



North Carolina Military Affairs Commission

Quality of Life Committee
April 29, 2016

Call to order

A meeting of the Quality of Life Committee was held at the NC Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, 413 N. Salisbury Street, Raleigh, NC as well as via teleconference on April 29, 2016.

Attendees

Attendees included:

- Jeff Sanborn (committee chair)
- George Breece (on committee)
- General Beard (NC National Guard designee)
- Doug Taggart (Dept of Instruction designee)
- Kimrey Rhinehart (President of the University of North Carolina designee)
- Sebastian Montague (NC DOT)
- ET Mitchell (NCMAC Member-at-large)
- Kirk Warner (NCMAC Member-at-large)
- Paul Friday (MCI-East)
- Ilario Pantano (NC DMVA)
- Jeremy Schmidt (NC DMVA)

Members not in attendance

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- W.A. Lehmann (on committee)
- Walter Marm Jr. (on committee)
- Anne Shaw (Community College President Designee)
- Tom Ross (President of the University of North Carolina)

Approval of minutes

Chair called meeting to order at 9:30am and minutes were approved.

Reports

Topic: PSAP Funding

Discussion: The Chair discussed the PSAP aboard Fort Bragg. No updates available at this time.

Action Items: The Chair explained he will connect with Fort Bragg to receive additional updates and how the NCMAC can assist.

Resolution: Additional information will be prepared for the next QOL meeting.

Topic: Children Crisis Stabilization Unit in Fayetteville to serve Military Dependents

Discussion: An update was provided for the committee. The unit is currently at 50% of its funding goal.

Action Items: DMVA has started engaging with the American Petroleum Institute. Its members in NC have expressed interest in supporting initiatives like this.

Resolution: Committee will continue to support the initiative and discuss it at the full NCMAC meeting.

Topic: School Calendar Flexibility

Discussion: Mr. Taggart briefed the options available. Looking in to state and regional support to develop this initiative. A point paper is currently being developed by DPI that will further explain the current situation. Ms. Mitchell asked about the guidance for in-state tuition. Recommended the UNC System and Community College System develop a single explanation that assists Servicemembers on what options are available.

Action Items: Mr. Taggart will provide the point paper when it is completed. Mr. Taggart will also provide a draft version of the military spouse teachers for NC initiative.

Resolution: Continue engagement with school systems and DPI to ensure eligible students receive the benefits and ability to be in-state students.

Unfinished business

Not applicable

New business

Topic: Veteran Treatment Courts

Discussion: The Veteran Treatment Courts have seen successes so far in NC. NCMAC's ability to be a positive advocate would support the expansion of these initiatives. Legislation is possible to allow the circuit court boundaries to develop a MOU for expanded utilization of the initiative. Harnett County currently has a Veterans Court template that could be emulated.

Action Items: Motion for committee to go on the record in favor of expanding the Veterans Courts and advocate it as a priority for the ESG and NCMAC.

Resolution: Motion seconded. Unanimous approval.

Open Discussion

Not applicable

Adjournment

Adjourn at 10:22am