



NORTH CAROLINA MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMISSION

Minutes for Executive Steering Group (ESG) Meeting, 3rd Quarter, August 6, 2019 **Wells Fargo Building, 23rd Floor, 150 Fayetteville Street, Raleigh**

Members Present

Grier Martin, Chairman
Frank Bottorff, Base Sustainability, Chair
Kirk Warner, Quality of Life, Chair
Paul Friday, Installation Area
Hon Chuck Allen, Installation Area

Members Not Present

David Hayden
Senator Harry Brown

NCMAC Members Present

Rep George Cleveland

Additional Attendees

Secretary Larry Hall, DMVA
Chad Sydnor, Cassidy and Associates
Ariel Aponte, Assistant Sec Military Affairs
Ron Massey, Deputy City Manager, Jacksonville
Marc Farr, Camp Lejeune
Pokie Harris, NC 911 Board
Chris Hayley, LA for G. Martin
Kelly Jackson, DMVA

OPENING REMARKS: CHAIRMAN GRIER MARTIN

Chairman Grier Martin called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Chairman Martin welcomed everyone to the Executive Steering Group (ESG) meeting and had a roll call of attendees. The Group had a quorum.

CONSENT MINUTES: CHAIRMAN GRIER MARTIN

Chairman Martin asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the 2nd Quarter meeting minutes held on May 7, 2019. Kirk Warner made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Paul Friday and passed by a unanimous vote.

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS (DMVA) UPDATE: SECRETARY LARRY HALL

Secretary Hall welcomed the members to the meeting. The DMVA is in the middle of several projects. We did receive the authorization from the Veterans Affairs Secretary to proceed with the construction of the Forsythe Nursing Home. That ground breaking will be soon. We will be completing the expansion of the Sandhills Cemetery, in the Spring Lake area soon. That will be complete in September 2019. We will be going to visit and look at the final actions on that project this week. We have a Drone Summit in Greensboro bringing together along with the Department of Transportation an emphasis on the military this year. The Summit will be next week in Greensboro. Folks from all over the United States and certainly around the Southeast will be there to present their developments and what their plans are for the future use of drones. As you know we have a target of both Commercial and other delivery uses of drones in NC. We have a pilot project going with medical delivery with Department of Transportation, Wake Medical, and other hospitals in this area. Advances are continuing both in commercial and other

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applications. The largest user of drones is the Department of Agriculture. Many folks might not be aware of that with their mission being the primary responsibility of all the forested lands and farm lands in NC. Also, how they are being used in Emergency Management is an issue to be discussed. The continuing shift in the utilization of drones in air operations of every kind you can think of will continue. We have also made an effort to reach out to the Military and the National Guard, so they can be involved in this Summit to see how we are able to conduct operations side by side. Our Scholarships are being delivered. We have approximately 1,300 scholarships out there now that we are administering. We have some folks that did not receive scholarships and we have been able to provide them alternate places to go and apply. Some of them missed the deadline and some will be able to apply for other scholarships. Some are determined to not be eligible so, we are trying to do a better job to ensure that the information is out there so people apply on time and apply for the right scholarships that they are eligible for. It creates a problem when we have folks apply for scholarships that are not eligible for them and then miss the deadlines for the other scholarships that they would be eligible for. That puts them in a procedure where they end up trying to find some way to get waivers which obviously makes it difficult for other folks who are eligible, applied on time and wants to receive their scholarship. We will continue to work on that. We don't have the funding that we have normally received for that yet. Last year we had a supplemental on the budget and hopefully we will be able to get the Escheats funding again this year. We will have to do this on a supplemental or a technical corrections bill, I think is what we got it on last cycle. So that we can continue the program.

Chairman Martin asked if there were any questions. Rep Cleveland said that his understanding is that once an individual applies for a scholarship, he is looked at for all scholarships that he is eligible for and he can move from one to the other. Sec Hall said that was correct if they applied on time and they are eligible. They will be considered for all that we have in our program. Our big problem is that people don't apply on time and they are not eligible at all for any of our scholarships. Rep Cleveland asked, is the time factor the big issue? Sec Hall said that the time factor was the biggest challenge. We conscientiously try to push out requests for people who have not been receiving them, previously have not applied, anyone who was late the last time. We send it out to them. We try to publish the dates in our network to make sure that everyone knows. We must get the applications processed and many instances verify what is on the applications and have that done in a timely manner, so people get notice of receiving the scholarship, so they can make their plans to attend. It is good for both parties to have these deadlines met. Chairman Martin asked if the Federal Yellow Ribbon program is anything that the DMVA worked on? Sec Hall said that his office did not. Rep Cleveland said the Colleges and Universities do that. No further discussion.

QUALITY OF LIFE (QOL) COMMITTEE: KIRK WARNER

Kirk Warner said that the QOL had a meeting on July 16, 2019 and it was a great meeting with approximate 16 attendees. We talked about the usual agenda items. I want to talk to you about the Purple Star Program. There is a committee that is meeting and coming back with recommendations for the NC program I did find out a few things that I want to pass on to you. I want to share with you what is happening in SC and TX has adopted legislation. Ohio has just adopted a Purple Star program. If NC needs legislation and Department of Public Instruction (DPI) administers it, we can help and let them know what is going on in other states. This would be for the next school year. Rep Cleveland said that if you need legislation for the next school year, you will be hard pressed to get it.

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Chairman Martin asked if they could do something in the Short Session? Rep Cleveland said that we could run the bill, but I think that DPI might have a problem with trying to implement the program. Chairman Martin said that the Short Session will start in May and hopefully it will be over quickly. Kirk Warner said that if we hire the DPI Military Liaison person, that would be the person that could shepherd this program along. The second part is what is the best time to chew on this? Rep Cleveland said that he would need it as soon as possible. Kirk Warner said that he did not know if SC had done it as legislation. I know that TX and OH have done it with legislation. It is more robust in OH with 85 schools in the program and this is their second year. This program is a win/win and does not cost much. Rep Cleveland asked if anyone has gone to DPI to see if we need legislation? Kirk Warner said that was a great point and he is not sure if we have asked that question. The people on the Purple Star committee are from DPI. Kirk Warner will ask them that question. Rep Cleveland said that we need to have the DPI people review this to see if legislation is needed. Frank Bottorff said that maybe they could give us a letter of support for the program. Kirk Warner said he would investigate this. The highlights of the program are professional development, liaison with specific points of contact, pass resolutions publicly supporting the kids, and adopting programs to meet these types of criteria. Once you check those blocks you receive that recognition. The committee continues to work on this program.

