noted the enforceability of the regulations.

Commissioner Ratti recommended that this subject be assigned to a Committee to find out how to ensure that UAS's don't interfere with military readiness, how we attract businesses to NC with this, how we retain/train transitioning military members. He suggested bringing this up at the ESG meeting to select a Committee to which to assign it. Commissioner Dickerson submitted instead of assignment to a Committee, that this fall under the umbrella of the Secretary's office then get it to the next step to determine if the MAC should undertake it; there are other Agencies looking at this. Asst. Secretary Cain added that the subject was discussed at the Commanders' Council meeting, and he anticipates the potential for a "deeper dive" by the Department based on the meeting. Commissioner Stimatz agreed with Commissioner Dickerson.

**Chair's Recommendation:** Suggests we work with Department of Military and Veterans Affairs as the overarching umbrella for this and each Committee will be available to work individual issues to get a consolidated view. The Chair that DMV anticipates that DMVA and DOT would work together, as well.

Commissioner Mitchell agrees with Commissioner Ratti, and urged Asst. Secretary Cain to discuss with Secretary Hall and have an answer by the next Commission meeting.

### **K-12 Education**

Wayne County School Superintendent Dr. Dunsmore could not be present to brief due to a medical matter.

Onslow County School Superintendent Rick Stout spoke in Dr. Dunsmore's stead.

- 26,000 students in the district
- School Military Liaisons are the most important people that connect the dots in our Community and do an amazing job transitioning more than 3,000 students every year
- Our partnership is with the military; we meet on base as well as off base to figure out how to incorporate DoDEA schools into public schools
- The present growth rate is 300-400 students yearly (not necessarily military)
- The Interstate Compact is important
- Virtual County Schooling

### **Open Meeting Laws, Prof. Trey Allen**

Mr. Allen is Assistant Professor of Public Law and Government at UNC School of Government, and served as a JAG in the Air Force. He gave an overview of public meeting laws providing a handout to attendees, as follows:

- This law requires notice to the public of official meetings of a public body, but does not require they receive advance agendas
- The first question to answer, do we have an official meeting? That is, a majority of members of the public body gather together in person, or electronically
- Definition of "public body": 2 or more members, intentionally created or appointed, Governmental (not private), exercising any one of 5 functions – legislative, policy-making, quasi-judicial, administrative and/or advisory
- Notice requirements: Regular meetings: File schedule with clerk; post on website  
Special meetings: 48 notice to those who request it; post time, location and purpose on bulletin board or – if there's not one – on door of usual meeting room; must post on website;  
Emergency meetings: notice to news media that have filed written requests with Secretary of State for such notice; same manner as board; Recessed meetings: Post on website
- Closed session requires motion adopted in open session that states purpose for closed session. Closed session purposes: preserve confidentiality of records, preserve attorney client privilege, discuss economic development, discuss bargaining position for property acquisition. Cannot discuss performance of other board members in closed session.
- Remedies for violation: injunctive relief, i.e., a court order entered to prevent threatened, recurring, or continuing violations of open meetings law, members of public body who violate such an order may be held in contempt of court, attorneys' fees to prevailing party or parties
- If court finds that public body's member(s) "knowingly or intentionally" committed violation, it may order the member(s) to pay all or some of opposing party's attorneys' fees, but not if member(s) sought and followed attorney's advice.
- Group emails – if communication among majority of members occur within a short time span this is a public meeting
- Contact [tallen@sog.unc.edu](mailto:tallen@sog.unc.edu) with questions

Chair Walker called for a ten-minute break.

### **Matrix Team**

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Charlie Perham of the Matrix briefed the Commission using Power Point slides. Mr. Nodjomian extended regrets he could not be present, however, John Simmons and Kevin Felix are in attendance.

Inside the Beltway: John Simmons stressed the importance of the opportunity to interact with Base Commanders in light of budget information being released and the announced BRAC round expected to be approved this year for 2021. Both the overall budget and President's budget were released. Sen. McCain and John Gorman arrived at the conclusion that the President's budget was dead on arrival as are most president's budgets. The likely result is a continuing resolution. They discussed a top line of \$603 billion, 3% over President Obama's. An Omnibus Bill will fund government for the next four months, and then a likely shutdown if not a full-year continuing resolution coming October 1. There was almost a billion dollars for FSRM.

