

**Minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Meeting of the NC Military Affairs Commission**  
**August 15, 2017, DOI Building, Raleigh, NC**

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Hon. George Breece, Acting 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  
RADM Steve Ratti, USCG Retired, At-large  
LtGen Gary McKissock, USMC Retired, MCB CLJ  
Hon. Chuck Allen, Goldsboro/Seymour Johnson  
Jeremiah Daniels, Seymour Johnson/Goldsboro  
Sally Ann Gupta, A/R for Sen. Harry Brown  
Mr. Cresswell Elmore, Cherry Point (by phone)  
Patricia Harris, USA Ret., Public Member  
Joy Thrash, At-Large  
John Broome A/R for Rep. John Bell  
Kirk Warner, COL, USA, Ret, USAR  
ET Mitchell, At-Large, (by phone)

**CONSULTANT TEAM:**

Sal Nodjomian, Matrix Design Group  
Terry Yonkers, Yonkers Group  
Matt Herrmann, Roosevelt Group  
John Simmons, TRG (by phone)

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES:**

Whitney Christiansen, ACT  
Jamie Norment, ACT  
Scott Dorney, NCMBC  
Ron Massey, City of Jacksonville  
Linda Millsaps, NCACC  
Mike Cline, NC OSBM, State Demographer  
Gordon Jeans  
Pete Benton, Walnut Creek Councilman  
Jamie Livengood, Wayne Co. Schools  
Dr. Michael J. Dunsmore, Wayne Co. School Supt  
Austen Shearer, Sen. Thom Tillis  
Hon. Mike McIntyre  
Glenn Kassa, Lockheed Martin  
MC Andrews, Vianovo  
Rachel Beaulieu, Public Schools Forum of NC  
Stuart Ruffin, NCMF  
Charles Grady, Division of Motor Vehicles  
Troy Cunningham, Division of Motor Vehicles

**EX OFFICIO MEMBERS:**

Robert Hosford, NCDA&CS  
John Nicholson, NCDEQ  
Doug Taggart, NCDPI  
Daniel Johnson, NCDOT  
Will Best, NCDOC

**NCCC:**

Dennis Goodson, SJAFB  
Bion Stewart, USCG  
Col. Mike Scalise, MCI-East/CLNC  
Paul Friday, MCI-East/CLNC  
Bill Meier, MCI-East/CLNC  
David Eady, Army REED  
BG Todd Hunt, NCNG  
Floyd Hudson, Jr., Ft. Bragg DPTMS  
Bryan Ayers, MCI-East  
Erin Adams, MCI-East /CLNC  
Tyler Harris, MCAS Cherry Point  
BG Julian Alford, MCI-East/CLNC  
SgtMaj Gray, MCI-East/CLNC

LtCol Brian Moll, MCAS Cherry Point  
Dave Myhres, Fort Bragg  
Randy Meador, CGB Elizabeth City

**DEPARTMENT STAFF:**

Larry Hall, Secretary  
Joe Kelly, Asst. Sec. for Military Affairs  
Willie Casey, Installation Coordinator  
Kelly Barretto, Admin. Coordinator  
Angella Dunston, DMVA Communications  
Jeremy Collins, DMVA Interagency Coord.

Addie Thornton, SERPPAS  
Ramey Powell, NCDOR  
Jim McCleskey, SONC

### **CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME REMARKS**

Acting Chairman Breece called the meeting to order at 12:32pm and welcomed all to the meeting.

### **AGENDA REVIEW**

Acting Chairman Breece reviewed the Agenda and adjusted the time allotted to certain presenters. The Acting Chair requested a motion to approve the adjustment, which was so moved, seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

### **DEPARTMENT UPDATE**

DMVA Secretary Larry Hall gave an update.