We also had a representative from the National Guard, LTC David Baker and he briefed on the deployment of the 30th Armor Brigade Combat Team. This deployment touches all over the State of NC. The deployment will be approximately 3000-4000 soldiers from across the State. This Purple Star Program could be very helpful for school systems to reach out to the families of deployed soldiers. We have had a request from the QOL committee to have a General Officer from the National Guard give a briefing at the Full NCMAC meeting about this upcoming deployment. This briefing should be about 10 minutes and I think that this would be an informative briefing. The second request from the QOL Committee is to have an update on Senate Bill 761. I would like to have Siobhan Norris from the UNC System briefing on what is going on there. We also got an update from Doug Taggart as he attended the last military credit meeting in April. It was a helpful discussion. Chairman Martin asked how much of this had to do with the legislation that is out there? Rep Cleveland said that he thought he was referring to the legislation to have the on-line catalogue. Kirk Warner said we could have Siobhan Norris give us an update on how they are doing on the military credits and then on the on-line catalogue. Kirk Warner asked Rep Cleveland what the status of the UNC data base legislation. Rep Cleveland said that the legislation is in the budget. We thought that there was going to be \$200,000 associated with the legislation but someone decided that the Universities can afford to spend their own money. Kirk Warner said that he thought that there were some grants that they were using for this project. From QOL we recommend those 2 briefings. If we have time I would like to have the Purple Star get 5 minutes on the agenda. Chairman Martin asked if Kirk Warner anticipated any action by the Commission. Kirk Warner said no not at this time but maybe after we get more information about legislation for the Purple Star program. We had representatives from the Fort Bragg school systems. We also talked about the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3) meeting that is scheduled for September. We want to thank the Legislature for getting Senate Bill 448 adopted into law. We also had a briefing about NC work-based Navigator by Caroline Sullivan. That is what we had for QOL. No further discussion.

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LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: REPRESENTATIVE GEORGE CLEVELAND

Representative George Cleveland gave an update for Legislative Affairs Committee.

House Bill 50: Update: Signed into Law as House Bill 50, July 26, 2019; SL 2019-175.

Short Title: Allow Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy for TBI/PTSD

Primary Sponsors: Representatives Murphy, Grange, Martin, and Speciale

House Bill 64: Update: Dead.

Short Title: Blue/Gold Star Mothers' Appreciation Day

Primary Sponsors: Representatives Horn, Cleveland, Grange, and Potts

House Bill 113: Update: This bill is in the budget

Short Title: MCAC and TAC/Funds

Primary Sponsors: Representatives Insko, R. Smith, Grange, and Fraley

House Bill 133: Update: Dead

Short Title: Veterans/Health Care/Pilot Program

Primary Sponsors: Representatives Szoka, Dodson, Grange, and Pierce

House Bill 274: Update: Senate Rules and will be part of Senate Bill 230.

Short Title: Child Abuse & Neglect/Military Affiliation

Primary Sponsors: Representatives Grange, Potts, and White

House Bill 498: Update: Dead

Short Title: NC Constitutional Carry Act

Primary Sponsors: Representatives Kidwell, Speciale, and Hanig

House Bill 511: Update: Dead

Short Title: NC National Guard/Courts-Martial

Primary Sponsors: Representative Grange, Szoka, and Goodwin

Companion Bill: Senate Bill 417 (Senators Daniel, Britt, and D. Davis)

House Bill 523: Update: Signed into Law as Senate Bill 420, July 25, 2019; SL2019-161.

Short Title: NC Servicemembers Civil Relief Act

Primary Sponsors: Representative Grange, Szoka, and Goodwin

Companion Bill: Senate Bill 420:

House Resolution 550: Update: House Resolution 550 was adopted unanimously on May 2, 2019.

Title: A House Resolution urging Congress to ensure full implementation of the VA Mission Act of 2018.

Primary Sponsors: Representatives Grange, Potts, and Szoka

This is a federal act that was passed and sponsored with large bipartisan support and signed into law June 6, 2018. This is just urging the full implementation of that federal act to benefit North Carolina.

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House Bill 650: Update: No action being taken on this bill.

Short Title: Military Retirement Income Tax Relief
Primary Sponsors: Representatives Szoka and Grange

House Bill 696: Update: Dead

Short Title: NC Families First Act
Primary Sponsors: Representatives Meyer, Batch, Clark, and Majeed

House Bill 804: Update: Dead

Short Title: Vet. Posttraumatic Stress/Mitigating Factor
Primary Sponsors: Representatives Grange, Zachary, Szoka, and Hardister

House Bill 896: Update: This bill is dead, but the language is in other legislation.

Short Title: In-State Tuition/Military Spouses
Primary Sponsors: Representatives Grange, Martin, and Szoka

House Bill 902: Update: Senate Rules but also in Senate Bill 230, which is on the floor today.

Short Title: Military-Trained Spouse Licensure Practices
Primary Sponsors: Representatives Grange, and Bell

House Bill 954: Update: Dead

Short Title: Qualified Disabled Veteran/10% Preference
Primary Sponsors: Jarvis, Horn, and Potts

Senate Bills:

Senate Bill 188: Update: Senate Rules

Short Title: Military State Income Tax Relief
Primary Sponsors: Senate Burgin

Senate Bill 219: Update: Signed into Law as Senate Bill 219, July 1, 2019; SL 2019-71

Short Title: Modify Teacher Licensing Requirements
Primary Sponsors: Senators McInnis, Tillman, and Johnson

Senate Bill 230: Update: SB 230 has had other language from other Bills added to it and has to go back to the Senate for concurrence.

Short Title: Excused Absences from Military Children
Primary Sponsors: D. Davis, Brown, and Ballard

Senate Bill 231: Update: Re-written to require only Commerce to do the Study.

Title: Study Military Economic Zones
Primary Sponsors: D. Davis, Brown, and Perry

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Senate Bill 232: Update: House Rules.

Short Title: Tracing Outcomes of Veterans Programs
Primary Sponsors: D. Davis, Brown, and B. Jackson

Senate Bill 293: Update: Dead

Short Title: Military Dependents/Need-Based Private School
Primary Sponsors: D. Davis, Tillman, and Brown

Senate Bill 342: Update: In the budget.

Short Title: NC Military Business Center Funds
Primary Sponsors: D. Davis, Burgin, and Edwards

Senate Bill 377: Update: House Rules.

Short Title: Military Base Protection Act
Primary Sponsors: Senators Brown, Newton, and Sanderson

Senate Bill 409: Update: House Rules and went to IT for the Study.

Short Title: Study NC Veterans Registry
Primary Sponsors: D. Davis, Sanderson, and Burgin

Senate Bill 448: Update: Signed into Law as Senate Bill 448, June 21, 2019; SK 2019-38

Short Title: Amend App For Compact on Education/Military
Primary Sponsors: Senator Brown
Companion Bill: House Bill 340 (Representatives Martin, Cleveland, and Bell)

Senate Bill 455: Update: Dead

Short Title: Equality for All
Primary Sponsors: Senators Waddell, Searcy, and Woodard
Companion Bill: House Bill 514 (Representatives Harrison, Fisher, Butler, and Alexander)

Senate Bill 458: Update: On the Calendar today. On June 27, 2019 was recognized as Posttraumatic Stress Injury Day in a proclamation by the Governor and June 2019 was recognized as Posttraumatic Stress Injury month.