Mr. Simmons asked for questions on BRAC. The President and Gen. Mattis have said that BRAC is the cornerstone of Pentagon efficiencies this year. He met with the Big 8 this week and said although DoD believes there is 20% excess capacity, he finds that number to be "squishy." Mr. Simmons believes this will not result in closure for NC bases but there should be ample opportunity to consolidate to our facilities.

#### Milcon in POTUS Budget -

There is \$293 million in milcon for NC in the President's budget request; this is substantial for the State. The letters to defense secretaries in support of the F-35 lift fan facility were effective.

- \$15.6 million is included in the President's budget for Cherry Point.
- \$209.2 million to Camp Lejeune for water treatment plant, bachelor enlisted quarters and some special operations motor transport and human performance training.
- Seymour Johnson has \$20 million in the POTUS budget request for the tanker truck offloading facility. \$6.4 million for KC 46A alternate facility. Mr. Simmons complimented Seymour, Col. Sage and Stu Cox for Wings Over Wayne success.
- \$57.7 million to Special Ops admin buildings, human performance training equipment, etc.
- The Coast Guard budget is flat. They are trying to put some in ice breakers
- \$760 million FEMA cut with 40% match requirement.

This will be a negotiating point for the Administration, although dead on arrival. They are trying to drive out \$10 trillion in the next ten years to balance the budget.

Sequestration is still the law of the land. When you hear comments that DoD lifted sequestration, that is wrong. They took down the "firewall" between defense and non-defense. Senator McCain called this illegal. They are trying to spend \$668 billion on defense and national security which is approximately a \$20 billion increase. They cut approximately 11% from non-defense from the \$449 billion, which is why this is dead on arrival.

**Outlook for budget cycle:** The President's budget was due in February; we are now at the end of May. Congress will begin to mark up budget, do oversight hearings in June and July – all must be in place by September 30. This is "Nick Mulvaney's Budget."

**Advocacy highlights:** One aspect of what we have been working on to increase military value in the region is enhancement of the training range. There has been great work done, some by force of

sequestration with the rise of Razor Talon and the opportunities that brings to some unique geography that you cannot get in big ranges out west, having the Deep Blue, Littoral and Coastal that mimic the neighboring adversaries. It is a joint training space, and we know that the Air Force has been undergoing an enterprise range plan update to determine investments for the next ten to twenty years – we want to be a part of that, to turn around the perception that the east coast area’s drop space is too small and is too congested. When meeting with him recently, Mr. Simmons learned while discussing this topic for 45 minutes that Gen. Holmes (four-star Air Combat Command) is very supportive of the air space. Razor Talon is a major focus of the enterprise range plan. We want to try to get more threat emitters, more realistic targets. Gen. Holmes stated that in this Congress, they will try to pursue the Navy/Marine Corps team and Air Force together because they both have a desire to enhance the training opportunities between fifth and fourth gen; he (Gen. Holmes) realizes the Air Force is so focused on where they will put F-35’s they have to leverage the future bed down of the F-35 at Cherry Point. Mr. Simmons spoke with Hon. Heather Wilson, Secretary of the Air Force; the record of decision is imminent for the KC-46a at Seymour Johnson. Hopefully by mid-June, the record of decision will be signed and construction can begin. Most importantly, the lift fan facility and fuel offloading facility made it into the budget.

**Fort Bragg:** We went out there last July. The Air Force does not want to pay for a runway extension. The runway would be closer to a \$50 million program. We submitted questions to Sen. Burr’s office through Chad Sydnor who got the Army on record saying, yes, it’s a priority, but a top priority for things that aren’t in the budget or considered for future budgets. \$100,000 for an EIS would jumpstart this. There is nothing imminent from the Army. We have to find out how this impacts the military value of Fort Bragg for deployments. Kevin Felix and the team will work on this. Hopefully C-17’s will bed down in Charlotte. We need to spend time with leadership at Bragg.

**New Contract:** Mr. Perham briefed on three primary tasks and gave action plan updates: 1) pursuing all of the action plans, 2) advocacy and 3) communications.