- All were thanked for taking personal time to attend the meeting and contribute insight to the continuing mission of base enhancement, and troop and community support;
- Ensuring service members have an opportunity to stay in North Carolina and contribute to the welfare of the State. We will push to engage more and be more forward looking rather than lean on existing solutions;
- Cybersecurity, UAV's are of great importance and affect the training missions in the State. We are a resource and conduit to exchange information and ideas among many subject matter experts;
- We will respect each other's time on the agenda;
- Possibly more than one million veterans in the State; the Governor is committed to ensuring the process works for installations and for citizens;
- Attended Chris Harris' funeral on Fort Bragg and witnessed a tremendous public outpouring of support and in the same day attended an employment conference for veterans at Iron Mike Center demonstrating a continuing cycle;
- Department staff is here to assist;
- The Governor will complete base visits to learn what works, needs improvement and how the State can help. Sec. Hall has visited all the bases and met with all the Commanders;

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- Minutes of the Executive Steering Group will not be voted on, today with insufficient time to review.
- A motion to approve the minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter meeting of the Commission was made, seconded and passed unanimously without discussion.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS/OPEN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Acting Chairman Breece called for a moment of silence to remember the 16 Marines whose lives were lost in the KC-130 crash, and the recent deaths of two 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne infantrymen.
- Commissioner Ratti hopes the Commission or Department has gotten information from the Commanders for the Governor's visits to encompass more than what is happening at their bases, such as income tax exclusion, occupational licenses, etc.
- Mr. Friday stated that communication has been excellent and welcomes topics for consideration by the Commanders Council that have moved through MAC Committees up to the Executive Steering Group, and vice versa.

### **MATRIX TEAM UPDATE**

Sal Nodjomian of the Matrix Design Group, Matt Hermann of The Roosevelt Group and Terry Yonkers of the Yonkers Group briefed the Commission. John Simmons and Angie Parton of the Roosevelt Group and Charlie Perham of the Matrix Design Team join by conference call. **(Power Point presentation attached and incorporated into the minutes by reference.)**

- Sal Nodjomian gave a background of the relationship as consultant to the NCMAC and cited several products they developed for the Commission, including the Strategic Plan published two years ago.
- Mr. Matt Hermann gave his industry background, then highlighted the Senate Appropriations Committee for Defense's intent to meet the numbers in the Budget Control Act that will force Congress to have a conversation about debt ceiling and budget cap numbers in September and what the funding numbers will be, so as not go to mark up with a number that is too low.
- Senators McCain and Reed put forward an amendment authored by Lucien Niemeyer to authorize a BRAC round although a non-traditional BRAC round. It makes significant change to the BRAC process by setting a baseline for what the Department must plan to regarding force structure and eliminates the BRAC Commission. The amendment is pending. Whether we have a BRAC now or later, there is much mission growth and being proactive in engaging with the Department is important. A possible successor to Sen. McCain, Sen. Inhofe is adamantly opposed to a BRAC. Sen. Reed is a proponent of BRAC. Mr. Terry Yonkers added that communities without access to a BRAC Commission would have to go through their Representatives and Senators to present their issues and concerns. The Department is constantly in flux with respect to decision-making as to when and what they will buy, where they will put it and how many people they must organize, train and equip around the weapon system. Strategic basing and other decisions internal to DoD are constantly taking place; neither communities nor anyone else has input to these decisions.
- Budget Control Act – significant monies are going into the OCO fund.
- MILCON – robust for NC at \$293M.

Base budget/Unfunded priority list - radio complex added for Camp Lejeune. We are past the earmark period and in an era of unfunded priority lists. Many MILCON projects that are not ready for this fiscal year may be ready in subsequent years and end up on the unfunded priority list. Thus, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Meeting of the Full NCMAC