Short Title: Establish Posttraumatic Stress injury Day
Primary Sponsors: Senators Brown, J. Jackson, and Burgin
That day would be annually on June 27 and designated as Posttraumatic Stress Injury Day in North Carolina.

Senate Bill 517: Update: Dead

Short Title: Protect the Military/Fisheries/Tourism
Primary Sponsors: Senator Peterson

Senate Bill 672: Update: In the budget with 3 positions (1 State level liaison, and 2 military school liaisons for Onslow and Cumberland Counties) in the budget.

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Short Title: Military Liaison Counselors/Funds
Primary Sponsors: Senators Burgin and Brown

Chairman Martin gave an update on where we are with the budget. The Legislature passed a budget for NC which the Governor vetoed. It has gone back to the Legislature for action. The Legislature has the option to overturn the veto or fail to overturn it. The veto override goes to the House because that is where the bill originated, so it is awaiting action in the House. One possible outcome is that the Legislature votes to overturn the Governor's veto, in which case the budget the General Assembly (GA) passed becomes law. If the GA does not overturn the veto, in absence of any other legislation State funding will stay at current levels. There would not be a shut down as in the Federal Government but continue on with no significant changes in funding. The goal, I think is to overturn the veto and enact this budget or to come to a compromise or a different budget. The upside of this for the NC Military Affairs Commission is if the Legislature does not overturn the veto and there is some kind of compromise budget, the priorities for NC Military Affairs Commission is to work all over again to get information into the compromise budget. So, if that is the path that is taken then the slate is wiped clean. Mayor Chuck Allen said that the NC Military Affairs Commission is funded out of non-recurring funds and at some point, we would run out of money. Should we worry about that? Chairman Martin said that at this time that is an unknown. He does not think that the limp along option is any way to run the State, but it does prevent us from having a shut down. Frank Bottorff said that for those organizations that only rely on non-recurring funds, like us, if they don't have a carry over this would be very difficult. We will talk about the budget later, but we are currently in a good position. Because we have carry-over funds, we should be able to get through this year even if the budget continues to limp along. If this carried over into a second year, then we would have some tough discussions because we would not have enough money to get through our spending plan for 2 complete years. Chairman Martin said that there is some argument that this is a good provision that we have because it prevents us from completely shutting down. The counter argument is that there is not as much of an immediate push to come to a compromise. Rep Cleveland said that they had passed a couple of bills that ensure that the Federal money continues to flow and for some non-recurring funding that is important. Being the nice Conservative that I am, leave the budget the way it is and save a lot of money. Chairman Martin said to stay tuned.

Frank Bottorff asked about the State Income Tax legislation. This topic comes up in almost every committee from military active duty and retirees. Is there anything that this Commission can do to help with this issue? Is there something we need to be doing? Rep Cleveland said that the leadership in the House and Senate need to realize that this is a win/win situation for the State and stick it in the budget. He has advocated for it for a dozen years. I have some concern for active duty pay being tax free, but I can live with that. Frank Bottorff said that almost every state does do that. Rep Cleveland said not quite. Frank Bottorff said unless you are stationed in that State. Rep Cleveland said that what he is familiar with is that it is almost a 2-1 return. We have done studies on this. They are on-line with the 4th Branch. Until the leadership is convinced of this, we are just pedaling. Chairman Martin said that lack of information is not the issue. We have had the information for a long time. Frank Bottorff said that I feel like we are admiring the problem but not doing anything about it. Rep Cleveland said that what is frustrating to him is that we have the funds now to do it. It won't be a huge debt in anyone's pocket. Frank Bottorff said that the studies have shown that the money works out. But also, it is an investment

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in the future and when you have the number of retirees that we have in this state and actively saying, why do we call ourselves the most military friendly state. The people that should be giving us the most support for all the great work that the State of NC does, are frankly some of the loudest voices against

the State of NC. Rep Cleveland said that when we go out to military organizations looking for support we get nothing. When we go to teacher organizations looking for support we get nothing. Individually they say a lot but getting support across the board, nothing happens. If the support could be generated within the Retiree Community that would be a tremendous help. We have 2 classes of retirees in the State. We have folks that don't pay taxes and folks that do pay taxes. Chairman Martin said that one advantage we do have is that we have military retirees across the State. What is going to make them want to lobby their legislators? Chuck Allen asked if we need to take a more active role in that, the NCMAC? Chairman Martin said yes, if that is what we want to do. That is in our portfolio to do so. This will take the local Military Affairs Commissions along with the NC Military Affairs Commission and the Veterans Affairs Commission. It is in our interest on the Economic Development side of things and their side for helping Veterans. We don't have the ability to do it ourselves, but we would need to partner up with Veteran Service Organizations and local military communities to get this done. Chuck Allen said that he has heard this topic talked about at the NC Military Affairs Commission meetings but not at his County level. Frank Bottorff said that you must remember that most of the military members who have had a full career in the military are not very politically active. Chuck Allen asked if we needed to get a committee together to look into this. Chairman Martin said yes, and that committee should be Economic Development. He will ask the Economic Development Chairman to look into this and reach out to the Veterans Affairs Commission and explore this topic.

Kelly Jackson said that she had received a request from BG Todd Hunt from the National Guard. He has been approached by a couple individuals about veterans being exempt from paying for parking at airport and tolls. This is being done in Texas. Chairman Martin asked Kirk Warner to look into this topic from the Quality of Life Committee perspective.

Paul Friday said that when he was at his Community Coordinator meeting with Camp Lejeune he was informed that the Community College was very nervous about the resolution of the budget in terms of the session. They are hitting a wall in regard to faculty reupping and student enrollment. Rep Cleveland said he would have to look into this matter. Paul Friday said he would appreciate Rep Cleveland looking into this item.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: FRANK BOTTORFF

Frank Bottorff briefed for Economic Development as David Hayden was out of town. Our meeting was on Wednesday, July 17. The first person to talk was Scott Dorney and he wanted to thank the Commission for the support on their budget request. We also had a budget update. There were updates from FRC-East and Fort Bragg areas. The update from Arnold Gordon-Bray was extensive, so he was asked to see if they could narrow down some of the items that was covered in his document. Scott Dorney gave the committee an update on the events that they have upcoming. We also had a briefing from Denny Lewis, EDPNC. We may want to have him brief the NCMAC in November. There was also an update on the progress on the Cluster Analysis project. They have completed phase 1 of 4 phases. Paul Friday said that the event that Naval Facilities (NAVFAC) Industry Day: Hurricane Florence Recovery is

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having in Charlotte will roll out the process for bids related to recovery efforts for the Natural Disasters in Eastern, NC. They choose to do it in Charlotte for a variety of reasons. This will be a meet the vendor day. Frank Bottorff said that the decision to have the event in Charlotte was, so they would attract more of the larger construction firms. Kirk Warner said that with the National Guard deployment, they are losing a lot of manpower and service for disaster relief while they are deployed and that will need to be built in to the planning for the State and that is being done. No further discussion.

