



NORTH CAROLINA MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMISSION

Minutes of the 2nd Quarter Meeting of the NC Military Affairs Commission (NCMAC) May 15, 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
SgtMaj William Hatcher, USMC Retired, MCB CLJ
COL David Hayden, USA, 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
Daniel "Sonny" Roberts, Cherry Point
David "Crockett" Long, At-large
Michael Alford, At-large
ET Mitchell, Fort Bragg
Timothy McClain, At-large

MEMBERS ABSENT:

MajGen Robert Dickerson, USMC, Retired, Camp Lejeune
LtGen Gary McKissock, USMC, Retired, Camp Lejeune
Gen Edward Reeder,
Steve Ratti
Jeremiah Daniels, Seymour Johnson AFB
Representative John Bell
Senator Wesley Meredith
Matthew Scott, Army Reserve
Creswell Elmore, At-large

DEPARTMENT STAFF:

Michael Douglas, DMVA
Kelly Jackson, Svc Member and Family Coordinator
Christopher Hailey, LA for G. Martin

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS:

Dan Forest, LT Governor
Larry Hall, Sec DMVA
Will Best, NCDOT
Robert Hosford, NCDA&CS

NCCC:

Col. Mike Scalise, MCI-East/CLNC
Paul Friday, MCI-East/CLNC
Erin Adams, MCI-East
Bryan Ayers, MCI-East
Bill Meier, MCI-East/CLNC
Brian Joyner, SJAFB

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES:

Scott Dorney, NCMBC
Ron Massey, City of Jacksonville
Brad Helton, EDPNC
Jamie Livengood, Wayne Cty Schools
Valerie Nasser, Craven Cty Schools
Kevin Bruch, DOD DSLO
John Falkenbury, USO-NC
Tom Bowlin, NCNG
Mike McIntyre, Poyner Spruill LLP
Maurice Lewis-Streit, Poyner Spruill LLP
Jamie Norment, ACT
Jim McClesky, SONC
Bob Coats, Governor's Census Liaison
Keith Martin, MCEC
Jordan Whichard, Gov Office
William Moore, Walter Jones' office
Janet Bradbury, Sen Burr's office
Sara McQuillan, KGANC
Tay Roberts

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CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME REMARKS:

Chairman Martin called the meeting to order at 12:32 pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting. He conducted a roll call. He asked everyone to sign in on the sign in sheet provided. Kelly Jackson told the Commission that there was a problem with the call-in number and that no one could call into the meeting. There were 2 NCMAC members calling-in to the meeting, Creswell Elmore and Matthew Scott. Kelly Jackson asked everyone to sign in for accountability of individuals attending the meeting.

CONSENT MINUTES:

Chairman Martin informed the Commission that he was going to call for a motion to approve the 1st quarter Executive Steering Group (ESG) minutes. The only Commission members that can vote on this motion are members of the ESG. He called for a motion to approve the 1st quarter ESG minutes. A motion was made by Kirk Warner and seconded by Frank Bottorff and passed unanimously without discussion. He also called for a motion to approve the minutes of the 1st quarter NCMAC meeting. A motion was made by Bill Hatcher and seconded by Tony Stimatz and passed unanimously without discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/OPEN ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chairman Martin called for any public comments and announcements. Bob Coats the Governors Census Liaison for NC gave an update on the Census. We conducted a call to various installation communities on May 9th with the US Census bureau. This call was to clear up some confusion on how addresses on military bases was going to be verified for the up-coming Census. The local update of Census addresses program is already underway with our civilian communities. Some of those communities that are in our military areas are seeing some addresses on their lists that were on the bases. To clarify from these Census Bureau, they have signed an agreement with the Department of Defense (DoD) and will be receiving military address files from 2 sources. The Military Installation Ranges Training Areas (MIRTA) resource. Some of those addresses will have shown up on the civilian address list and are currently being verified. A second list of address from the Domestic Subsistence List (DSL), and those will not be cleared for public viewing. The process for while the civilian areas such as Onslow, Fort Bragg or non-military base areas are invited to review their own addresses. There is no program being conducted on the bases. The bases addresses are being collected through administrative records. There were several questions raised about whether the military communities in the civilian areas would be able to assist. The base officers with addresses verification, the Census Bureau had no answer on that. There are a couple questions that we need to make a follow up phone call this week to get answers to those questions. In the short term, any addresses that the non-base areas get that may be on military bases grounds, verify everything and anything that you get. We have also asked the Census Bureau to create a very simple 1-2-page document describing the process for which the Census is going to be conducted on the bases, that could be shared with spouses and Base Commanders. We want them to know the process and that information can be shared with everyone. The Census staff thought that was reasonable and we hope to hear something from their communications team within the next month. No questions or further discussion.

There were no 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. The most interesting and high profile items in the Army Future's Command (AFC) initiative. The package was sent out last Thursday and many of you have read about his project in the media. A lot of concern about who was involved and the NC Foundation has been coordinating with the Governor's office and the Department of Commerce to put that package together and put it out. We should hear something next week and the final announcement is on the 14th of the following month (Jun). Please keep that in mind when you hear things about this project. Many people are not informed about all the details and I hope no one goes too far in trying to provide information. We had a good detailed presentation at the NC Commander's Council this morning and that would be a guide for everyone. We can also share that presentation if anyone is interested. The other items that is of important are the actions that we are conducting to expand our cemeteries and to build 2 new nursing homes in NC. We have reported our intentions and the federal government has provided the funding. We are moving about those efforts as we speak to get the sites and architects. We are working with State Construction to put special emphasis to get these projects done on time so we can receive the federal assistance. The nursing homes will be approximately 125 beds each and the cemeteries will be a 10-year expansion project. Black Mountain and Sand Hills will be an additional 1500 gravesites. Kirk Warner asked if there is anything that the NCMAC needs to do to support the AFC project? Sec Hall said that at this point, the down select will be announced next week and we currently have 15 candidates. We think we have a good chance on our merits. But right now, there is nothing that we need to do but there may be some assistance needed for the site visits. I want to also say that the Army Research Center has been here in NC for 66 years and they will be helping by giving input to the AFC personnel. We think we are in good shape and then we will go to the next round. This process is moving fast but we will reach out to the NCMAC. Tony Stimatz asked who were the decision makers for this process? Sec Hall said that it was the Sec of the Army would make a recommendation. There are others who are trying to get into that process and have some influence. I think there might be a review committee to review how the decision was made. The recommendation will come of the Department of the Army. ET Mitchell asked where are the top 5 possibilities or who are we competing against? Sec Hall said there were initially 10 cities and then got moved to 15 cities after some political influence occurred. After a review of merits and experience the top 3 locations are NC, Boston and Austin, TX. Silicon Valley may be #4. On the merits, we are very high but in the other locations there is someone trying to be involved in the process on the political side. We are trying to have our Congressional Delegation involved also. No further comments or discussion.

