

**Minutes of the August 18, 2015, Meeting of the NC Military Affairs Commission  
1636 Gold Star Drive, Raleigh, NC**

**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

BG Bud Martin, ARNGUS Retired  
Col. Frank Bottorff, USMC Retired  
Gen. Dan McNeill (by phone)  
George Breece (by phone)  
CDR Bill Lehmann, USCG Retired  
Sgt Maj William Hatcher, USMC Retired  
Cresswell Elmore  
Col. Joe Marm Jr., USAF Retired  
LtGen Gary McKissock, USMC Retired  
Col. Jeffrey Sanborn, USA Retired  
Joy Thrash  
Pat Walker  
RADM Steve Ratti, USCG (Retired)  
MG Jimmy Stewart  
Hon. Chuck Allen

**EX OFFICIO AND AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES:**

Asst. Secy Ilario Pantano, Div. of Veterans Affairs  
Will Best, NC Dept. of Commerce  
Sebastian Montagne, Dept. of Transportation  
Robert Hosford, Department of Agriculture  
Bryan Gossage, DENR  
Mark Cooney, NC Dept. of Cultural Resources  
Bill Crews, DPS  
Sally Ann Gupta, LA to Sen. Brown  
Anne Shaw, NCCC  
Hon. Joe Peel (by WebEx)

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES:**

MGen Cornell A. Wilson, USMC RET  
Maj. Bobby Lumsden, NCNG  
Paul Friday, MCI-East  
Bill Meier, MCI-East  
Tina Paulson, G-5 Community Plans Liaison Office  
Hon. Floyd Hudson  
Ron Lingle, Fayetteville Tech. Community College  
Sheila Pierce, JOED  
Dan Oliver, JOED  
Travis Powers  
Stu Cox, SJAFB  
Joe Slavik  
CAPT. Sean Murtagh, USCG  
David Goffman  
Alex Gray, MCI-East  
Bill Wayne  
Bryan Ayers  
James Norment, ACT  
Jim McCleskey, RTI  
Col. Tim Salmon USMC, CO, MCAS New River

**Opening Remarks:**

At 12:35, the call to order, welcome & opening remarks were given by Chairman Martin followed by recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. A quorum was present.

**Agenda Review/Announcements:**

- Chairman Martin reviewed the meeting agenda; no changes were suggested.
- New NCMAC members were introduced and sworn in by Chairman Martin
- Update on bond referendum: Chairman Martin has been working hard on educating legislators on the military portion of the bond referendum. The House excluded this amount (\$87 million) from the Governor's budget.
- NC Strategic Plan is being finalized with the MAC's team of consultants. While portions are confidential, the full report will be available to Commissioners through General Wilson's office.

**Administrative Updates:**

General Wilson gave administrative updates:

- NCMAC budget year ended June 30. All funds have been expended.
- When the new budget passes, \$1.675 million will be the new two-year budget. The budget is expected to pass in the near future.
- The Economic Impact Statement booklet has been distributed to voting members.

Maj. Lumsden provided additional updates:

- Upcoming full Commission and ESG meeting dates
- Travel reimbursement protocol
- Open Public Meeting rules review

**Consent Agenda:**

- Chairman Martin asked voting members of the Commission to review draft minutes of the last full Commission meeting (May 19, 2015, 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter), which will be distributed by e-mail. Voting members are asked to review the draft minutes, and provide feedback or corrections within 7-10 days of receiving the draft. After that time, any additions / corrections / feedback from you will be made and a final draft will be provided by email requesting your email vote to approve the minutes as written.

**Public Comments /Open Announcements:**

- None were made.

**Consultant Update:**

Major Lumsden gave the consultants' update on the strategic plan by Power Point presentation as follows (see NCMAC website for power point presentation).

- Strategic Plan – second draft is in progress
- The Plan will contemplate growth opportunities, mission protection/enhancement (DoA and DENR are taking the lead on this), education, financial incentives for veteran and retiree population including exemption from income tax on retiree pay, strategic communication and messaging

## Committee Reports, Actions Items and Priority List:

### Legislative Affairs Committee

Senator Norman Sanderson briefed the Commission on pending legislation and recent accomplishments:

- SB 43- DL for Vets-6/24
- SB 106 Farmland Preservation Trust Fund
- Senate and House reached consensus on spending amount, expect a completed budget next week.
- Legislation on federal childcare facility certification talks are ongoing and still a work in progress
- Some items may be in consideration for 2016 short session.
- We will have a final direction in the next day or two about the bond issue.