BASE SUSTAINABILITY AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: FRANK BOTTORFF

Frank Bottorff said that the Base Sustainability and Community Affairs Committee met on July 30th. He said that Ron Massey presented a request related to the 911 system for a Resolution from the NC Military Affairs Commission. Ron Massey talked that the 911 system is a topic that the NCMAC has worked on before about 4-5 years ago. Sen Brown has had conversations with the NC 911 Board about how we support the Public Service Answering Points (PSAPs). At that time, they said that we did not need to change any legislation and they would work on providing more support. We get some support that we can get reimbursed for. But by and large military PSAPs are not approved PSAPs by the State 911 Board based on their rules. On military bases the people that have phones are paying into the 911 fund. If the bases were not answering the call, then the city would be answering those calls. The point is that 911 funding is problematic when it comes to transferring funds to bases/installations. You must be creative in how you can get support for the military bases using the 911 funding. One of the things that has happened and those of you that have worked with bases understand that the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) 2013 allowed intergovernmental service agreements with state and local governments. The bases can receive services provided by state and local governments. This is a tool that is out there. Where we are now, is that the State is going to the Next Generation 911 system. Which is a digital system that will provide a lot more information, has a lot more flexibility and redundancy in call routing and less subject of failure than the current system has. The State has contracted statewide for the Next Generation 911 service that is going to be provided and paid for by the State to approve public safety answering points. This does not include the military bases. What we have in our community are 3 PSAPs and they are in the City, the County and Camp Lejeune. Because the military bases are a target. We think it is important that we have that number of PSAPs to handle situations and a serious event and back each other up. As we move to the Next Generation 911 system, the state will pay for the cities and counties Next Generations connectivity but not for the base. The State does not believe that the bases can be supported under the State's contract but under the intergovernmental support agreement authority, it can be. That will be a different discussion. The bases will have to procure a different contract with the vendor that is providing all the PSAPs in the state. The bases will have to pay for this with their own funding. It is our opinion that the State should have more authority and the State law allow designated military PSAPs to receive services like the host communities outside those bases receive. This is part of what we should be doing for the security of the base and our community. That will also help the bases to be cost effective. That is why we created the Resolution. Rep Cleveland has been working in the legislature to add language to in House Bill 217 that is currently being considered. We appreciate his efforts. We think it is important to up our level of support.

Chairman Martin asked Pokey Harris, Executive Director NC 911 Board to speak on this matter. Chairman Martin said that this is a complicated issue. The 911 Board staff has been having conversation

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with the military installations personnel. We have had conversations about the buildout, the connectivity and inclusion of all our military installations in NC for the Next Generation 911 project. Ron Massey is correct that we are building out an IP network, called an Emergency Services Internet Protocol Network (ESInet) that would connect all our approved PSAPs in NC. The military installations today, can gain connectivity to the ESInet through contracts they would have with AT&T. AT&T is the owner of this network. We have managed a set of contracts that AT&T does oversee the network, but they are a managed service vendor to us. Like I said, we have been having conversations with the Military Installations personnel. Over the course of the last 4-6 months I have been having conversations with Department of Defense (DoD). Talking about Next Generation 911 across the country. I have brought to them what we are doing in NC and they have indicated that as they are looking at this and understanding the importance of the inclusion of the military installations, that there is very well and possibly a funding stream. Ron Massey is correct that the approved PSAPs for 911 are the ones that are approved for funding. The contract that we have with AT&T identifies the 127 PSAPs that we will be migrating. When we went to the Request for Proposal (RFP) this was a very detailed and complex process. Every PSAP had to be assessed to determine the cost associated with it. We have had discussions as we have been talking about the military installations as they let their interest be known. As we begin to talk to them, we will go through the same assessments, so they can understand the cost associated with this as well. Aside from the cost involved we must look at the architectural design and technology required, the engineering and most certainly the cyber security components of all of this. Each military installation we speak with will be very different. We will have conversations with each of them along with our AT&T representatives and project team. We want to understand the needs for each base as we begin to look at the way and explore the way we would build this out and we will include them in the Next Generation solution in NC. That is just an overview and I am happy to answer any questions. Please understand that we do value our military communities, as well as our host communities. We will continue to have more discussions.

Chairman Martin thanked both Ron Massey and Pokie Harris for their presentations. He asked if there were any questions. Paul Friday asked if they knew if the NC Commanders Council has taken this up recently to look at the synergy and help the State figure out what the needs that the military has or is this being done on a base by base process? Pokie Harris said she could not hear the question. Paul Friday asked her if she had briefed the NC Commander's Council recently? Ron Massey said that the NC Commander's Council had been briefed at their last meeting in May. Also, before that briefing, the Camp Lejeune staff had met with Pokie Harris and her staff. As Pokie Harris has said, she has a time set up to go and talk to the Commander at Fort Bragg as a result of that discussion at the last NC Commander's Council. There is a lot of good things going on, but my main point is we should not basically exclude some of the support that we currently do have which in some cases, I am told the State Law does not allow it. We should not exclude providing that to military PSAPs. If in fact the 911 Board does not consider them approved PSAPs, I believe that the State Law needs to be changed so that the State Law designates them as approve and available to be supported. Chairman Martin asked Pokie Harris if she said something about a possible DoD funding stream coming available? Can you talk about that? Pokie Harris said that she wished that she had more detailed information on that matter, but she did not at this time. She said Dr. Sarina Chan who serves in a liaison capacity for DoD. Also, Joe Walters is in the Public Safety Sector for DoD. They shared information back in June at the National 911 Directors meeting that there was possibly funding through Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA).

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I am not familiar with that funding mechanism, but there is possible funding. I have talked with both Dr. Chan and Joe Walters to see if they can come to NC in the very near future to talk to us about that. We are working on scheduling that meeting. They do understand that across the Country, each State is very different for funding formulas and mechanisms for 911. So, to determine a specific funding stream or funding mechanism would be challenging. They do realize that not all States can afford this and not all counties can afford this. They also do understand from a military perspective that funding should be made available.

Chairman Martin asked both Ron Massey and Pokie Harris when could the installations be connected, how soon before they are ready and have the necessary cyber security sign offs and hurdles they may have? Pokie Harris said that what they would do is and what they have begun to do is to talk with each individual Installation. We can understand their operational infrastructure, the telephone company that serves them, and the equipment that we have. We would begin those discussions and then it would be driven from each of the individual Installations to let their interest be known and then go through the assessment that is required to be a part of the project implementation. What we are looking at right now in NC, is we have a project buildout that by 2021 we will have all the 911 Centers in NC on the internet. This year we will buildout with 40, then 50 and finalize in 2021. So, if any of those military installations are interested in the on-boarding process that we have done with all the PSAPs, and then begin that demographic review and gather all that information from them to begin that process. As soon as any military installation lets us know that they are interested, we are going to engage AT&T in that conversation. Since AT&T is the owner of the network and providing the connectivity. They will also help with the on-boarding process and assessment. So, for me to give you a specific date or time, it would be within months once they let their interest be known. I don't understand the complexities of the review and assessment on the military side that would happen. As we have been having conversations with the military delegation, we are committed to have these conversations monthly.