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

Paul Friday shared updates from the NCCC. The NCCC met this morning and were happy that the NCMAC Chairman and Sec Hall attended our meeting. We also had a visit from the First Lady, Mrs. Kristin Cooper and she informed the Council of issues, concerns and passions in regards to children and families. I am sure that this will be the beginning of our dialogue with her and her staff. We welcome her visits to our installations and put together targets programs together for her to take back to the state. We had a good briefing on the AFC from the NC Foundation. There was a lot of interest generated from that presentation and the jointness that could come from this proposal. Commissioner Troxler, Department of Agriculture attended our meeting. He reminded us about the Governor's request for the additional funding to support Sentinel Landscape program. He urged the Services to continue to support that program. We had a presentation from CPT Stewart regarding the Ports. The

overall issues of increased congestion at the ports due to many factors. Chairman Martin encouraged the NCMAC members to attend a NCCC meeting. No comments or further discussion.

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 2nd quarter meeting on Tuesday, Apr 24, 2018.

- Sentinel Landscape: We discuss an update from the Sentinel Landscape program. We are providing \$150K of administrative support to this program. Last year the funding went to North Carolina State University (NCSU) who provided support for us. We have talked to Robert Hosford, Department of Agriculture and they will revise that Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to have a portion of the funds go to NCSU and a portion of the funds for other administrative support to make the program work. We have taken the program from the thought/leadership role and now to an implementation role. Involved in that is now part of the ask on the \$13M of matching funds. I think that they have \$17M in other contributions from federal and state entities and need the \$13M in matching funds. To implement the funds that we have, the new MOU will put us in a better position to execute those dollars. At the last meeting, we did give our Resolution of support. The Governor did put an amount of \$10M in his budget but the request is for \$13M. Anything that we don't match we are at the risk of losing. Anything our members can do to show your support is appreciated. Robert Hosford said that with the \$150K we need to keep NCSU in the management role with part of the funds and getting legal assistance with part of the funds. When contracts are signed there is a lot of legal matters that need to be completed. We conduct on average 5 visits to a land owner for each piece of land. All of this just shows the partnership between the NCMAC, DMVA and this maturing effort. We have moved from the concept phase of this MOU. Our trust fund has \$30M and we need to deploy those funds.
- Wind Power Study: AECOM is providing the mapping study to the legislature. That is due out this month. A reminder that the current moratorium expires in December. We are trying to set ourselves up for success.
- State Joint Land Use Study (JLUS): In coordination with the Department of Commerce that we should consider a State JLUS. Most of the installations have completed or in the process of updating their current JLUS for their installations and communities. The Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) does recommend now to complete a state-wide JLUS. Some of you may remember that Matrix did a state JLUS but not in conjunction with OEA. That was an administrative drill of taking the JLUS's that were in existence and compiling some of the information. It was not a true joint study. We are at the beginning of working with Commerce to see if we can set the stage to apply for grant money for that process.
- Grant Process. The old Grants are in the implementation process. Both of those communities that were awarded grants in the last cycle are in the implementation phase. The Grant committee revised the Grant Request for Proposal (RFP) and that is currently under review. Hopefully in the next couple of months we can start the next process. The Lobbying RFP has been written as a draft and that has been given to the DMVA for an administrative and legal review. After the review and through the DOA we will be ready to put that on the street for competition. If timing works out, then we could be in position by our next meeting

- to have already completed the interview process and ready to make a decision. If we can get it on the street in the next 30 days, we can possibly make a decision at our next meeting

QUALITY OF LIFE (QOL): KIRK WARNER

Kirk Warner reported on the Quality of Life Committee. We had a robust meeting on Wed, Apr 25, 2018. We had a lot of discussion on a variety of topics although we seemed to generate most of the interest in the K-12 education.

- **Child Crisis Stabilization Unit:** We have been working on the Child Crisis Stabilization Unit for a long time. The Cape Fear Medical Center has wanted this initiative for a long time but could not get the funding for this unit. It was approximately \$2.5M and they did not qualify for certain grants since they were not considered a rural county. This unit was for adolescent military children that would need inpatient psychology and emotional care. The problem was that no one had that type of unit except Chapel Hill and Raleigh. That makes it hard on the families to travel that distance for care. We have pushed hard to support this initiative. They know that there are 1,400 adolescents seen for psychology and emotional needs seen at Womack Army Hospital every month. You can imagine the 30,000 children, K-12 in Cumberland County alone. This is a potential problem. There has been a breakthrough. There is going to be an adolescent inpatient psychiatric unit at Betsy Johnson Hospital in Dunn, NC. Which will be called the Dorothea Dix Care Unit for adolescents. Cape Fear Valley will be a partner with this 10-bed unit. This will help adolescent ages 12-17. There are rules that you can't mix patients that are ages 11 and younger with patients ages 12 and older. This location is only 30 minutes from Fort Bragg. The cost is \$5,000,000 because of some remediation and construction. The Cape Fear Valley Health System (CFVHS) has allocated the \$4,000,000 in total to this adolescent inpatient psychiatric unit. They are moving forward with this project and looking to see how they can receive the remaining \$1,000,000. Since they are potentially in a rural county we may be able to champion this effort and tap into the funds we had previously identified. This is wonderful news and all of this has happened in the past 3 months.
- **Dr. Meghan Doyle, Superintendent for Craven County Schools:** We hope to have her present at the next NCMAC meeting in Aug. She gave us a presentation on ReStart which is about taking schools that are on the additional support list or underperforming schools. If a school is designated as an underperforming school, they have the option to Redesign or ReStart. With the ReStart program the local board has a lot more control over how to distribute the funding. They can redirect the funding to where they have needs or gaps. One of these schools that she talked about is outside the gates of Cherry Point. This is a big opportunity for professional Development, Calendar Flexibility, and Licensure for teachers. This can be a positive program and we will hear more from Dr. Doyle at our next meeting.
- **Superintendents meeting:** We are going to have a presentation on that meeting. We had a Superintendents meeting of military impacted schools. There were 25 people who attended the meeting. We are going to hear from the Military School Liaisons on the items talked about at the meeting. The military communities have special needs when they are dealing with military children. What the best practices are for dealing with those issues.
- **DPI Issues:** We heard from Doug Taggart on a variety of issues. He talked about Troops to Teachers grant, Military Child Identifier update. Statewide needs: NC children ages 5-17 there

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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.

- Senate Bill 761 Update: This document crosses over with the Economic Development Committee. Senate Bill 761 update, dated April 24, 2018 Handout by Charles Gross. At the last NCMAC we discussed this topic and the last update we had received was from Feb, 2017. This committee is the Military Credit Advisory Council (MCAC). Please read the highlighted portion on page 2. "To date, 63 separate military occupation skill levels have been evaluated by faculty panels. Based on these evaluations, faculty member evaluators have recommended the awarding of 3851 lower and upper level semester credit hours." This is great information. They continue to meeting and have updates on their progress. Next steps: UNC and NCCC SB 761 implementation project managers will be working with UNC System office IT personnel to move credit decisions made by faculty members into the UNC Equivalency Finder transfer tool, so that they may be easily accessed and understood by veteran students and those who support them. Anticipated initiation time for this project phase is summer 2018. They are doing a great job. This is not a quick process but people are starting to move forward on this process. This is good news for NC.
- Remote K-12 enrollment for military families was a topic of discussion. It is now a Legislative Affairs item. We hope that his initiative can continue to move forward. There could be some funding issues with the Remote enrollment but we how that will not be the case.