**JLUS:** Seymour Johnson AFB and Dare County Range

- Program: OEA
- Funding: DOD
- Sponsor: NC Dept. of Commerce
- Client: Communities
- Focus: Region around SJAFB and Dare County Range
- Outcomes: Action Plans for achieving compatibility for 7 counties and 2 cities

North Carolina Regional and Compatibility Map

- Program: NC MAC
- Funding: NC State
- Sponsor: NC MAC
- Client: State
- Focus: Six Major Bases and Installations Statewide
- Outcomes: Common issues from 6 NC installation’s JLUS for State to consider. *Initial* informational tool to address compatible Alt Energy development

Mr. Perham continued with advocacy and strategic communications updates, concluding with upcoming targets.

- Engaged delegations regarding Air Force briefing on 20- year Enterprise Range Plan and enhancement of training ranges
- Engaged Rep. Rouzer (R-NC 7th District) staff regarding SJAFB visit and briefing materials for Congressman

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- Engaged Hill, community and installation staffs regarding publication of Final EIS for KC-46A beddown at SJAFB
- Weekly Executive Insight Brief
- Briefed NC General Assembly Military Caucus
- Assisted Secretary Hall with prep for visit to Fort Bragg
- NC 2-pager
- Briefed NGB on BRAC 2005
- ADC Engagement

#### Task 1 – Action Plans

- Update SWOT – Revisit Installations
- P4 Education while there
- School research
- UAV RDT&E opportunities (looking to bring RPA's for advanced training at ranges)
- Meet w/ SOCOM/JSOC reference Pope Airfield runway extension
- Next ESG and NCMAC

#### Task 2 – Advocacy

- It's all about the President's Budget Request
- ADC Summit engagement
- Strategic one-pagers
- Advocacy / analysis update for DMVA strategic stakeholder bulletin
- Review of NCGA wind legislation impacts on DOD

#### Task 3 - Stratcom

- NCMAC Top 10 Priorities
- Schools/Education
- Reinvigorate NCMAC stratcom subcommittee

#### ADC Summit, Washington DC, June 19-21

- Facilitating panel with Sec Hall and leaders from FL, TX, and MO: Impact of State and Local Politics on Military-Community Relations
- Open actions
- Final list of NC attendees
- Engagement plan (Hill, Pentagon, other)
- White Papers (read ahead/leave behind)

Mr. Simmons added that the Air Force did a study in March 2016 to determine how to make up the shortfall in adversary air (other aircraft fly against our aircraft); today, there are 30,000 annual adversary air sorties shortfalls to increase to 65,000 by FY-30, so the Air Force has figured out where to put contract adversary air, based on priority. Priority one is the Warfare Center at Nellis, and two is the formal training units. Specifically looking for Seymour Johnson for 14 aircraft to fly 2,500 annual sorties. This is important because we likely cannot bed them down at Seymour Johnson without significant milcon, but as they are private sector contractors they will pay taxes on space. We need to find somewhere between Seymour Johnson and the training ranges areas that are acceptable to have 14 aircraft to fly adversary air. This is something we [Matrix] will be looking at. Kinston was considered for potential air space. It will take Community support.

Chair Walker discussed ADC Summit and the opportunity it presents for one-on-one time with the Service leadership. She welcomed other MAC members to attend, along with herself, AS Cain and Sec. Hall.

### **COMMITTEE UPDATES**

#### Legislative Affairs Committee

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Chair Walker acknowledged a job well done by Ms. Sally-Ann Gupta, legislative aide to Senator Harry Brown, of briefing the pending House and Senate bills at the Executive Steering Group Committee meeting.

Ms. Gupta briefed the Commission on Senator Brown's behalf using power point slides and focusing on bills that were likely to pass. Chair Walker asked that the slides be emailed for the Commission's awareness of all the listed bills.

The Chair turned the floor over to Chairman Dickerson to brief on Base Sustainability & Community Affairs while an audio/visual issue was resolved.

Following Chairman Dickerson's brief, Ms. Gupta resumed the Legislative Affairs Committee presentation.