Chuck Allen asked a question about the Resolution approved from the Base Sustainability and Community Affairs Committee. In the Resolution it states, in North Carolina a monthly 911 service charge is imposed on each active service connection communications services connection that provides access through a voice communications service which is credited to the 911 Fund in the NC State Treasury. This service charge applies to military installations and individuals living on those installations. I read that to say that they are already paying into the 911 Fund. Is that correct? Pokie Harris said that was correct, anyone who owns a device pays into that Fund. Chuck Allen said then why are you trying to charge bases separately? Pokie Harris said that the way the distribution is set up and the way that the funding for PSAPs is set up in NC, it is set aside and allowed for approved 911 primary PSAPs and approved secondary PSAPs in NC. So, any PSAP that is not identified in either of those categories, funding distribution is not provided to them.

Frank Bottorff said so you have described the methodology under which the military could participate if they desired, which would start with the visit to asset their capability and any equipment upgrades they would need and then coordinate with AT&T. That would be the same process whether they were doing it independently or if the Legislature approved the military PSAPs as eligible approved PSAPs. Are there any challenges if the Legislature approves the military PSAPs to become approved NC PSAPs? Is the process the same or are there other hurdles? Pokie Harris said that the process would be the same, but

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think what we are talking about here from approval is a financial support component. If they choose to become part of the network now, there would be a separate contract that they would hold with AT&T. That would be part of the Statewide contract, but they would be allowed connectivity based on their own contract with AT&T. Frank Bottorff said that the bottom line in this is financial. Because they are not an approved PSAP, they fund it themselves, but if potentially the State approves them as a PSAPs, then they would be eligible. Clearly, we would have to sit down and negotiate what things they would be required to bring up to a standard first. It sounds like it is just a matter of approving them as a PSAPs. Pokie Harris said in some degree that is correct, but I think that their needs to be a great deal of conversation. As I understand prior to my arrival to NC, around 2014-2015, there was discussion about this. I think the biggest concern about this that presented itself was that any funding that went towards a PSAPs on a military installation in NC, that the dollars would go to DoD proper and not the General Fund. I think that was of some concern to the Board and the Legislators at that time. I think there is room to discuss the funding capabilities and funding distribution to military installations. We would have to sit down and very carefully look at the complexity of this matter.

Ron Massey said that the City of Jacksonville is going through the assessment by AT&T right now because they hope to be on the new system by the end of the year or beginning of the next year. We would like the base system to be assessed at the same time and done by the AT&T contractor while we are working through all these details about whether the base would need its own contract with AT&T or through an Intergovernmental Support Agreement, the State contract could support the base.

Rep Cleveland told Pokie that she mentioned, that if a base was interested, you would have AT&T evaluate them. Camp Lejeune has been a backup PSAP for some time now for the County and the City. Are you going to have them evaluated or not? Pokie Harris said that once Camp Lejeune makes their interest known, we would talk to AT&T and then have conversations with Camp Lejeune. Rep Cleveland told Ron Massey to have someone call Pokie Harris and set this up. Pokie Harris said that at this time there is really no cost for an assessment.

Chairman Martin asked Pokie Harris if anyone has posed the question, DoD, the Commander's Council or Commanders on when they technologically would be ready to plug into our system. What do we need to do to find that out? Pokie Harris said as she understands it, the conversations that we have been having with the delegations, that was noted here. I have had conversation with Scott Britson and he has had various individuals who are, as we are discussing interested with the military installations, who are beginning to understand the requirements for the technology side for the network, the 911 equipment and the DIS component. So, from that perspective, with those individuals, they are beginning to make that determination and that assessment. From the conversation that I had yesterday, and I will follow up with Marc Farr, Camp Lejeune, and Mark Jetson about some particular components. Also, the infrastructure involved. I guess that is not the big DoD but there are conversations going on. Cyber security is the biggest concern for everyone involved. Conversations are taking place to look at the inclusion of the military installations. This is all going to take some time. If the localities can express an interest, then we can assess what they have. They have a decision-making process that is much more daunting from a military installation perspective.

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Chairman Martin asked if there were other questions for either of the presenters? There were no more questions from the group. Chairman Martin said that this benefits North Carolina's military communities the more our 911 systems are talking together. I don't think that anyone is going to disagree with that. But there are still questions that I need answered. One question is how soon until DoD is ready to plug into this? I don't think we know that yet. Ron Massey said that he thought that would be an individual Service thing. The City of Jacksonville is moving down the road with the Base to get those pieces put into place. We will continue to do that ahead of what DoD does. Rep Cleveland said that Camp Lejeune is already a backup PSAP. They have an agreement, and everything is in place down there and can be melted into the Next Gen 911 process as we move forward outside of the fact of finances. You collect a considerable amount of money, the 911 fund does from the people that live on Camp Lejeune. I think they deserve the service and the best level that we can provide them, along with the backup work that the County, the City and the Base are already doing together. So, for us to play games and not go forward with this is really aggravating to me. That is my point. Pokie Harris said that she wanted to assure him that she was not playing games when it comes to people's lives. I have been in this business for 28 years. Rep Cleveland said that we are playing games with the ability of the City and the Base to work together because of funding. Pokie Harris said that they have a conversation on the calendar for a week after next with Camp Lejeune and Jacksonville about their backup plan. Rep Cleveland said he would like to be briefed after that meeting. Pokie Harris said she would do that.

Chairman Martin asked Pokie Harris since Camp Lejeune is a secondary PSAP, it is my understanding that they are not ready to sign into our Gen 5 system, or are they? I think they have some regulatory hurdles to work through. Pokie Harris said that from her conversations, that was correct. Ron Massey said that was correct and that is why the AT&T team needs to do their assessment, so they can identify the specific issues that would have to be cleared by the Marine Corps. Currently they are taking calls through the old systems. So, what is different from a security perspective to take the calls from the old system versus the new system?