Chairman Martin asked about the Senate Bill 761 and if Kirk got a sense of any future plans that the UNC system has regarding the Student Veterans and reaching out to them? Kirk Warner said that he did not know but most Universities have tried to build a staff that have coordinators that are liaisons between the Veteran and the school. Chairman Martin asked if the Student Veterans Summit was going to be at regular intervals? Kirk Warner said that that is the way it sounded. To pass on best practices. Chairman Martin asked if the QOL committee had any action items that would be going to the NCMAC? Kirk Warner said that he thought they could formula support for the champion funding for the Military Child Education Act and funding for the Child Crisis Unit for the \$1M for an existing funding source. Also, some legislative items on the DPI ReStart or Redesign efforts. Another item is the recognition of the Military Friendly Gold Star type schools around the state.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: CRESSWELL ELMORE

Frank Bottorff reported for the Economic Development Committee. The Economic Development committee was on Thurs, Apr 26, 2018.

- EDPNC update: Brad Helton updated the committee on the AFC. There is a team from NC working on that project. We are putting our best foot forward. If you have any question Brad Helton or Stewart Ruffin can assist you with those questions
- North Carolina Military Business Center (NCMBC): They are on the agenda to brief so we will not need to discuss that presentation

David Hayden said that we did AFC, support to the NCMBC and Jamie Norment gave a great presentation on new military construction in the East. We did receive a call from someone up North about putting together a full court effort on getting the AFC. No further comments or discussion.

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS: SALLY-ANN GUPTA

Sally-Ann Gupta reported for the Legislative Affairs Committee. They did not hold an official meeting for

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the 2nd Quarter due to the General Assembly (GA) not being in Session. I do anticipate that we will be able to deliver an update in the next quarter. The one item that I would like to present was a tasker that came to the Legislative committee from a prior meeting. I was asked to consider having a Military Appreciation Day in the GA. We have scheduled this event for Wednesday, June 6 at the NC GA. We are calling it the NC Military and Host Community Appreciation Day. I initiated outreach to the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce, Allies for Cherry Point's Tomorrow (ACT), Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce, Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce, and Goldsboro and Wayne County Chamber of Commerce. I have requested that they get together a delegation of their 3 most active and engaged military affairs committee members. These engaged community members will come to the GA on June 6th and we have organized an afternoon for them. They will be receiving a briefing from Sec Hall, DMVA and have other activities. We want to extend special recognition to these individuals that serve their local Military Affairs Commissions (MAC). They are so engaged on the ground level in their communities and making sure that these relationships continue to thrive and flourish. John from NC for Life said that they had been working with the NC Bio Technology Center on the Pharmaceutical Training program. There have been 120 students that have gone through the training. They are working on certification for that program that they hope would be accepted by the Veterans Administration (VA) to reimburse Veterans for taking the course to fill slots in the pharmaceutical industry. This is growing and creating several hundreds of jobs every year and expected to continue to grow for the next several years. Would this go to COL Warner's committee for first consideration and have a conversation there? Chairman Martin said that it sounds like of Quality of Life issue or Economic Development Committee. Chairman Martin said that he would get off-line with Kirk Warner and discuss this matter. John said that he would wait to hear from them to get started. Sonny Roberts ask when they were naming the Chambers of Commerce did they name the New Bern Chamber of Commerce? Sally-Ann Gupta said that she did not mention them. Sonny Roberts said that the New Bern Chamber of Commerce was one of the most active Chamber of Commerce in the state. Sally-Ann Gupta said that she would be happy to contact them. Sonny Roberts said that he had established the MAC in Havelock and New Bern. We have raised over \$3M of the Marine Corps scholarships foundation. We have given 100 scholarships last year and 100 scholarships the year before that. Sally-Ann Gupta said that in her conversations with ACT she asked them to include the Chamber of Commerce. So, the Chamber of Commerce will probably be receiving a call from ACT but I will make that call myself. ET Mitchell said that she would give Sally-Ann Gupta the contact information that she needs. Sonny Roberts said to contact him. Chairman Martin told Sally-Ann Gupta to thank Senator Brown for his efforts on this event.

BYLAWS WORKING GROUP: KIRK WARNER

Chairman Martin informed the Commission that when he came on board as the Chair there was already an effort underway to revise the bylaws. I asked Kirk Warner to pause the work for this group until he could get his bearing and provide meaningful input to the bylaws. I have now asked Kirk Warner to move forward with this group and they have been working hard. I have asked Kirk Warner to give us a report on where the by-laws stand right now. I don't intend to ask the Commission to adopt the by-laws today. But what I would like to do is let Kirk Warner present it now, and then you will all get a copy and have until the next quarterly meeting to review the document and provide any input you would like to Kirk Warner and his group for their consideration. Then they will bring forward to the Commission proposed bylaws for adoption. I anticipate a good amount of discussion on the bylaws and that is why

I don't want to get into that today. So, what you have before you are not the final product. Kirk Warner reported on the bylaws working group. We have a great document that is ready to be reviewed and maybe by legal. We updated the 2016 editions to incorporate the 2016 legislative 143-1310. There were changes to our structure and funding. Section 1 reflects those changes. We have included the Military Presence Stabilization Fund that was a part of that enactment. We have defined it and set up a new authority based on that. There is a description that is in Article 5, Section 4 about financial matters which is the heart of things. I think the group was most interested in putting this information out there to make sure that we are recognizing the special fund established. Also, that we are going to use those funds for the purposes specified. In addition, one of the things that we have asked as a tasker to the ESG next time it meets is how we can delegate authorization or funding approval authority to an emergency or temporary situation, prior to the meeting of the Full NCMAC. We would like the ESG to look at how they would like to tackle that issue. That is a loose end in Section 3 of Article 5. We have 2 major legal review points. The first point is whether working groups are part of the open-door issue or not? What constitutes an open door of a sub-group like this bylaw working group? We want to follow the law. The second point is we need a legal review on the GA appointee issue. That issue is that the House and Senate members shall not vote on matters that expend funds appropriated by the GA. The GA appointees to the Commission are not authorized to vote on funding matters but that did not include any appointee by the Governor. That is an easy fix to change our bylaws to reflect any GA member appointed to the NCMAC. Rep Cleveland said that this issue will be fixed. Kirk Warner said that Chairman Martin had asked one of his legislative assistants to gather By-laws from other Commissions and other organizations. I have received that information and it was helpful. I think we are in good shape in that respect. I encourage everyone to look at the bylaws and I think we have a healthy set of rules. I hope we will have it ready for a vote for the next Full NCMAC meeting. No further discussion.