- SB 8 – Ease occupational licensing burden – requires Board to issue temporary license or permit free of charge when moving to NC
- SB 62 and 63 – introduced by Sen. Davis and require adoption of a Strategic Plan by the Military Affairs Commission and Veterans Affairs Commission. The MAC already has one that would need to be updated by November 1, 2020.
- SB 64 – Veterans History Awareness Month – would designate November as Veterans History Awareness Month and would require the Board of Education to develop programming for use in schools to teach contributions of veterans and veterans' organizations.
- SB 130 – Provide \$250,000 in funding to the NCMBC for FY17-FY18 and same amount for FY-19 and FY-20 to support operations
- SB403 – Child Abuse and Neglect/Military Affiliation – this bill would direct DHHS to notify the commanding officer of a service member suspected of abuse or neglect.
- SB153 – Military State Income Tax Relief – proposed by Sen. Rabin. Could be wrapped up into negotiation underway in Senate Finance at present. It would establish a reduction for the amount received during the taxable year from the Government as retirement pay for a retired Armed Forces member.
- SB12 – appropriates \$250,000 to DMVA for a memorial in Broadway, NC.
- SB125-Children of Wartime Veterans – this would amend existing law to make the definition of a dependent match the federal definition. Broadens the scope of definition of dependents to include stepchildren, adopted or illegitimate children.
- SB131- passed and signed into law. Established the NC Sentinel Landscape Committee and its membership
- HB488- Early Rental Termination by Military Members – this bill adds NC National Guard.
- HB681 – has 50/50 chance of passage; would allow for greater flexibility with teacher licensure for military spouses allowing a 2-year temporary license for military spouses licensed in another state irrespective of difference in licensing requirements.
- HB326 – Military College Plates/Reducing Number of Applications – reduces or eliminates amount of applications that must be received by DMV for a special registration plate if one has graduated from a public military college/university.
- HB484/SB405 -there is some disagreement as to whether this will go forward. This would allow National Guard members expanded rights for repetitioning for their job once coming off active duty service and require employer to restore them to their original position if it has been a certain period of time or less.
- Slides with bills that were seen as unlikely to pass or missed crossover were skipped
- HB 487 – requires NG members to be reemployed in previous position within 5 days of release from state duty
- SB331-wrapped into budget. Sen. Brown sponsored this bill intended to create a moratorium on wind farms until December 31, 2020, while a map is built. It will require a comprehensive mapping effort of the State to determine with finality where wind can safely be developed and vice versa, in order to protect

installations. The language has been folded into SB257. In support of this language, Sen. Brown has asked MAC members to support this language by going directly to the House Speaker to state your support. The House does not appreciate the threat to installations, specifically, Seymour Johnson and Cherry Point – the vulnerable installations to BRAC. He has asked that you lend your voices and support. The Governor of Tennessee just signed a moratorium on wind energy. It is vital that this support come from the military voices, not just the voices of the wind advocates.

- Other language in budget bill: Section 19.1 – Military Affairs Commission/Military Presence Stabilization Fund. This offers clarifying language on the relationship between the NC MAC and the DMVA. It attempts to restore a measure of autonomy to the NCMAC. The NCMAC has to offer an independent voice and independent advice to the Governor and the General Assembly. That is what we are statutorily charged to do. We wanted to ensure the role between the DMVA and NCMAC was clear and the NCMAC wanted the autonomy to move forward and do what they are charged with doing, i.e., offer independent advice.

Ms. Gupta was asked about HB 81 (teacher certification change) and how to tip this in our favor. Rep. Cleveland suggested contacting the chairs of the Committee that has this bill.

**Discussion** RE: moratorium on wind – how does this fit with the DoD Clearinghouse’s authority to approve permits? Rep. Cleveland answered that the DoD can approve wind farms, but when it gets to a local folks saying “you’re not putting a wind farm in my back yard,” they can stop it whether the DoD says anything or not. As far as the present wind farms and the ROTH facility, an MIT study was done with about an 85% confidence value. As we sit, the ROTH people are doing a one-year study on the validity of the MIT study. Any further wind farms stacked up in front of that ROTH facility will degrade their ability. Wind farms are a problem – not just for aircraft but for that ROTH facility. Per Commissioner Bottorff, remember that DoD Clearinghouse represents DoD and not the individual Services. It’s almost impossible for the services to object to a wind power project. The DoD Clearinghouse can easily approve a project that could be detrimental to North Carolina or to the Services.