Chairman Martin said that there is one thing that is clear. We need to get the assessment completed for Camp Lejeune. He asked Pokie Harris is there were any barriers from her end to get that completed? Pokie Harris said no and that her project team is ready to do this once Camp Lejeune tells them to do this. Chairman Martin asked when would you have information or results from that to share with the NCMAC? Pokie Harris said she would have to talk to AT&T about that. I would not want to speculate on that. They would have to gather their engineers for that and all those people that would be engaged. I would say that it would take a couple of months but please do not hold me to that timeline. Chairman Martin said at least you gave us a ball park timeframe. I would like to propose this, if there is no barrier to start the assessment for Camp Lejeune, lets get that started. That assessment will fill in the knowns and unknowns. Then that would help the Commission to determine what we want to do. Then Pokie Harris could have updated information for NCMAC for our next quarterly meeting, but I won't hold Pokie Harris to that. Pokie Harris said that was possible. Chairman Martin asked if this group would be comfortable with seeing the results of that assessment and then evaluating the next steps for us as an ESG and NCMAC? Rep Cleveland said for information, he is proposing an amendment to House Bill 217 to tell the 911 folks that an approve the PSAP is going to be taken care of.

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Chairman Martin told Pokie Harris that Rep Cleveland would appreciate it if they could get the assessment at Camp Lejeune completed tomorrow. Kirk Warner said if Marc Farr was still on the line and he could verbally request that assessment now. Marc Farr said that he is committed to continue to work with Pokie Harris and Ron Massey in trying to develop a local solution within our ability here. That is not to say that I can speak for Marine Corps East, Systems Command or the Marine Corps. I know that they know that this is an issue and the broader DoD knows that this is an issue. What I can say is that our network is built as a warfighting capability. The cyber security infrastructure that is in place and protects that network is so robust that everything within our enterprise rides on that type of a network. For us to work out those lines of communication where we can interface with another closed network is certainly at a much higher level than Camp Lejeune. What I can do is say that I will work with Pokie Harris and Ron Massey on getting the approval to get this assessment complete and work with the program managers inside Headquarters Marine Corps to try and get that approval to make sure I am not violating anything by committing Camp Lejeune to do that. I think we all want the same thing. I believe with Rep Cleveland's comments that we want to keep our people safe, but we are smashed with red tape sometimes. It can be hard to get through the bureaucracy. I appreciate everybody's patience and hard work on this matter. Camp Lejeune is committed to working with the City, County and Pokie Harris.

Chairman Martin said he wanted to make sure we have all the wires connected on this matter. He asked Pokie Harris if she needed anything official from Camp Lejeune to get this started? Pokie Harris asked Marc Farr to send her an email stating that they would like to begin the assessment part of connectivity to the internet and continue our ongoing discussion. Then we will both have it. On my Monday call with AT&T, I will share that information with them. Then I will get them to get in touch with the appropriate individuals to begin that process. Marc Farr said he could do that and he will work on getting the information through the Chain of Command to try and get that approval. As soon as he has that approval he will be in contact with Pokie Harris.

Frank Bottorff said that there may be some hurdles on the military side for cyber security and other considerations for being on the network. Are there similar concerns from the State side or will the assessment figure that out? Pokie Harris said that the assessment will figure that out and then we will look at all the capabilities of every PSAP. That is why we look at that from a cyber security perspective, we have engaged a 3rd party vendor and the National Guard that will be helping us with some assessments of the 127 PSAPS localities. Frank Bottorff asked if it would be possible for us to write a Resolution that said that the Military Installations PSAPs are eligible, if they desire to participate and they meet the minimum State requirements for connectivity? That way if the military requests it, they are only requesting it because they think they can make it work. Chairman Martin said that right now we have a path forward. We are going to get more information and some action is going to get closer. Whatever the end result is, will not happen until the process is done. We will get the results in months and get that information back to this group equipped to figure out the next steps should be. I think we have connected the wires here on this call to move things forward. The results will come back to us in a timely manner with further information and we will be equipped to make a better decision.

Paul Friday said that in his mind there are 2 pieces. The ability to, or lack thereof, to make the connection seamless and what hurdles they may go through with regards to cyber security on either end

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of that connection. That is going to take some time to work out and a lot of bureaucracy to get through. The second thing is independent of that. Does the State have the existing authority now, should the connection take place, to utilize funds collected from those phones to help the installations financially get what ever that is. Rep Cleveland said that they will. Chairman Martin said that this is an issue that we don't know what we don't know on other things. He agrees with the 2 points that Paul Friday made. Paul Friday said that he was not trying to put a money amount on that but those are 2 separate things. One is the ability of the State to say yes, we will and can give you funds, sources and amounts unknown. The second is what will the connections look like. Chairman Martin said that those are 2 issues and there are potentially more that we don't know about. My hope is that the assessment process that I think we have accomplished here today will tell us what a few more of those unknowns are. Then we will be better equipped as a body to come up with our next steps with that information. Not doing that is not going to slow down the process because the assessment must happen. Pokie Harris said that talking about the assessment, each installation will have their own anomalies, issues and concerns that we will have to look at as far as diversity, resiliency and type of equipment that they have. Each assessment will be different.

Chairman Martin said that we have initiated a process that had not been done before. We are going to get information from that. I know that Rep Cleveland will keep us in the loop on this process. I will ask Ms. Jackson to keep up with both Next Gen 911 personnel and the Camp Lejeune personnel to ensure that this is happening. Then at the next ESG meeting we will have more information then and put it on the agenda. Is the group comfortable with that? Rep Cleveland said that the next meeting will be too late for a Resolution. Chairman Martin said then this a moot point. There may be other issues that pop up during the assessment that we may want to way in on. Frank Bottorff said that this is a 3 year roll out. If they can get on this before then. Rep Cleveland said that the Legislation is going to move in the next 2 weeks. Chairman Martin said that whether the legislation passes or not this session is not going to affect the timeliness of when this occurs.

Chuck Allen asked where did the current draft Resolution come from? Who has asked for this? Frank Bottorff said that came from Ron Massey. Chuck Allen said that he did not see anything wrong with the draft Resolution. I think they are just asking for help. Chairman Martin said that I think we have accomplished something today by making the connection and starting the process. If we want to take other actions it will still be out there for us as a Commission. We have the ball rolling. Kirk Warner said why don't we want to just support this and if the funding piece is set and if technologically it does not work it won't go into effect. Chairman Martin said because of the unknowns that we don't know about. Kirk Warner asked what unknown would change the ability to open the gate to fund it? Chairman Martin said that he was not sure, but we are not experts on this matter. The assessment will get us more information. There is no time sensitivity and I think that we as a Commission do a disservice when we act without all the information when it is not time sensitive. Chuck Allen said that it does sound time sensitive. Chairman Martin said that the point is whether we take action as the NCMAC at our next meeting or a meeting next year is not going to affect the timeliness of Camp Lejeune or anybody connected with this. So why not wait to get the information that we need. Frank Bottorff said that is not necessarily true.