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 GA for a 2-year appropriation. I sent out the budget spreadsheet yesterday for everyone to review. We have made progress. I would like to let you know where we are with expenditures: We had \$40K in the budget for administration and we have spent \$9,300. The Matrix invoices have been paid and finalized. We paid out \$389K for that contract. We have also paid \$150K for Sentinel Landscape to North Carolina State University (NCSU). We will need to add this to our list of tasks, the MOU for this has expired. The Community Grant checks have out. There was an error on one of the checks so we are reviewing now so we can get that resolved. We need to make sure that we stay under the \$200K limit. We have made progress in getting those checks to the 2 grant awardees. The EDPNC funding that we have paid is \$90K this year. We just paid out the 3rd quarter FY17 and 1st quarter FY18. The one that was under discussion is the 4th quarter, calendar year 2017. When we approved the budget last time, and go back another meeting. When Secretary Hall had said since the budget is transitioning to the NCMAC, we need to approve our budget. During that period, EDPNC was working on our behalf. We approved our budget in Feb, 2018, paid everything except the 4th quarter because that was the time when we held off until the NCMAC decided to continue to support EDPNC. I may not have been clear during that discuss but my impression was that we voted to pay for the entire year to include the 4th quarter, of calendar year 2017. I thought that was in intent of the Commission then we will improve the invoice for that quarter also, which is the Sep –

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Dec 2017. If that is not what the Commission wants, then we need to re-evaluation this. Does anyone have a problem with us going back and paying that invoice for 2017? They were doing work under the agreement that we had in place. Rep Cleveland asked if that was the year that we were paying half and someone else was paying the other half? Frank Bottorff said no. There was no scenario in this job that any payments were split. We had committed \$120K. This was our that we created and EDPNC hired Brad Helton. Tony Stimatz said we had a contract for them to provide services and we used those services. Frank Bottorff said yes but the MOU was between the Secretary of the DMVA and the Secretary of Commerce, not the NCMAC. The previous budget year the DMVA had budgetary control. There was also a statement in the MOU that it could be suspended with written notice. I have not been provided with any written notice. I think it was just you are in charge now and NCMAC can decide whether they want to continue with the MOU, but until you decide we are going to suspend the payments. I don't know of any official suspension of the contract. Also with the transition of the budget could the contract be suspended? This is convoluted issues but the intent was for us to continue and in February we approved that. Rep Cleveland made a motion to pay the EDPNC invoice for Oct-Dec 2017, 4th quarter 2017. David Hayden seconded the motion. Chairman Martin asked if everyone understood that was made? Any discussion on the motion? All in favor of the motion? The commission members voted unanimously to approve the payment of the EDPNC invoice, Oct-Dec 2017. Frank Bottorff said that we did not discuss but will wait until August meeting. We are going to cross fiscal years between now and the next meeting. The fiscal years starts on July 1, 2018. We did not approve the FY2019 budget yet, so we have only approved the FY2017-2018 budget, which we are spending now. We will review and approve the FY2019 budget plan at our next meeting. These funds to not revert so we are fine. We have talked about the invoices that we have paid. We are also responsible for the Grants process and the Request for Proposal (RFP). These 2 items have been approved in the budget and now we need to get them onto the street. We are making progress. Any questions on the budget or financially? Chairman Martin thanked Frank Bottorff for his work on the budget.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA (DC) UPDATE: JAMES MCCLESKEY

Jim McCleskey is a state employee and spent several years in the DC office. The appropriations process is getting started and the first appropriations bill to come out of Sub-Committee from the House is the MILCON and VA Bill. They reflect the broad bipartisan consensus and the priority the committee places on it. Also moving is the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for this round. That was rolled out in a Chairmen mark on the May 4th, Friday and then moved to full committee and passed with a number of amendments including an onblock managers amendment of some size last Wednesday, May 9th. The next couple of steps there will begin to shade over into the Senate. The Senate is going to move a range of appropriations items in the first and second week of June. I think that if past years hold, the MILCON Bill may be one that gets conferenced, such that even if we end up in some kind of omnibus or minibus later in the process I believe there will be a fairly robust bicameral process for the MILCON and VA Bill. I will reserve the right to be wrong but I think this will move along in fairly regular order. To zero in on a couple of items in both the authorization and appropriation bill.

There was language included in the authorization bill to set the figures that are then reflected in the appropriations bill for MILCON relating to several important projects in NC. The starting point on that is Cherry Point. There is \$150M total in the MILCON that does comport with what is in the language

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adopted so far in the NDAA. There is \$60M for the aircraft maintenance hangar and \$55M for flight line utilities modernization. Those numbers are in fact, down from what was proposed in the President's budget from Office of Management and Budget (OMB) earlier in the year but that is not a problem. There is a long-standing practice from OMB and the administration to propose authorization levels in full for a given project but there is also a simultaneous long-standing practice in the MILCON subcommittee and reflected in the NDAA and the Armed Services Committee. To then right size those numbers for what can be utilized in a given year. So, while those 2 figures, the \$60M and \$55M are down from what had been proposed by the administration, that is not a problem. There is an assurance from the subcommittees to Mr. Jones office and others that the second-year funding will come. They are providing what can be done this year. One way that that translates as a benefit for NC is that also in the bill there is a piece that was not proposed by the President but is included in the House Armed Services Committee (HASC) authorization bill at Camp Lejeune to add a second Radio Battalion complex phase II, \$51.3M. That was able to be included in the NDAA but not in the initial proposed set of project lists from the administration. That is an example of right sizing working to the broader benefit of activity on our installations in NC. There is also funding included in both authorization and appropriation for \$10M dining facility at Fort Bragg and Special Operations items of \$12.1M to replace the training maze and tower and the Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape (SERE) training lab complex \$20.2M. At Marine Corp Air Station, New River, we have an ambulatory care center and dental clinic replacement \$32M. A continuing wave of construction across several of our installations that is making its way through the process.

Also in the authorization bill was included language relating to the Army Future's Command (AFC). You have heard some conversation here today about AFC and I know that Stewart Ruffin was not able to be at this meeting. I want to complement him and the entire team, and I know that are people in the room who have been involved in the development in the State's proposal. We did submit the proposal on time last week but electronically and in a hard copy delivered through Senator Tillis' team. Senator Tillis' team have been very involved in the final phase, shaping this process and direct feedback from him on content. Senator Till and the extended team, including the Governor were on a call a couple of weeks ago when the Senator was recalling the \$3M that the state provided for the F-35 Lift Fan facility at Cherry Point. At his suggest, the Governor put in his budget proposal to the Legislature for the short session a \$2M item. It was open ended and very broad under the Commerce Department to support site preparation and planning for the AFC. I will be going to a luncheon at Fort Myers for the West Point Society of DC and the featured speaker is Lieutenant General Cardon who is overseeing the AFC process for the Army. I intend to make sure that he is aware that the state is seeking to have skin in the game and we are eager to work with the Army in a very tangle way. The language included in the authorization bill for AFC is in the nature of reporting requirements on the process for selection, for which elements of the existing commands will be integrated into the AFC new 4-star command and how, detailed description of command structure and any resources or elements being re-aligned, data on number of service and defense department civilians personnel assigned, cost associated with establishment for FY19-23, That report will be due to the authorizing committees next February. There is explicit language that this is not intended to alter or delay the Army moving ahead. I think that is all positive. I think you are all aware that we are in the list of the 15 semi-finalists. It is our understanding and I will check with Lieutenant General Cardon that the down select to 8 potential sites may come as

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soon as the end of this week. There will be site visits to those 8 to follow in short order. Then we anticipate down select to 4 finalists in the next few weeks. An announcement date of June 14th. That has been a significant area of continuing focus Senator Tillis' office is running the traps on a NC Delegation Letter to the AFC leadership civilian and uniform. We anticipate seeing that in the next several days. You may recall we had a subset of our delegation with both Senators and our immediate Triangle Area members plus Mr. Jones of the Armed Services Committee wrote to General Miley back in the January timeframe when the ball was starting to get rolling on this. We continue to put forth a truly bipartisan and unified effort here. I will try to answer any questions that you may have. David Hayden said that there was a \$51M second Radio Complex. What installation will that complex be built at? James McCleskey said Camp Lejeune. No other questions or comments.