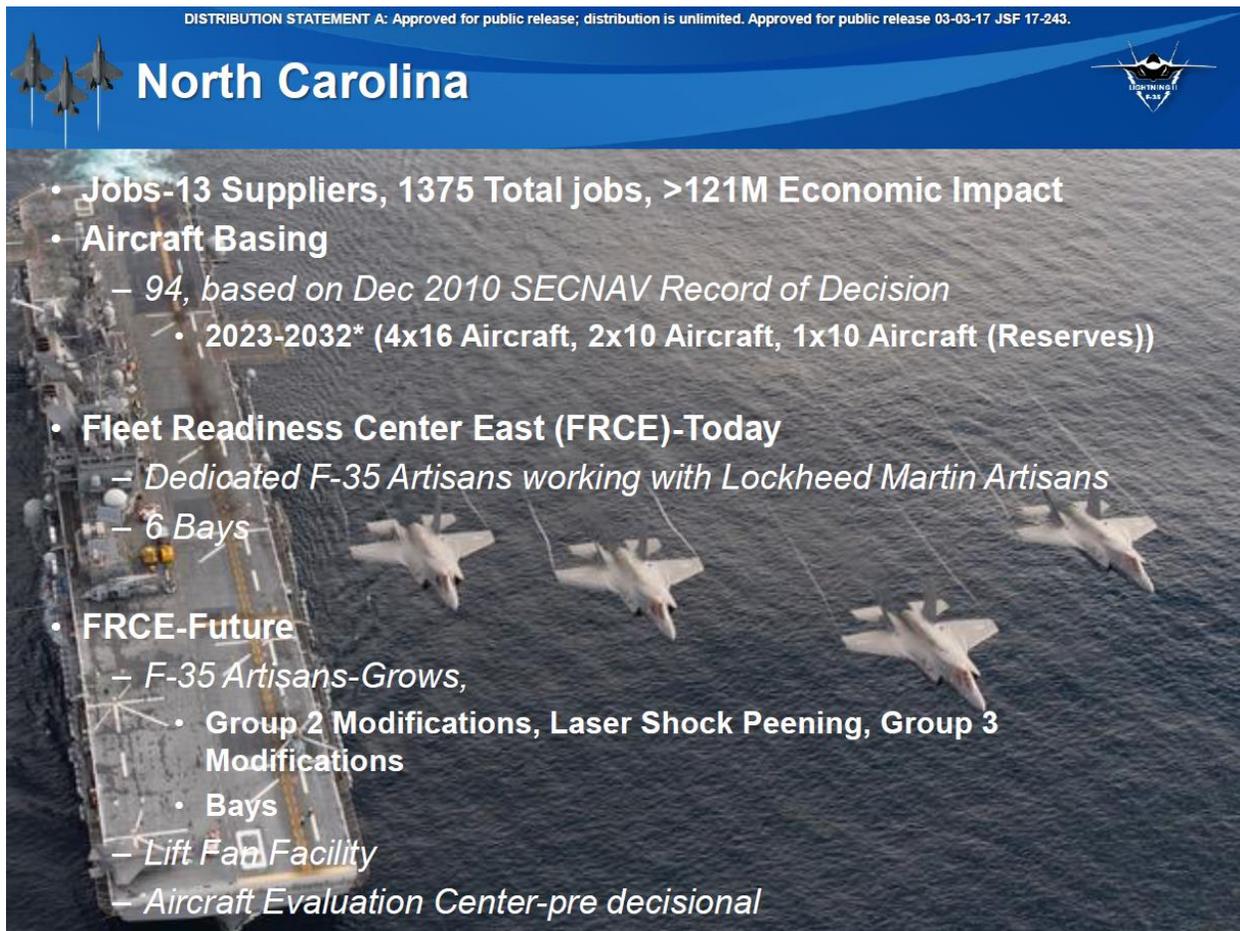
- communities can weigh in on future unfunded priorities, and when they come up, delegates can advocate for them without triggering the earmark concern.

### **F-35 PROGRAM UPDATE**

Mr. Glenn Kassa of Lockheed Martin Government Affairs gave a presentation on the status of the F-35 program.

He discussed the three models F-35A, F-35B and F-35C that replace 9 platforms and can perform new missions. Features that were covered include internal fuel tanks, fixed array radar, engine inlets, full line-of-sight blockage, aligned edges, reduced signature nozzles, internal stores carriage. The following slide delineates the economic impact of basing the F-35 in North Carolina.

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The slide features a blue header with the Lockheed Martin logo on the right and three F-35 aircraft silhouettes on the left. The main background is an aerial view of an aircraft carrier deck with several F-35s in flight. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

## North Carolina

- **Jobs-13 Suppliers, 1375 Total jobs, >121M Economic Impact**
- **Aircraft Basing**
  - 94, based on Dec 2010 SECNAV Record of Decision
  - 2023-2032\* (4x16 Aircraft, 2x10 Aircraft, 1x10 Aircraft (Reserves))
- **Fleet Readiness Center East (FRCE)-Today**
  - Dedicated F-35 Artisans working with Lockheed Martin Artisans
  - 6 Bays
- **FRCE-Future**
  - F-35 Artisans-Grows,
  - **Group 2 Modifications, Laser Shock Peening, Group 3 Modifications**
  - **Bays**
  - Lift Fan Facility
  - Aircraft Evaluation Center-pre decisional