Mr. Bottorff asked about SB130 (funding for NCMBC) and whether the amount includes the increase in dollars we gave them last year? This included DEFTECH. This would preclude need for any other funding.

Chair Walker asked whether SB 157 change of relationship would change things. AS Cain had several questions about how it “works out in the end,” e.g., who signs checks? What is fiscal oversight? Does the Commission become covered as it will make funding decisions? Mr. Bottorff added that the MAC had spending authority at the origin of the Commission. Mr. Cain asked if MAC money will support DMVA functions, as it has essentially no operating costs. Rep. Cleveland said he expected that the Department would be reimbursed reasonable operating costs.

AS Cain asked about the reference to funding and administrative support for GWG as written in the bill, which Rep. Cleveland confirmed was always written that way.

Chair Walker added that a discussion was had with Senator Brown about the MAC’s transfer authority in the event of surpassing grant threshold. Ms. Gupta stated that was the reason for additional funding in the budget.

#### Base Sustainability & Community Affairs Committee

The Committee met on April 17 in Goldsboro. Chairman Dickerson thanked Mayor Allen for use of the meeting space.

- Received Department update from Asst. Secretary Cain – discussed long session, transition, moving away from terminology “BRAC Fund” to “Military Presence and Stabilization Fund.”
- Community grants

- Briefing from RLUAC (Regional Land Use Advisory Commission) by Mr. Tad Davis, who is requesting by way of potential grant \$50,000 for their operating costs, however grant does not permit use of funding for administrative support.
- This led to a discussion about re-writing the grant program to be all-encompassing and a manner to ensure there is a product rather than open ended.
- AS Cain confirmed that the review of the follow-up plan is ongoing at DMVA and shift of focus to contracts that were awarded should occur within a week or two.
- 33 Counties in North Carolina a part of Sentinel Landscapes designation; received \$9.2 million REPI funding as sole awardee.
- Per Robert Hosford of Dept. of Agriculture, \$5.8 million for relocation of RCW's from Camp Lejeune, \$3.6 to the Air Force for priority parcels around Dare County Bombing Range. The Army Command took internal regulatory actions that precluded an award to the Army. We will take "another bite at the apple" to try to help Fort Bragg. (Members thanked Mr. Hosford for his diligent efforts.) This will hopefully open internal ranges on the installations as the population of endangered species migrate outside the boundaries.
- Razor Talon – Chairman Dickerson thought he understood John [Simmons] to have said that when the F-35's start populating back into eastern NC they would seek to place joint threat emitters. Chair Walker clarified that the JTE's are an Air Force requirement and that the Air Force is determining where to bed them down, which would also benefit joint Commands. Commissioner Bottorff further clarified that the Air Force has said they would bed down JTE's wherever the F-35's are located – there are no F-35's coming to eastern North Carolina. Part of the plan is to get the Air Force to buy in to joint training in North Carolina, per Mr. Bottorff. The Navy owns the threat emitters.

#### Quality of Life Committee

Acting Chairman Kirk Warner gave the update on matters before the Quality of Life Committee.

The Committee met on April 27. There were 16 in attendance, with a lively discussion and good participation.

- We will continue to work on the Cape Fear Valley Medical Center Children's Crisis Stabilization Unit initiative – the project was ineligible for a grant that was being looked at. This is a need for military families – there is not the needed psychiatric care for youth in the Cumberland area. One suggestion was reaching out to Health Service Command to see what opportunities exist with Womack to get a dedicated psychologist, bed space, etc. We do not want to give up on this issue.
- Reviewed legislation
- There was a K-12 presentation by Wayne County School Superintendent, Dr. Dunsmore. The Committee would like to get the Superintendents in the area together and invite them to our meetings. Chairman Warner recounted the presentation given by Dr. Dunsmore that reflected out-of-the-box thinking.
- NC licensing for transient teachers and expediting the process; while accreditations pend, the salary is minimal.
- Military Child Interstate Compact was discussed
- Scott's Choice Bill
- DoD Supported Best Practices for States Desiring to Improve Quality of Life – Mr. Taggart is looking at this to hone into a useful tool for commanders, community leaders and communities.
- Keeping ears open for quality of life issues – schools, access, etc.
- We are discussing appropriate cell phone coverage on bases for online classes, e.g.,.
- Veterans Treatment Courts.