SUPERINTENDENTS MEETING AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION (DPI) UPDATE: JAMIE LIVENGOOD AND VALERIE NASSER

Jamie Livengood, Wayne County Schools and Valerie Nasser, Craven County Schools gave a presentation on the Superintendents meeting that was held on March 7, 2018 at the Wayne County Schools facility. They are both Military School Liaison Counselors for their respective Counties. They focus solely on military students. These positions were funded in 2007 and they started working with military students in the Spring of 2008.

Military-Impacted School Districts Superintendents Meeting: Attendees = 24

Purpose of Superintendents Meeting:

- Facilitate think-tank type discussion among Superintendents of highly impacted school districts.
- Develop a priority list of issues critical to supporting military-connected students in NC schools.
- Identify actionable items.

Statistics:

- 46,163 children of Active Duty (ages 5-17) statewide
- 18,945 children of National Guard/Reserve (ages 5-17).
- 254,718 Veterans' households with children statewide

Military Lens:

Topic discussed

- K-12 Military Child Education Plan (Act)
- Remote Registration
- K-3 Class size legislation
- School Zone
- School Report Cards
- Military Friendly Schools Program
- MIC3/Interstate Compact
- Military Impacted School Fund
- Impact Aid
- Spouse Licensure

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Key Issue:

Strong State Structure: Consistent and Sustainable

Military Child Education plan (Act):

- Strong Installation – School Partnerships
- Allotment: NC Military Liaison Counselor Consultant
- Standardized Criteria for Supporting Military Families’
- Focused Counselor & Transition Support at Military-Impacted Schools
- Robust Professional Development on Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3)/Interstate Compact
- Remote Enrollment
- LOGISTICAL: Calendar Flexibility, School Report Cards, K-3 Class Size, School Zone Flexibility

Actionable Items:

State Level Personnel Allotment

Military Child Education Plan (Act)

Comments: Jamie Livengood said we would like to keep hitting the nail on the head. We want to leave you with actionable items today. We think that the State level personnel allotment and the Military Child Education Plan (Act) could give us the focus that we need. Affording our districts, the flexibility to serve the needs of our military families. Also, reaching counties that are not just highly impacted but the ones who have military children living in their districts. In K-12 education, when you see policy, process or legislation may not have the word military in it but it is going to affect our military families. Again, we are the 4th largest military populated state in the nation. What we must stress for the quality of life for our military children and families in NC is that military connection must be considered. That K-12 education must ask how is this going to affect our military children. What are the implications, and what are we going to do considering those implications? Tony Stimatz said when you say military child it is also the impact on the family as a whole. They make decisions to come at all and where are they going to live and that is significant for a community of our size. Those people become the people that can fill the good management jobs. ET Mitchell asked if there was metrics of the 50 states that delineates which states have which military child education programs? For example, school flexibility, which states have that program? Jamie Livengood said that there is not metrics for that. She and Valerie Nasser keep that information because it is very helpful data. ET Mitchell said that metrics could be a decision-making tool and very helpful. Where do we rank on these items and where do we need to improve? Valerie Nasser said that they research and collect data on those topics. She said that the Lexington Institute has done several studies comparing form states like Colorado, Virginia, North Carolina and one other state. We do have some of that information but not in the format you are talking about. ET Mitchell said that she agreed it is good information for them but it could be very helpful for the decision makers in the legislature. Jamie Livengood said that maybe we could start with the 10 most populated states. Tony Stimatz asked them to explain the MIC3 Compact at the state level. Our discussion would be a good job for the MIC3 state level to work on or the national level. Valerie Nasser said that our MIC3 is in restart. We did not meet last year but they have a new chairman. The

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new chairman is the Onslow County Board attorney. Tony Stimatz asked how the MIC3 board is created and is that by the legislature? Valerie Nasser said yes. Tony Stimatz said they the legislature needs to consider this and tell them to crank it up. Jamie Livengood said that Rep John Szoka sits on the committee. All 50 states are members of the MIC3 and NC was the 11th state to sign on to the compact. If I had to rank us for implementation and training, I don't think we would be 11th.

Valerie Nasser said that last yesterday the State Superintendents' office gave us a look at their military-connected student support items that they are going to consider including in their budget request this year. Doug Taggart is the liaison for this information.

State Superintendent's Military-Related Proposals:

Support Military Families Across the State 2018 Priorities

- Increase support and flexibility for areas with the most military-connected students
- Provide state-level support to schools newly experiencing the impact on their students of deploying and returning National Guard and Reserve parents.
- Promote the National Guard's Tarheel ChalleNGe program for struggling students and align high school credit for students' coursework.

2018 Proposal Detail – Military Communities

Increase support and flexibility for areas with the most military-connected students:

- Add one additional regional military family counselor each in Cumberland and Onslow County School systems and support additional trainings.
- Support school calendar flexibility in LEAs with the highest military-connected populations to allow semester exams to occur in December, before families move.

2018 Proposal Detail- Statewide Support:

Provide resources to support schools and military families across the state:

- Personnel at NC DPI to:
 - Coordinate with the NC National Guard and Reserve units stationed in NC to support schools and families during deployments and reintegration in communities without a high military presence or local installation supports.
 - Coordinate and disseminate best practices and trainings to districts and communities
 - Administer new "Certified Military Friendly Schools" program.

2018 Proposal Detail – Tarheel ChalleNGe:

Support successful National Guard program for struggling students

- School and parental engagements highlighting the Tarheel ChalleNGe Academy, a successful dropout prevention program of the NC National Guard.
- Work with National Guard to align Tarheel ChalleNGe course completion to high school graduation credit.

Comments: ET Mitchell asked what the Tarheel ChalleNGe program is. Tom Bowlin from the NC National Guard said that program is for 16-18-year-old high school dropouts and on the wrong path. It

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is a national program supported by the National Guard Bureau. The funding is 75% federal and 25% state. We have 2 campuses in the state, Salemburg and New London. It is a quasi-military training program and the children volunteer to be a part of the program. They are in residence for 5 ½ months. We have male and female dorms and they are in class together daily. The local community colleges support the program with their teachers. It used to be a GED program but now that we have been talking to Chloe Gossage, DPI and there is a push to make it a high school diploma program. They have class in the morning, PT and leadership training in the afternoons. The idea is for these children to be in a disciplined environment. After they graduate, they get a trained volunteer mentor to communicate with them for the next 12 months. We have a connection with these children for approximately 18 months. This is a very successful program and you may have seen some of the students at the GA in their gray uniforms. After graduation 5-7% will join the military, many will continue with their education, and some to the work environment. It is a very inexpensive and a productive program for the state.