Israel will declare initial operating capability in December. In summary, there are 12 operating bases, 230 airplanes, more than 100,000 flight hours on fleet to date; 5,000 maintainers and more than 600 pilots located throughout and abroad. The Program is 98% complete. Development is winding down

while production and sustainment costs are decreasing. Ten counties are flying. The Cherry Point Life Fan Facility eliminates the work of the Indianapolis facility and is the sole facility. Cherry Point will be the largest F-35 base, per Mr. Kassa. FRC East is the maintenance, repair, overhaul and upgrade facility for the Marine Corps. The F-35 will be at Cherry Point by 2025. Mr. Nodjomian of Matrix Design asked what North Carolina and the NAC need to do to posture itself to make this transition successful from a workforce development and investment perspective. Mr. Kassa answered that advocating for more quality would be advantageous.

**QUALITY OF LIFE: WAYNE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT: DR. MICHEAL DUNSMORE**

Quality of Life Committee Acting Chair Kirk Warner introduced Dr. Dunsmore who previously presented to the QOL Committee.

Dr. Dunsmore thanked the Commission for the opportunity to address quality of life issues before the group. Dr. Dunsmore gave his background in education. He has partnered with BGen Solcum and is presently working with Colonel Sage on hiring military spouses and flexibility in scheduling for students. One of the challenges in the State is the mandatory calendar. Military students move four times a year creating a challenge, as the Superintendent he does not have the ability to grant credit. This has particular impact on secondary school students on track to graduate from high school. Wayne School of Engineering has a waiting list: a lottery is done at the beginning of the school year. If a military-connected student is not here at the beginning of the school year for the lottery, they cannot take advantage of that. The base commander, County Board of Commissioners, Mayor, Jamie Livengood, all meet on a regular basis with Superintendent Dunsmore. Dr. Dunsmore is in favor of school choice, with parity of regulations, among all. How do you place the homeschooler within the lotteries? Are they assigned to where they live and are homeschooled or are separate categories created? Social media is a valuable tool in communicating the needs of the student population. Wayne County, a low-wealth community, lost \$2 million in aid this year. The County Commissioners lowered taxes by less than .1 of one percent equating to \$6 a year – this cost the school \$2 million. This also affected Cumberland and Onslow Counties. Legislators need to hear from you. When Dr. Dunsmore came on board he was told not to ask for new schools: they are now breaking ground on a \$30 million-dollar project – a new elementary school outside the fence of Seymour Johnson with 22 additional elementary classrooms added on the other side of town. This was all figured out when unit class sizes for K-3 were lowered equating to a need for 56 new elementary classrooms. Despite another new school being opened next year, modular classrooms will need to be brought in. Partner with your local school system; bring in the Charter, parochial private schools and work together. The base communities put together \$20,000 to hire an attorney to bypass DPI licensure. The State Board approved licensure flexibility. Education is the future.

**BASE SUSTAINABILITY AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: FRANK BOTTORFF**

Frank Bottorff briefed on Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET) issue. The BLET course is 120 hours and the implementation of the course may be different. Former service members with law enforcement training who seek to return to work in law enforcement in the community are required to attend this training. They recommend more research be done on this matter and check with Host Cities to find out the concerns.

**QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE: KIRK WARNER**

Kirk Warner mentioned the briefing and discussion that QOL had received at the last meeting reference Real ID, NC4ME and Veterans Treatment Courts. There was a lot of good information shared and discussion on each topic. Another topic of discussion is the Children's Crisis Stabilization Unit (CCSU) in the Fort Bragg area. Funding is an issue for the CCSU. QOL will work with anyone to locate funding for this project. Womack still thinks that the need exists for this unit. Chairman Warner will prepare a letter for the Acting Chairman Breece to review. This letter is to seek funding assistance and to share the letter with the Senate Majority Whip.