### Base Sustainability & Community Affairs Committee

MGen. Dickerson was unable to be present due to a family emergency. Therefore, Col. Frank Bottorff briefed the Commission on the July 8 Committee meeting:

- BLET (Basic Law Enforcement Training): State passed bill, hours are being negotiated.
- EMS personnel and firefighter fee waivers for annual training was not resolved this year.
- PEDRO- last flight is last week of September.
- Discussed progress with Sentinel Landscapes application process
- Ron Massey discussed the Jacksonville rail line. A study is recommended to look at long-term options and determine possibilities for its management. Funding may come from state rail funds or will look at other options.
- Ensure community coordinators channel information to upper chain of command in budget.

### Quality of Life Committee

Major Lumsden briefed the Commission on the results of the last QoL Committee meeting:

- Hiring pipeline website "NC4ME" is operational
- Received update on bed space needed for Ft. Bragg relative to a crisis stabilization unit for youth with urgent psychiatric needs, will continue to work with DHHS.

### Economic Development Committee

Committee Chairman Gary McKissock briefed the Commission on actions of the Committee:

- NC4ME website is commendable
- Rail line is an economic development issue
- Had the opportunity to talk to folks involved with the F-35 program, attended supply chain conference, and spoke to industry leaders
- Michael Gilroy, Program Director of Defense Industry Adjustment within the DoD Office of Economic Adjustment briefed on grant applications

### **NCMAC Top Ten Priorities (See NCMAC website for updated list)**

Maj. Lumsden briefed the Commission on behalf of Vice Chairman Dordal on the Commission's Top Ten Priority list and made the following recommendations:

- Remove Priority #3
- Lower Priority #5
- Lower Priority #10
- Potential additional priorities: assist with bed space crisis for military-connected children with psychiatric needs, K-12 issues, and Host Cities' Group's \$1 million dollar request.
- OF NOTE: Budget requests for the short legislative session are due December 1.

**MOTION:** Chairman Martin made a motion that all Committees receive and review the priority list with its potential revisions to determine and agree upon how it will be updated. Recommendations will be reviewed at the next ESG meeting and presented to the commissioners at the next commission meeting for approval. The motion passed unanimously without discussion.

2:05 – Break

2:15 – Chairman Martin reconvened the meeting.

### **North Carolina Commanders Council**

Paul Friday briefed the Commission on the NC Commander's Council meeting. Thus far, the electromagnetic spectrum has been a challenge in creating the Military Footprint map.

### **Host Cities**

Ron Massey briefed the Commission on matters before the Group:

- There is a Census meeting in Fayetteville next Monday at which time rules for 2020 census for deployed military will be discussed. The Governor has sent a supporting letter.
- 911 Board considering changes to their rules; we would like more time to assess their proposed changes

### **REPI Challenge/Sentinel Landscapes**

Robert Hosford presented to the Commission on the status of efforts related to the REPI (Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration) Challenge and Sentinel Landscapes program.

- Working on cooperative agreement with DoD to receive \$4 million that was in market conservation fund
- NC received federal Sentinel Landscapes designation determining which counties should be included.

## New Business

- General Wilson updated Commissioners using a power point presentation on the ADC Conference in Washington, DC, including an Army update summary and an Air Force update summary. BRAC will possibly occur in 2017.
- Chairman Martin discussed recommendations for Committee assignments of new members and changes of reappointed members as follows:

➤ Ms. Pat Walker:	Base Sustainability & Community Affairs (new)
➤ Hon. Chuck Allen:	Legislative Affairs (new)
➤ Col. Jeff Sanborn:	Quality of Life (new)
➤ Col. Joe Marm:	Quality of Life (change)
➤ Jim Stewart	Economic Development (new)
➤ Steve Ratti	Economic Development (new)
➤ Gen. Dan McNeill	Quality of Life (change)

Col. Jeff Sanborn was asked to lead the next Quality of Life meeting at which there would be a vote for a permanent chairman.

- Upcoming October 5, 2015, ADC Southeast Regional Forum to be held in Fayetteville was briefed by Maj. Lumsden. The Forum will educate leaders with regard to supporting installations, budget shortfalls will be discussed, downsize of defense budgets; invited keynote speakers Senators Burr, Tillis and the Governor. NCMAC will host a reception afterwards. Maj. Lumsden will send out the Agenda for the event and asks that all share the information/invitation to the event.
- Seymour Johnson AFB JLUS will include preparation of an advisory handbook.
- NCMBC – please check website for October 10 event.

## Consumer Lending Presentation

Al Ripley of NC Justice Center presented on the Military Lending Act or SB 681 by power point presentation (see NCMAC website for presentation).

Following an invitation for questions or additional comments, at 3:40 pm, Chairman Martin adjourned the meeting.