Rep Cleveland said that you mentioned several times about the end of semester grades/test. It has been a long time since I was on Active Duty but 99.5% of the transfers were done in the summer time so families were not impacted with school. Has something changed that we are transferring 50% of the people in the winter now? Jamie Livengood said that she did not have a percentage but we have quite a few in our high schools. Rep Cleveland said that I have a problem with quite a few because I don't know what that number means. This is a policy and there have been forces for years that have been trying to change this policy. Jamie Livengood said that she was not sure about that. We are presenting to you what the conversation was at the Superintendents meeting. I can tell you from our perspective in the trenches that we are trying to figure out how to transfer in my high school students into systems that don't tend to match- up. It continues to get more complicated. Whether it is 5 students in one district or 500 students in another district, the logistical barriers at times can be difficult. When you talk about a college and career promise program and you are coming to my school in January, I can't offer you that program at that time because you have missed the timeframe to do. Rep Cleveland said that this could be a much longer discussion. Jamie Livengood agreed that this is not a simple discussion. Kirk Warner said that there are a variety of ways to answer those questions. Jamie Livengood said that they had received a recent article put out by the Navy regarding limiting military family moves. It also referred to waiting until the school year had ended. There have been some family stabilization things put out recently. Sally-Ann Gupta asked who would have the information that Rep Cleveland is talking about. Jamie Livengood said she would recommend talking to Chloe Gossage. Valerie Nasser commented that they might be able to get some of that information from PowerSchool. Kirk Warner said that they would look at that information off line. Chairman Martin recognized Keith Martin, MCEC. Keith Martin said that he hoped everyone recognized what this legislation/proposal was. It is a huge first step for the state of NC in recognizing something that our service members, veterans and the services all recognize that the quality of local school education support is critically important. It is important for the children and the economic development of the state. This is a firm platform on which to base moving forward. A lot is included in this and there are some elements that are not being address by other states in a highly competitive climate. Specifically, professional development training for educators, student peer group training and military parent training. I know that 4 states, South Carolina, Alabama, Texas and Florida are funding military child education programs in each one of those states. All of them face the same reality that North Carolina does. They want to protect against force structure losses and they want to

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be positioned for potential gains. This reflects the leadership of Superintendent Johnson and his team Chloe Gossage, Doug Taggart, Jamie Livengood and Valerie Nasser. I want to commend Kirk Warner who has invested huge personnel time in the Superintendents meeting and in the Quality of Life committee consideration of what has been discussed and proposed here today. The School Liaison Officers (SLO), superintendents, Secretary Hall and his team which reflects their due diligence and effort. I think the last and most important thing is and Jim McCleskey if you are still on the line. Here is one more bullet in your ammo pouch. As you are working with the Department of the Army and its Senior Leadership in making the case that NC is ready to stand up, step up and stand out in its application for the location of the AFC. I know of no other state that is doing this at the Department of Public Instruction level. Thank you all and I wanted to recognize the effort as one you had a hand on the oars over the last 4 years. This is an important and critical step.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (DoD) PRESENTATION: KEVIN BURCH

Kevin Burch, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Military Community and Family Policy) gave a presentation with a handout.

DoD – State Liaison Function:

- Established by the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) in 2004.
- Mission is to work with state leaders to address the needs and challenges of service members and their families as those needs may intersect state policy.
- Have covered a wide range of state issues: Family law, education, occupational licensure and employ support, consumer protection, voting, health policy, National Guard support and the state judicial system.
- Issues are reviewed annually to bring most pressing to states.
- Accomplish mission through research of potential issues and “ERA” with state policymakers.
 - Educate about the issues, build Relationships, and Assist when asked
 - We don’t lobby – no “grass roots” campaigning for specific bills

Overview of 2018 Key Issues Impacting Service Members and Their Families:

- State policy to support identification and reporting of child abuse and neglect
- National Guard Employment protections during state sponsored activation
- Earned priority for Medicaid home and community care waivers
- Allow private sector employers to offer hiring preference to veterans
- Facilitate military spouse teacher certification
- Facilitate Service members receiving academic credit for military education, training and experience
- Licensing Compacts recognizing separating Service members and military spouses (member of at least 2 of 4 compacts)
- Implementation of supportive licensure laws.
- Increase protection under state Service Members Civilian Relief Act
- State government organize Pro-bono legal representation for military families

State Policy to Support Identification and Reporting of Child Abuse and Neglect:

Issue: State statute does not include any provision for the identification of military children or early reporting of child abuse or neglect case to the appropriate military authorities.

- DoD depends on working in collaboration with state and local governments to fulfill its statutory obligation (Section 1787 of Title 10) to address child abuse and neglect involving service members in Title 10 status.
- DoD Directive 6400.1 requires Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) with state and local child welfare services to collaborate on the oversight of cases involving military families.
- The MOUS only direct actions to the extent permitted by state law and only cover families assigned to the bases and forts.
- Per state statute, neither child services nor any other reporting authority is obligated to identify military children or forward initial reports of child abuse and neglect to military authorities.

DESIRED OUTCOME

Established State Statute requiring child case workers and reporting authorities, across the state, to:

- Identify a child's military affiliation at the onset of the intervention.
 - Notify and share case information with the appropriate military authorities at the onset of the intervention, to facilitate better coordination of local child welfare and military protective and rehabilitative services in support of military children and families.
- ✓ **HB 489/SB403 are currently in the Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate**

Facilitate Military Spouse Teacher Certification:

ISSUE: Portability policies for state teacher certification create barriers for military spouses to continue a K-12 teaching career.

DESIRED OUTCOME

- Providing maximum flexibility when accepting an existing standard certificate
 - Establishing a special temporary certificate for military spouse teachers that lasts the duration of military assignment (about three years), based upon acceptance of an existing standard certificate and the prerequisite requirements fulfilled to have obtained that certificate.
 - Expediting application and adjudication processes by:
 - Allowing military spouse teachers time saving options, such as submitting photocopies of state certificates and test scores, and allowing student copies of official transcripts be submitted in unopened mailers.
 - Expediting adjudication of applications by flagging those from military spouse teachers and establishing deadlines for completing their adjudication.
- ✓ **HB 681 is currently in the Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate**

Academic Credit for Separating Service Members:

ISSUE: Separating Service members leave the military with documented training and experience that can prepare them for civilian employment; however, this documentation is not always used by state entities to provide them academic credit.

- DoD and the Military Services provide each Service member a transcript. of their experience and training with credit equivalencies approve by the American Council on Education (ACE);

- Academic institutions in many states use the ACE criteria to determine the applicability of military training and experience in order to grant academic credit for degree requirements as well as electives;
- Because ACE provides a mechanism, but not a requirement, for academic institutions to accept military training and experience, military transcripts are not always adequate for civilian institutions to assess for possible academic credit.

DESIRED OUTCOME

- Develop policy requirement academic institutions to consider, and where appropriate, grant separating Service members credit towards degree and certificate requirements for training and experience gained in the military.