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Sec Hall asked Pokie Harris 2 questions. You don't have a request for an assessment from any of our military installations to be connected, is that correct? Pokie Harris said that aside from the verbal commitment from Marc Farr today, that was correct, but we are having those conversations with the military delegations and a conversation with Fort Bragg in a couple of weeks. Sec Hall asked again, you don't have a request from any military installation now. He said that Marc Farr said that he was going to try to get permission for that request. Pokie Harris said that was correct. Sec Hall then said that Rep Cleveland has said that he is going to make the amendment to the bill and feels that it will pass, and it does not need her authorization or approval? Rep Cleveland said that she does not approve legislation. Sec Hall said that I want her to be informed. Rep Cleveland said that she is aware of what I want to do. Sec Hall said so Rep Cleveland can move forward whether there are assessment requests out there or not? Rep Cleveland said that he wanted everyone to understand something. Several years ago, we tried to get all the military installations to become backup PSAPs through the NCMAC. The only one that bit was Camp Lejeune and they have been a good partner in Onslow County and Jacksonville for the last 15-20 years. I don't want to upset their apple cart. The City of Jacksonville has been paying some of their connection costs for the backup PSAP. It is being done now. One board says it is ok and now some of the members have changed and now it is not ok. It is an interpretation of the rules. I plan to clarify it, so, if it is a military PSAP and a backup, 911 will cover the costs. That is what I intend to do with legislation. Another point that people don't realize, we have 40,000 people down at Camp Lejeune using cell phones. Where does the money go for their cell phones, to the 911 Board? They are already paying for a service they are not getting. Chairman Martin said we are way over time on this topic. What I would like for us to do since we have made some progress. There is a lot more that needs to be done and worked out which is not going to be affected on whether we take action or not. Rep Cleveland said that a Resolution would be beneficial to him. Chairman Martin said that he would ask this group to wait until we have more information before we make a decision. Let us see if we want to act at a future meeting. Would the group be ok with that decision?

Chuck Allen said he means no disrespect but just read the draft Resolution. Chairman Martin said that he has read the draft Resolution. Chuck Allen said that all it says is that they are already collecting the money. All this says is that the PSAPs on military installations currently are not eligible to receive the same level of support from 911 funds as the host communities. I think as any host community we want our bases to receive the same benefits as being in the community as we receive. I think that makes perfect sense. The more our 911 system is one cohesive system, the better the community is. In Goldsboro, if there is a 911 call on the base, and they need an ambulance then they have to call twice. They call the 911 on base and they call the 911 in the County. Chairman Martin said that he agreed with all of that. Chuck Allen asked what was wrong with passing this draft Resolution if it helped Rep Cleveland get what he needs? Chairman Martin said that we need to resist the tendency to act in the absence of full information on every issue. This is an issue that I hope everyone understands is a complicated issue. There is more that we need to know. We have today, set in process something that will get this group more information. There is no pressing need to act now. I would ask that we take a pause and get more information. Kirk Warner said that he would like this Commission to actually do something. This is something that we can do that does not hurt anything. It only opens up the potential if everything works, it works. I don't see a down side to this as the draft Resolution is stated. This is a no brainer to me. If it helps the system, then it will help the system. We are not going out on a limb, we are just saying treat the military installations the same. I don't know what would come up that would

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not want us to do this. Why can't we just open the gates so that it could be funded appropriately. Let's just get something in place now.

Chairman Martin said that it is not his job as the Chairman to decide what we do or not do. That is your job. It is my job as the Chairman to provide you all with all the information you need to make a decision. I don't believe that you all have the information to move forward on this issue. You don't have to listen to me, but I want to ensure that I am doing my job for all of you. I think it would be better for this Commission to wait and get more information. There is no harm in waiting and I think we have an obligation as folks hired by the people of NC to do our due diligence. Paul Friday said he had a question. He said that we heard from Ron Massey earlier that at one point in time there was at least an understanding from an earlier board that 911 funds could be used with that interface with an installation. Now that has changed and could change again with any Board with the interpretation of the rules. Is that a fair characterization? Pokie Harris said that she was not with the Board when earlier discussions took place. She believes that in 2014-2015 there were discussions about the funding mechanism and the possibility of funding. But for some reason that did not go anywhere. There was some discussion but that is all that she is aware of. Paul Friday said that some of them have been around for along time. We understood that there were some legal issues that were remedied on the Federal side by the passage of the Intergovernmental Act that would allow for such to take place. So, some of the hurdles that we were dealing with, the acceptance of money went by the wayside with that issue. I am just trying to make sure that it is clear in our minds that the Boards position legally based on their current rules is they can not pass money to a backup PSAP on an installation. So, you are clear that is your current understand of the rules? Pokie Harris said that their Legal Counsel had advised them of that.

Chuck Allen said that he wanted to make one more point. He said that he thinks that his job and our job is to advocate what is good for the military. That is what we need to be doing. There is nothing that is not good for the military in the draft Resolution. If they don't want to participate, they don't have to. I would like to see the Full Commission have the opportunity to vote on this draft Resolution. I agree with Kirk Warner and there is nothing that you are going to learn from here that will make the military installations do anything. We are just trying to say is that we want the military bases to have the same benefits being in the community. I just don't see anything in this draft Resolution that hurts anything. I also don't see that any pertinent information is going to change anything of what we are trying to do. I think we are trying to promote that our bases get the same treatment as our communities. Especially since they are paying into this fund. I just think the Full Commission should have the opportunity to vote on this draft Resolution. Chairman Martin said that you feel that this needs to happen at the next meeting and not at a later meeting? Chuck Allen said that, what I have heard is that Rep Cleveland and Jacksonville are working on it now. But governmentally, I am sure none of this is going to happen fast. I don't think it will hurt if we do it now and not wait and kick the can down the road.

Kirk Warner said that he didn't know anything that would throw a wrench into this draft Resolution. Even if some of the military installations don't want to participate, I don't see how that will change what we are trying to do to even the playing field. Frank Bottorff said that he supports the concept but here is my only problem with this. I have taken a stance personally in the past specifically on a range issue where I have said the NCMAC won't deal with an issue that is directly military related unless they have

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requested it. That is why we got into a scuffle 2 years ago over ranges. The military had not asked us to address an issue but brought to us by a member. There is precedence that we have set that the military needs to ask for it. We know that we have had this discussion in the past. I don't know that we have an official request from the military. Paul Friday said that the NC Commander's Council (NCCC) will meet on the morning of our Strategic Planning event. Frank Bottorff said that meeting had been cancelled but they could still circulate this item and send it to us. But currently, we do not have a request and historically we have declined to address issues unless they do ask because it is theirs.