- K-12 Education. Work to host a meeting of the Superintendents with the largest number of military students to share best practices. Work to get representation on local school boards in high density military communities.
- DOD best practices: Tap I to Fayetteville State University, QOL study by Matrix, DOD State offices (Willie Casey researching).
- Community and Base support measures. The Veteran Treatment Courts are working well. There is a new Veteran Treatment Court (VTC) in Forsyth County. New VTC requested in Guilford, Brunswick, Moore, New Hanover, Wayne and Onslow Counties.
- Cell Tower Initiative: Working with Terry Yonkers and Paul Friday, a NCCC working group.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: JOY TRASH**

Joy Trash stated that they had a good committee meeting and had a briefing on the OEA Grant from Ms. Burns, talked about NC4ME, NCMAC top priorities and NC Military Business Center update.

- OEA Grant Presentation by Nimasheena Burns, grant project manager: Grant name is NC DIDI (North Carolina Defense Industry Diversity Initiative). Connecting the dots, expanding opportunities. The purpose is to find out where DOD contractors are in the state, where subcontractors are, and complete supply chain map. Supply Chain Study – contact prime contractors and go four levels down on subcontractor level. Ten companies will be selected to work with to shore up their infrastructure. The website is ncdidi.com. Recommend that we receive another briefing on this project in the future to the Full NCMAC.
- Workforce Initiatives: NC4ME is a good program. We need more exposure for this program. Commission Elmore stated that it is important to reinvigorate the discussion on the program and keep updated on this program and keep this program at the forefront. Would like to get and update on this program.
- NCMAC Top Priorities: Reviewing the top priorities of the Commission. To see if they are still rated the way they need to be and do we need to add or delete items.
- New Business: Scott Dorney briefed on this topic: Denny Lewis director of DefTech briefing at the Army Capabilities Integration Center, Fort Eustis, VA. Briefing on Seven different technologies and the capabilities of 30 companies in NC. Major events upcoming: 2017 Southeast Region Aerospace Suppliers and Advanced Manufacturing Summit, Aug 15-16 in Winston-Salem; Rolls Royce Lift Fan; Southeast Region Cyber Security and Technology

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Symposium, Aug 24, in Chapel Hill. Any Defense Contractor in NC must certify that they meet Cyber Security Standards by Dec 31. All events are on line at [www.ncmbc.us](http://www.ncmbc.us).

#### **NORTH CAROLINA COMMANDER'S COUNCI (NCCC): PAUL FRIDAY**

BG Alford presided over the NCCC.

- The NCCC received an update from Secretary Hall on structure of the DMVA. He also asked the NCCC to voice any issues and concern to the DVMA as appropriate. Acting Chairman Breece briefed them on the NCMAC current agenda.
- The Installation Commander briefed on their concerns about UAS and UAV. No resolutions at this time but this topic is getting a lot of attention.
- A briefing on Real ID was conducted. Good information was given to the Commander.
- John Nicholson, DEQ briefed on HB 589 (utility rate restructure). Great discussion on this topic. He also briefed on the moratorium on Wind Energy.
- Robert Hosford, Department of Agriculture briefed on Sentinel Landscape and video.
- The NCCC was given a Census reminder and its importance.
- Future Topics: NCCC will reach out to the NCMAC and DMVA when they are convening groups to see if they need to add any agenda items.

Question: LtGen Gary McKissock: Does the NCCC see the NCMAC priorities?

Answer: Paul Friday: Yes, they see them, they are in the book.

#### **LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: SALLY-ANN GUPTA**

Ms. Gupta began the legislative update using a power point presentation. She will review bills that were signed into law.

- **SB8 – Ease Occ. Licensing Burdens on Military Families** – signed into law. Allows military members and their spouses with professional licenses from other states to continue to practice in North Carolina while awaiting licensure, here. Occupational licensing boards are required to issue a temporary practice permit, free of charge, while satisfying requirements for full licensure in NC.
- **S62 Veterans' Affairs Commission Strategic Plan and S63 Military Affairs Commission Strategic Plan** both signed into law. Requires each Commission to adopt/update Strategic Plan. 2016 NCMAC Strategic Plan must be reviewed and an annual report given to Joint Legislative Oversight CMTE on General Government by November 1, 2017. First update is due November 1, 2020.
- **S64 – Veterans' History Awareness Month** – signed into law. Amends current Statute making Veteran's Day a school holiday for public school students and staff, to additionally designate November as Veteran's History Awareness Month and develop appropriate curriculum around that.