Licensing Compacts:

- **KEY MESSAGE:** Occupational licensure compacts provide consistent rules that allow licensed members to work in other states on a temporary basis or to more easily transfer their license to a new state. Then military provisions added to these compacts assist Service members and their spouses to participate in these occupational compacts.
- **REPLICA:** The Recognition of EMS Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact (REPLICA) is the nation's first and only multi-state compact for the Emergence Medical Services profession. REPLICA provides qualified EMS professional licensed in a "Home State" a legal "Privilege TO Practice" in "Remote States". Home States are simply a state where an EMT or Paramedic is licensed; Remote States are other states that have adopted the REPLICA legislation. The RELICA Compact was activated on May 8, 2017 when Georgia signed the legislation into law. Thirteen States have joined (GA,VA), pending in SC.
- **PTLC –** The Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy has launched a project to develop an interstate licensure compact for physical therapy. The purpose of the compact is to increase consumer access to physical therapy services by reducing regulatory barriers to interstate mobility and cross-state practice. Nineteen state have joined (NC), pending in SC.
- **ENLC –** Modern health care delivery requires that nursing care, today and in the future, be dynamic and fluid across state boundaries. However, the 100-year-old model of nurse licensure is not flexible, adaptable nor nimble enough to best meet this need. The solution is the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC) which increases access to care while maintaining public protection at the state level. Under the NLC, nurses are able to provide care to patients located across the country, without having to obtain additional licenses. Thirty stat have joined (GA, NC, SC, VA).
- **PSYACT –** Approved in February 2015 by the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) Board of Directors, the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact (PSYPACT) has been created to facilitate telehealth and temporary in-person, face-to-face practice of psychology across jurisdictional boundaries. PSYPACT is an interstate compact, which is an agreement between states to enact legislation and enter into a contract for specific, limited purpose or address a particular policy issue. Five states have joined (AZ, CO, NE, NV, UT).

Implementation of Supportive Licensure Laws:

- 37% of working military spouses need licenses (130K)

- Defense – State Liaison Office (DSLO) worked with all 50 states on improving endorsement, temporary licensing and expedited applications
 - Endorsement: allow an applicant to use a license in good standing to obtain a license in the new state.
 - Temporary licensing: allow an applicant to obtain employment while fulfilling state requirements
 - Expedited processes: identify the military spouse and apply special procedures to speed up the process.
- University of Minnesota evaluation of implementation of policy changes:
<http://reachmilitaryfamilies.umn.edu/research/document/13865>
 - University of Minnesota validated:
- ✓ Endorsement, temporary and expedited did not relieve the underlying burden of licensing – only made the process faster
 - Military spouse must still provide transcripts, course descriptions, and test scores to prove current license in good standing meets the new state's equivalency requirements.
 - Temporary licensing requires an application for permanent license.
- ✓ Board did not uniformly implement state laws-only 40 percent of state had information posted on websites, board staff were often not knowledgeable and not all applications to expedite processes included military affiliation.
- Follow-up on University of Minnesota Study:
 - Request follow-up by legislatures/Governors on actions taken by boards
 - Requesting coverage of both spouse and transitioning Service member provisions

Service member Civil Relief Act:

ISSUE: Service members are protected as consumers through the federal SCRA; however, the federal law does not protect Service members concerning obligations that occur while on active duty.

- DoD recognizes that states need to develop protections that make sense within the context of their consumer protection laws. DoD requires states consider protections:
 - Applicable to active duty for members of the Uniformed Services, (which parallels members covered by the federal SCRA: Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, National Guard, Public Health Services and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration);
 - Applicable to a contract to provide telecommunication services, internet services, television services, athletic club or gym memberships, or satellite radio services;
 - Applicable as well to certain residential lease/rental agreements due to moves into government owned/leased housing.
- ✓ **HB 484 is in the House Homeland Security Committee and SB 405 is in the Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate.**

Pro-bono Legal Representation For Military Families:

ISSUE: Military legal assistance attorneys can only provide legal advice and assistance and cannot represent a Service member/family member in court. Yet, the need for legal representation continues to be a top requirement of Service members and their families.

- State government can provide a valuable program coordination by establishing an office to:
 - Market the program to attorneys throughout the state and register volunteer attorneys;

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- Coordinate activities with organizations within the state that also provide pro bono services;
- Liaise with Legal Assistance Offices on Military Installations and the applicable office within the State National Guard Headquarters; and
- Assess and assign requests for pro bono services.

DESIRED OUTCOME:

- Coordinate a military pro bono legal program at the state level.
- Enact legislation establishing in statute to ensure program continuity.

Goal is to partner with states to help our service members and their families!

Discussion: Sally-Ann Gupta asked what kind of legal actions would the Pro-bono legal representative be handling? Kevin Burch said the program that we first followed was the one developed in NV. It is like the lemon law type items such as if you buy a car or housing issues. Minor types of issues. Sally-Ann Gupta asked if there was a threshold? Kevin Burch said that in some states it could be for E4 and below or something similar to that depending on the state. Tony Stimatz said seeing what you are doing it takes me back to what we talked about earlier. The state by state comparison of various characteristics of each state. Maybe your boss should be the one putting this information together. Then he would have a scorecard if he were asked the question how is everyone doing. Kevin Burch said that we do have that information for our issues. Tony Stimatz said that he understood that but that this could be an opportunity for a partnership with the states. That maybe he could take this back to his boss to see if there is an opportunity for us to work together and create a better product for everyone. Kevin Burch said that they do have a website for their issues and the scorecard to show where our state stands on these issues and compared to other states. Chairman Martin said that this related to what ET Mitchell has asked about earlier and having a scorecard or metrics. This branch of DoD has a scorecard for all 50 states and if you go to their website you can see where you state stands on these issues compared to other states. This is one of the best scorecard type site that I have seen. Kevin Burch said that this scorecard is still there but we have been redeveloping the site and will be full activate in August. ET Mitchell asked if this would include a lot of the education related initiatives that we talked about? Kevin Burch said that it would include the information that our department monitors. The 2 key things are to ensure spouse licensure and education K-12. We had 3 of the Services Secretaries write letters that this is our #1 priority is K-12 education. This is key in our office and we need to see how we can partner with the states on the education piece. No further discussion.

NORTH CAROLINA MILITARY BUSINESS CENTER (NCMBC): SCOTT DORNEY

Scott Dorney gave a presentation on the NCMBC and gave the members a couple of handouts. This is an informational briefing. Why should you care? Because this Commission has a few goals. One of the goals is to grow the military economy in NC. We do that recruiting new defense contractors and helping existing businesses grow their defense related business.

Situation: Defense Business:

- Prime contracts, DoD in NC: \$2.83 billion (81 Counties).
- Prime contracts, federal in NC: \$5.12 billion (99 Counties).

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Situation: Who We Are:

- The North Carolina Military Business Center (NCMBC) is a stateside, business development and technology transition asset of the NC Community College System, headquartered at Fayetteville Technical Community College.
- Totally State-funded, the NCMBC is the only statewide, military – and existing industry – focused economic development entity in the US.

North Carolina Military Business Center:

Mission: To leverage military and federal business opportunities to expand the economy, grow jobs and improve quality of life.

Goals and Operations:

1. Increase federal revenues for businesses
 2. Support integration of military into workforce
 3. Support defense-related business recruitment
 4. Support technology transition to federal agencies
- Outcomes: Contracts (2,817), revenues (\$8,25b), jobs!