Chairman Martin said that there is nothing in our bylaws that require that, but it is generally a good practice. It does go to my point that there are many unknowns out there. I think it is our job to get the knowns. As Chairman, if the information that I have was that if we do not act now there would be significant delay in getting the people on Camp Lejeune access to our Next Gen 911 system that is one thing. That would suggest that we take a leap of faith but that is not what I am hearing now. What I am hearing now is that we have initiated a process that is going to get us more technological answers. It is going to get us some bureaucratic answers particularly to some of the cyber issues. But issues that could have a bearing on what we do. We also have more information on the pulse of what priority this is for the Commanders and priority for implementation. I think we can get this information easily. There is no delay in getting our military communities hooked up to the Next Gen 911 system if we wait until our next meeting to gather this information to make a better decision. Since this is not time sensitive, I think we have an obligation to get more information and revisit it at our next meeting. Then we will have more information to talk about it at that meeting. Also, Rep Cleveland may have gotten his bill passed. Paul Friday said that most of us are at a disadvantage with this group and occupying much more of your time on this agenda. Most of my time on with this Commission has been with the base and the community. The only ask that I can make to the Chairman is get the NCCC to have a separate discussion and not on the technological or cyber aspects. Frank Bottorff said that the only way the Commander's, are going to come on board is if they have technological or cyber security issues resolved. Paul Friday said but they have obviously and continuously said that they are paying into the 911 fund and we want it to be made clear that we are eligible entities to receive State funds because it is not just for this project. It is for a vast array of things. They have felt this inequity for a long time. This goes back to paying the gas taxes or whatever, they have felt that they have a community relationship and want to be on the same systems and interface as best as they can. But they can sure use some help from funds they are already paying into but the State has not been in a position to reciprocate and allow some of those funds that they have paid into. That is a whole separate issue to what is going to happen with the connectivity and the cyber security issues. This has been an issue for a long time for some of us. I want the NCCC to come to the NCMAC and say we want this and they should do that. I believe that is an important part of the process. I am just asking the Chairman and the Board to try to stay along those same lines and ask the NCCC to give us their rendering. Just on that aspect. Kirk Warner said that if they did that we should bring it before the Full Commission if they do it before that time. Then at least someone can say that the NCMAC helped us to clear this gate and they are doing something. If the State clears those gates it is one less check, they have to go through once they resolve their cyber security and technological issues. It shows them that the NCMAC has their back and they have worked with the General Assembly. So, when the Full Commission meets we need to bring this up.

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Chairman Martin said that he is going to move on right now and we can talk about this further as we put our agenda together. Our meeting is set to adjourn in 5 minutes. I would like to move to Task Force updates. Frank Bottorff said that was the first thing on his Committee update. We also have a draft of the Community Grant guidelines and that is in your folders. We received comments from a couple of our members. I would like to have this document sent to the members for their review and then hopefully approved by the Full Commission at our next meeting. We also received updates from the 2 current Grantees. One of the grantees needs an extension and that is being taken care of. Both grants in-progress and going fine.

BYLAWS TASK FORCE (TF): KIRK WARNER

Kirk Warner had no update for By-laws

FINANCE AND BUDGET TASK FORCE: FRANK BOTTORFF

Frank Bottorff said that there are copies of the proposed budget in your folders. We are finalizing last year expenditures. Our carry over from last year is \$1,667 million. The important thing is we need to present a budget for approval for this year, so we can continue with expenditures. I need to check on a couple of things for the lobbying contract. I need to look at installation visits for our lobbying contract and how we pay for that expenditure. We do have the funding to accomplish that expense. We have paid invoices that we have received as of July 1, 2019 as they were approved expenditures from our last approved budget. Those expenditures were travel, stipend, lobbying invoice, facilitator invoice, and Cluster Analysis invoice. I will have the budget ready for the Full Commission to approve at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: CHAIRMAN MARTIN

Chairman Martin asked the Installation coordinators if they had any comments. No comments. Chairman Martin said that there had been a lot of work done by the Strategic planning team led by Kirk Warner. I have heard nothing but great things from the participants that participated in the small group event. He asked Kirk Warner if he had anything to add. Kirk Warner said that we had a great session with the small group. We have prepared an overview with 5 goals that we will be looking at with the Full Commission. We will share all this information with the Full Commission and talk about it at the Strategic Planning event in August. At the end of the day this will provide a foundation for us to catch our priorities for the future and most important start a foundation for the ultimate Strategic Plan. Our Strategic Plan is due in November 2020. At the next meeting Dr. Sturgis will facilitate the Strategic Planning event. We want the Full Commission to approve our Strategic Plan at the November 2019 meeting. Kirk Warner said that he wanted to thank the Strategic Planning working group.

CASSIDY AND ASSOCIATES: CHAD SYDNOR

Chad Sydnor from Cassidy and Associates gave the members a legislative Update:

1. Budget Deal Complete
 - a. Signals the end of the Budget Control Act of 2011, more commonly known as sequestration. THE BCA expires at the end of FY21.
 - b. Sets defense (050) spending levels for FY 20 & 21.

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2. NDAA
 - a. Both the House and Senate have completed their respective bills.
 - b. The House marked to \$733 billion and the Senate marked to \$750.
 - c. Now they have a common number: \$738 billion, which will help significantly in resolving disputes and helping the two chambers reach agreement on a conference report.
 - d. The NDAA was first passed in 1961 and has passed every year since, 58 consecutive times to date, the FY20 bill would be 59. Nobody wants to be responsible for breaking that streak.

3. Appropriations:
 - a. The budget deal relieves us of the very real threat of a year-long Continuing Resolution (CR) for FY20.
 - b. The budget deal clears the path for the Senate Appropriations Committee to receive their allotments and begin crafting their bills.
 - c. Doubtful that the process will be complete by 1 October 2019, the start of the new fiscal year, so expect a short-term CR, but that has been the norm over the last decade plus.

4. Department of Defense:
 - a. Secretary Mark Esper
 - b. Deputy Secretary David Norquist
 - c. Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Mark Milley
 - d. Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Michael Gilday
 - e. Secretary of the Army and Air Force are still vacant

5. Other Issues:
 - a. Army Housing Survey – Fort Bragg ranked last.
 - b. House NDAA – Section 2878 – Renaming of the high school aboard Camp Lejeune, as the “Walter B. Jones, Camp Lejeune High School”

AGENDA FOR FULL NCMAC:

DMVA Update	Secretary Larry Hall (15)	
Committee Updates	Committee Chairpersons (10 each/40)	
Task Force Updates	Task Force Chairpersons (10 each/20))	
NCCC Update	Michael Scalise (10)	
Census update	Bob Coats (5)	
DC Update	Chad Sydnor/James McCleskey (15)	ESG
UNC System	Siobhan Norris (15)	QOL Committee
30 th Armor Bde	NC General Officer (15)	QOL Committee
Community Grant Update	Frank Bottorff (10)	BS&CA Committee

Chairman Martin asked if we could look at catering a lunch between each meeting. The ESG members agreed for Kelly Jackson to look into having a working lunch between the Strategic Planning event and the NCMAC meeting, 12:30 – 1:30 pm. Kelly Jackson asked the ESG member if they would like to have a luncheon with the Governor at the Executive Mansion? Chuck Allen said that it is always a good

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opportunity to have time with the Governor. Kelly Jackson said that she would investigate this opportunity and report back to the ESG.

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Martin asked for a motion to adjourn. Kirk Warner made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Chuck Allen and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 12:31 pm.