- **S12- Veteran’s Memorial/Funds** – signed into law. Appropriated \$250k in non-recurring funds to DMVA for a veterans’ memorial in Broadway, NC.
- **S131 – Regulatory Reform Act of 2016-2017** – signed into law. In part established NC Sentinel Landscapes Committee. Requires the Committee to report to the NCMAC annually, beginning September 1, 2017. Among the members are the Commissioner of Agriculture, DMVA Secretary, DNCR Secretary, Exec. Director of Wildlife Resources Commission, and Dean of College of Natural Resources at NC State.
- **H487 – National Guard Reemployment Rights/Definitions** – signed into law. Provides definitions that clarify National Guard reemployment rights and extending reemployment application period for National Guard members who are injured during duty. Provides if state duty exceeded 30 days, the employee must make written application for reemployment with employer within 14 days of their release from state duty; requires restoration to previous position or other position as previously specified. Would have established that if employee is hospitalized for, or convalescing from an illness or injury incurred during duty, that employee make application for reemployment during a period of recovery limited to 2 years absent an extension by the Commissioner of Labor.
- **S331 (H465) – Military Operations Protection Act of 2017** –signed into law - included in H589 with an adjustment specifying an 18 month wind moratorium and a state wide mapping study to be completed.
- **S257 – 2017 Budget**
  - Section 11.1(c) not included. (would have been appropriation to DMVA in amount of \$8,020,064 for need based student financial aid for the 2017-2019 biennium.)
  - Section 12(B).2(l) is included and appears in Section 11B.3.(k) DoD certified child care facilities may participate in state subsidized child care program that provides for the purchase of care in child care facilities for minor children in needy families provided that funds allocated from state subsidized child care program to those DoD certified child care facilities *supplement* and not *supplant* funds allocated in accordance with a separate subsection.
  - Section 12J.1.(a) is included in Section 11A.14(e). The sum of one million six hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$1,625,000) for each year of the 2017-2019 fiscal biennium and the sum of one million six hundred thousand dollars (\$1,600,000) in Section 11L.1 of this act in Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant funds in each year of the 2017-2019 fiscal biennium to Triangle Residential Options for Substance Abusers, Inc. (TROSA) for the purpose of assisting individuals with substance abuse addiction. TROSA shall be required to seek future funding through the competitive grants process in accordance with subsection (b) of this section. This would have been allocated to DMVA to establish call-in center to assist veterans in locating service benefits and crisis services, and now goes to TROSA.

Question: Doug Taggart (DPI): Had a question about SB8. He said that SB8 had been repurposed.  
Answer: Sally-Ann Gupta: I will check into that.

Question: Steve: Budget Item 1. What is the impact of bullet one on your slide?

Answer: Sally-Ann Gupta: In the Governor's Budget he has requested \$8,020,064 for student based financial aid on behalf of the DMVA and that did not make it into the budget.

#### **REAL ID: TROY CUNNINGHAM DMV**

Mr. Cunningham began his REAL ID presentation with slides.

Congress passed the Real ID Act in 2005 and overseen by Homeland Security

Requiring all States to comply with the Act to ensure that one's form of ID is federally recognizable.

- Final deadline for all states to implement Real ID is October 1, 2020.
- Important to Military families and dependents
- Affects Military Installations
- Currently Real ID is Optional in NC
- Not required for minors when accompanied by a Real ID holder.
- Gold Star proof of ID through DMV.
- Who needs Real ID: Frequent Flyers, Visit military installations, Prisons
- If you don't get Real ID: People will need to present addition information. At TSA checkpoints, Federal Courthouses and etc.
- CAC is not sufficient to get a Real ID.
- Check DMV website for required documents to obtain Real ID.
- Renew cost \$40, Duplicate \$13.
- Set up an appointment to set you Real ID.

#### **SENTINEL LANDSCAPE: ROBERT HOSFORD DEPARTMENT OF AGRICUTURE**

Robert Hosford started his presentation with a video. Our state gets \$84 billion in Agriculture and \$66 billion in Military annually. \$4.6 million for all 100 counties – not just the 33 counties designated as a Sentinel Landscape. We received \$9.2 million for REPI and we are still working on matching funds. We have 4 years to use these funds and we are working with NGO's to find those matching funds.