NCMBC: Operations:

Operations: Business Development

Future Opportunities	Currently Opportunities	Events
Market Intelligence	Solicitation Support	Training
Pre-positioning	Proposal Support	Counseling
Teaming	Subcontracting	Contract Execution

Operations: Technology Transition (NC DEFTEC)

Operations: Business Development:

- Multi-functional, pre-and post-award BD team (12 offices)
- Create awareness, recruit & engage NC firms in market
- Pre-position for future opps, develop subcontract opps
- Identify current prime & sub opportunities, notify firms
- Assist with solicitations, quotes, proposal, help win:
CY2005-2018 2,817 contracts ` \$8.25 billion - \$30.97 billion

Operations: MatchForce.org:

- Matches businesses to federal opportunities
- Matches contracting staff & GPC holders to NC businesses
- Matches prime contractors to NC subcontractors
- Matches businesses to future opportunities (forecast data)
- Businesses won >\$1.50 billion, 2006 – 18 contracts
- Currently on MatchForce.org:
22,161 NC Businesses 32,861 Contract Opportunities

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Operations: Tech Transition (DEFTECT):

- NCMBC Launched NC Defense Technology Transition Office in 2016, partially funded by NC Military Affairs Commission
- Scouts for businesses developing tech with military application
- Provides info to industry on emerging military requirements,
- Processes and procedures
- Assists NC businesses to navigate federal agencies
- Conducts emerging technology forums and symposia

Operations: 2018 NCMBC Events:

- Medical, Biomedical and Biodefense Symposium, Chapel Hill (5-4 Jun)
- 17th Annual North Carolina Defense Trade Show (7 Aug)
- Southeast Region Aerospace Supply and Services Summit (15-16 Aug)
- Southeast Region Cyber Security and Technology Symposium (10-11 Oct)
- 2018 SE Region Federal Construction, Infrastructure Summit (24-25 Oct)
- Defense Contractor Academies, Cary (17-19 Apr), Charlotte (13-15 Nov)

Operations: NBB Symposium:

- 5 Jun: SB and teaming event with VA VISNG, MRMCM, prime vendors
- 6 Jun: Symposium
 - Keynote: Robert Wilkie, Acting Secretary, VA and Undersecretary of Defense
 - Keynote: Robert Kadlec, Assistant Secretary, US DHHS; George Ludwig, MRMCM
 - Two tracks: traditional medial and biomedical/biodefense
 - Launch of Fort Bragg Research Institute, 1045
- 6 Jun: Acting Secretary Wilkie small group meeting (military and VA) and office calls in RAL, General Assembly and Executive Departments.

Contact Information – NCMBC: <http://www.ncmbc.us/>

Talking Points: See Handout

Federal Spending and Growing Opportunity Statewide:

- ☑ Businesses executed **\$2.83 billion** in DoD prime contracts in North Carolina in FY17 (in **81 counties**)
- ☑ Businesses executed **\$5.12 billion** in Federal prime contracts in North Carolina in FY17 (in **99 counties**)
- ☑ FY18: DoD spending growing to **\$654 billion**, including **\$144 billion** for procurement, **\$89.2 billion** for R&D
- ☑ FY19: President's **\$686 billion** budget request for DoD, includes **\$315m** for major military construction and over **\$1 billion** anticipated for operations and maintenance at bases in North Carolina

NCMBC Current Operations:

- ☑ Opened in 2005, NCMBC is a statewide, business development component of the Community College System that leads the State effort to grow the military economy through existing businesses

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- ☐ With offices at 12 community colleges, NCMBC works every day to help businesses compete for, win and grow jobs through federal contracting – and to expand the economy and tax base of North Carolina
- ☐ Focus, tactical: current contract opportunities from targeted DoD & Federal agencies, strategic industries
- ☐ Focus, operational: market intelligence, strategic industries, tech transition, lucrative contract vehicles
- ☐ Events: major events to connect businesses & federal buyers: medical, cyber, aerospace, construction, etc.
- ☐ Since inception, the NCMBC assisted NC businesses to **win 2,817 federal contracts**, worth a minimum of **\$8.2 billion**. These contracts generated over **\$308 million** in corporate income tax, employed over **270,000** and improved quality of life in our state. Return on State investment in NCMBC since 2005 – **29:1**

NCMBC Future Operations – Intensify Operational and Expand Tactical-Level Focus:

- ☐ operate the North Carolina Defense Technology Transition (DEFTECH) office full time from the Triangle
- ☐ expand sector-focused operations (aerospace, medical, construction, Ability One, IDIQs, subcontracting)
- ☐ establish operations in 3 geographic areas with no NCMBC offices (far west, west, northwest)
- ☐ expand operations in large regions currently served by part time staff (move up to 10 to full time)
- ☐ reinforce operations in the Triangle/north-central region of the state after expanding DEFTECH to full time
- ☐ expand DEFTECH to include an Army Futures Command liaison operation, when AFC is sited in NC
- ☐ provide compensation increases for NCMBC non-community college staff members

Discussion: Tony Stimatz said that I know you did not ask but it is clear that you need more. Scott Dorney said that he was not asking for anything. Tony Stimatz said that he did not say that NCMBC was asking for anything. I have read the information that you have provided and looked at what is going on. You are correct when the AFC shows up it is going to be huge. They will be looking for new technology and your DEFTECH will be a huge fit into that culture and you can't do it all. Scott Dorney said that they are greatly appreciative for the support of this Commission. Without this Commission, we would not have DEFTECH. We were a new organization in 2005 and the last commission and this commission that continues to make it clear to the GA that achieving the goal of growing the military economy is very important. People ask me how much do you want and my answer is how much do you want to invest in growing the military economy? It is the second largest sector of our state economy and what is it worth? The purpose is to make sure that the state knows that we are working hard and we have the mission you have tasked us to do. You have also tasked Brad Helton to recruit more defense contractors. If we are going to move the needle for defense contracting in NC we must do both. We must be bringing in defense contractors and helping businesses in NC. We are working an opportunity, a \$53M fruits and vegetables opportunity from the Defense Commissary Agency. If we can help a business in NC win a \$53M opportunity to provide fresh fruits and vegetables to the commissary that is a great thing in the state that our #1 industry is agriculture. No further discussion.

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OTHER BUSINESS:

Chairman Martin asked if anyone had any other business for the group. Tony Stimatz said that this weekend was the Potato Festival in Elizabeth City. The events are Friday – Sunday. Everyone is welcome to attend and it is a wonderful event. Chairman Martin said that he has asked Bob Dickerson to lead a group to propose Grant Procedures for the NCMAC to use. He was unavailable for the meeting today but I would like to circulate his proposal to the membership with the aim of having those procedures adopted by the NCMAC at the next meeting. Look for that in your inbox and provide input to Bob Dickerson on that document. Frank Bottorff said he had one thing for the subcommittee chairs. I will be sending something out about rescheduling subcommittee chair meeting to deconflict with each other. It is difficult for Kelly Jackson to do multi meetings in the same week with minutes and everything else. So, we are going to try to spread out the meetings during a 4-week period. One per week if possible. Also, to set a long-range schedule. Chairman Martin and I will work on this schedule and then work with the subcommittee chairs. The further away from the ESG meeting we can get the subcommittee meetings the better it will be for everyone. Then we can take those actions items and get them to the ESG. We will look at the schedule.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Martin asked for a motion to adjourn. The Hon George Cleveland made a motion to adjourn and Hon Chuck Allen seconded the motion.