There was a discussion about quality of life surveys on bases. Asst. Sec. Cain asked Matrix for data on this as well.

### Economic Development Committee

Acting Chair Joy Thrash updated the Commission. The Committee met on April 18 with 12 in attendance.

- Assistant Sec. Cain gave a good briefing on the Department staffing and transition along with an update on the OEA grant.
- NCMBC / DEFTECH – they continue to add companies, gain traction. The payment has been tendered to NCMBC by the DMVA.
- Brad Helton of EDPNC gave an update on his position showing marketing material that has been developed, and quality leads that have been developed. There is a 3-year MOU between DOC and DMVA for Mr. Helton's position.
- Discussed continuing momentum of work done by NC4ME
- Chuck Gross and Susan Barbitta of UNC-GA updated Ms. Thrash on the status of credit for military experience and progress of SB761. They would like a 2-day workshop, but lack funding. The faculty reviews curriculum, MOS, have accrediting boards and other agencies involved to make sure that credit is correctly attributed. This may be advancing slowly, but with all of the challenges involved, they are doing an incredible job.

### NC Commanders Council Update

Mr. Friday left and Chair Walker recapped topics from the morning's NCCC meeting.

- Funding concerns
- UAS Concerns – MCI East has airspace classification as C,D and E and goes through the FAA; they are in the highest levels of their airspace control areas
- MCI-East has been charged to look for new and emerging systems, technologies
- Duke Power – funding for a portion of routing electricity for Seymour Johnson; cannot run diagnostics for fast-moving aircraft on that power. \$3.5 million investment cannot be used per milcon rules; needs to be under \$3million. There are medical costs incurred by personnel dragging generators that are being injured resulting in lifetime disability. If we could sponsor a portion to get it below the threshold they may be able to return to big Air Force for the money.

Commissioner Roberts asked why the commanders, mayors are not present at the table where voting commissioners sit. This was done for years.

Commissioner Allen stated that most of Rep. Cleveland's and Sen. Brown's colleagues have no idea what the Commission does, what the military means to North Carolina as with ¼ of our citizens. We do not do a good job telling our story. Most of what we discuss is already being done. Matrix is charged with helping with developing communications products following development of a plan.

Ms. Gupta asked why Matrix does not attend the Commanders' Council meetings to ensure time with them. Chair Walker said this is up to the Council.

Commissioner Bottorff added that Matrix needs to visit the communities. This was an issue with the Strategic Plan and lack of community input, lack of communities' inclusion in the regional JLUS notwithstanding the many issues the strategic plan contained. If we go to the installations without touching community leaders, we will offend many, again. Commissioner Roberts agreed it was offensive.

### Public Comments

Mr. Dorney of NCMBC confirmed that funding was received for DEFTECH. The State CIO is developing the website for DEFTECH. Re: SB130, Mr. Dorney has been speaking with Sen. Meredith's office and does not have a clear answer – it is unclear as to whether it is in the budget. We would appreciate Sen. Brown's support with that. Commissioners are invited to June 14 at the Friday Center, a Medical, Biomedical and Biodefense Symposium co-hosted with Senators Burr and Tillis. Thanks to Commissioner Warner for his assistance. Aerospace Symposium is August 15-August 16 in Winston-Salem; please mark your calendars. A Cyber Symposium is coming up also co-hosted by Senators Burr and Tillis – all defense contractors will be required to certify they are cyber secure by December 31 in order to continue contracting. DEFTECH is lead.

Chairman Dickerson asked for the Top Ten Priorities. Chair Walker thought these had not changed but a review is likely warranted for updates.

Ms. Gupta reiterated the request to go to Speaker Moore in support of the wind moratorium bill.

Commissioner Ratti moved to adjourn the meeting, followed by Commissioner Dickerson's second. The motion passed by unanimous consent and the meeting adjourned at 4:15pm.