#### **GROUP DISCUSSION: GEORGE BREECE**

They are going to be changes for the NCMAC. There are going to be new members coming to the NCMAC. Some people are being re-appointed, some are being re-appointed and have not been officially notified yet. The members that have been re-appointed or don't know if they are being reappoint we ask you to continue to be engaged. It is very clear that we need to have a Budget and Finance Task Force. Also, the Bylaws Task Force. Acting Chairman George Breece recommended names for each task force. Names can be added or deleted as new members are appointed. Everyone has a voice and will be heard. New appointments and new chairperson in the next 30-60 days. Acting Chairman George Breece will continue to serve until 1 Aug 2018.

**WORKING GROUPS: GEORGE BREECE**

- **Chairman Budget and Finance Working Group:** Develop policies and procedures, monitoring expenditures by, for and on behalf and the NCMAC. Report to the ESG and the ESG will bring it forward to the Full NCMAC. Recommendations for the Working Group: Frank Bottorff – Chairman, Joy Trash, Chuck Allen, Jeremiah Daniels, Steve Ratti, Chris Rey, and Joseph Kelly, Ex-Officio to the Task Force.
- **Chairman By-Laws Working Group:** Get the new legislation and by-laws to match. Report to the ESG and the ESG will bring it forward to the Full NCMAC. By-laws dated 5-24-16 revision. Recommendations for the Working Group: Patricia Harris, Robert Dickerson, Kirk Warner – Chairman, Tony Stimatz, Sally-Ann Gupta, William Hatcher, and Joseph Kelly Ex-Officio to the Task Force.

**NCMAC TOP PRIORITIES:**

Acting Chairman George Breece started the discussion that the NCMAC collectively needed to review their Top Priorities to see if they were still valid. He asked LtGen Gary McKissock to lead the group in the discussion of the priorities. The top priorities have not been reviewed in approximately 1 ½ years. LtGen McKissock recommended that each committee will go back, review their committee priorities and synchronize areas of responsibility with strategic plan. The ESG can bring back any new proposals to the next Commission meeting. Tony Stimatz recommended what the format for the priority slide will be as noted below. Commissioner Steve Ratti recommended that the title be broader. If the category is broader we can add and subtract as needed.

- **FORMAT FOR PRIORITY SLIDE:**
  - Priority
  - Lead
  - Goal
  - Status/Action. Can be TBD if necessary.

**NAVY EIS LETTER: GEORGE BREECE**

George talked about the Navy EIS letter. Paul Friday attended the event related to the draft letter being discussed. Commissioner Steve Ratti drafted the letter from the NCMAC. The Secretary of Commerce office is reviewing the drafted letter with in the Commerce office. Commissioner Steve Ratti made a few comments about the drafted letter. George requested that John Simmons or Sal Nodjomian from the Roosevelt Group also review the drafted letter per Commissioner Steve Ratti' s recommendation. This is time sensitive matter, end of Aug. The Acting chair requested a motion to approve sending the letter as written, signed by the Chairman subject to the legal review. Tony Stimatz moved the motion and Commissioner Steve Ratti seconded the motion, and passed by unanimous vote.

**VETTING NCMAC ISSUES: FRANK BOTTORFF**

Frank gave background information on vetting NCMAC issues prior to distribution to outside agencies. He discussed the issue of the Enterprise Range Plan and his objection that the matter was not vetted by the NCMAC prior to information being sent to Congress or DoD. The NCMAC needs to review any white papers sent out in its name. He made his objections known formally in writing to Secretary DMVA, and the Acting Chairman, that he disagreed with a section of the letter. The letter went forward anyway and was briefed to the Deputy Under Secretary of AF.

- No member of the NCMAC should write something and use it as an “ NCMAC paper” and brief anyone, without the prior approval of the NCMAC.
- Issues that affect ranges in Eastern NC, need to be thoroughly reviewed by NC. This range issue is being pushed by ACC (Air Combat Command) /the state of VA. Our lobbyist, who do a great job for us, are also representing VA.
- Next contract should address the potential for a conflict of interest if our lobbyist represents competing states. Our contract lobbyist working for multiple states on the same issue could be concerning. This should be written into the bylaws to clarify and prevent potential conflicts.
- Currently there are white papers out there stating that the NCMAC supports an issue, that we should potentially retract.
- Discussion followed about this matter and ensuring that the NCMAC has vetted issues as needed.

The Acting Chair George Breece adjourned at 3:45 pm.