



NORTH CAROLINA MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMISSION

Minutes of the 1st Quarter Meeting of the NC Military Affairs Commission (NCMAC)
Tuesday, February 19, 2019 Department of Public Instruction (DPI) Building, 301 N.
Wilmington Street, Raleigh, NC

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Col. Frank Bottorff, USMC Retired, Cherry Point
Rep. George Cleveland, NCGA
RADM Steve Ratti, USCG, Retired, Eliz. City
CAPT Tony Stimatz, USCG Retired, Eliz. City (by phone)
SgtMaj William Hatcher, USMC Retired, MCB CLJ
COL David Hayden, USA, Retired, At-large
Grier Martin, National Guard
David "Crockett" Long, At-large
Sally Ann Gupta, A/R for Sen. Harry Brown
COL Kirk Warner, USA, Retired, Fort Bragg
Patricia Harris, USA Ret., At-large (by phone)
Matthew Scott, Army Reserve
ET Mitchell, Fort Bragg
Hon Chuck Allen, Seymour Johnson AFB
Julie Daniels, Seymour Johnson AFB
Daniel "Sonny" Roberts, Cherry Point
CDR Stan Walz, USCG Retired, Coast Guard
BG Arnold Gordon-Bray, USA Retired, Public Member
John Broome, A/R for Rep John Bell

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Timothy McClain, At-large
Creswell Elmore, At-large
Gen Edward Reeder, USA, Retired, Fort Bragg
Jeremiah Daniels, Seymour Johnson AFB
John Bell, NCGA (Non-voting)
Harry Brown, NCGA

EXOFFICIO MEMBERS:

Larry Hall, Secretary DMVA
Robert Hosford, NCDA&CS
Will Best, DOC

NCCC:

William Meiers, MCI-East
Bryan Ayers, MCI-East
Erin Adams, MCI-East

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES:

Jamie Livengood, Wayne Cty Schools
Valerie Nasser, Carven Cty Schools
Leafa Palmer, MCAS Cherry Point
Paul Berry, USO/NCserves
Kelli Willoughby, USO for NC
Cory Bryson, AR Speaker Tim Moore
Jamie Norment, ACT
Scott Dorney, NCMBC
Marc Finlayson, ACT
Jim McClesky, SONC (phone)
John Chaffee, NC East Alliance
Mike McIntyre, Poyner Spruill LLP
Ron Massey, City of Jacksonville
Bob Coats, NC OSMB
Gregg Fambrough, 4MSG/CCE SJAFB
Doug Taggart, NC DPI
Matt Canon, NC DPI
Tim McCurry, MCI-East
Pete Benton, Wayne County
Vicki Vitiello, NC Arts Council
Millissa True, SBS Forward, LLC
Shevelle Godwin, Fort Bragg Cty Schools
Iris Pierce, Fort Bragg Cty Schools
Howard Lattimore, Cumberland Cty Sch

DEPARTMENT STAFF

Kelly Jackson, DMVA

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CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME REMARKS:

Vice Chairman Frank Bottorff called the meeting to order at 12:33 pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting. He asked for a roll call. There were 14 voting members present/phone for a quorum.

CONSENT AGENDA AND MINUTES:

Vice Chairman Bottorff asked for a motion to approve the 4th Quarter NCMAC meeting minutes dated November 27, 2018. A motion was made by Bill Hatcher, seconded by ET Mitchell and passed unanimously without discussion. He also asked for a motion to approve the 4th Quarter Base Sustainability & Community Affairs (BAS&CA) draft minutes dated Oct 25, 2018. Members of the BS&CA Committee present were Frank Bottorff, Chuck Allen, Sonny Roberts and Steven Ratti which made a quorum. A motion was made by Sonny Roberts, seconded by Chuck Allen and passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/OPEN ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Vice Chairman Bottorff called for any public comments and announcements.

Scott Dorney from the North Carolina Military Business Center (NCMBC) informed the Commission that they had a couple of events coming up.

Southeastern Regional Federal and Defense Textile Summit (April 23-24, Hickory, NC).

18th Annual North Carolina Defense & Economic Development Trade Show & Fort Bragg Business Outreach Event (Aug 6, Fayetteville, NC).

Vice Chairman Bottorff recommended that these events be sent out to the Commission members. No further comments.

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

Secretary Larry Hall gave an update on the DMVA. He welcomed everyone to this meeting. He wanted to recognize all the individuals and organizations that assisted the Coast Guard after the shutdown. The Coast Guard was very appreciative to the state and the support they received. The Defense Appropriation Act is being put together and many of the projects are for our military bases. These projects are very important to the bases and our military.

Frank Bottorff expanded on Secretary Hall's Coast Guard comment. At the North Carolina Commander's Council (NCCC) the Sector Commander for Wilmington took a couple of minutes and gave a very moving story of the shutdown. As you know the Coast Guard did not get paid during that time. He said that it was one of the greatest leadership challenges that he had faced. He said that very quickly the local community and other organizations stepped up and provided many things for the service members and their families. The outreach was very overwhelming. The one thing that he and others will remember about the shutdown is the outpouring of help from the citizens of NC to help them get through that period of stress. This was a great story to hear from that Commander.

NORTH CAROLINA COMMANDER'S COUNCIL (NCCC) REPORT: WILLIAM MEIER

Bill Meier shared updates from the NCCC. The NCCC met this morning and talked about the following topics. We also received a briefing from Secretary Hall for DMVA and Chairman Martin for the NCMAC. The Commander's each gave an update on items pertaining to their installations. They focused on the

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hurricane relief and housing issues due to the hurricane. We received an update on the Census from Bob Coats. There was an update from the Department of Agriculture from Dewitt Hardee. There was a good conversation about spousal reciprocity and the NC is making good progress on that item. There was also a briefing on the MMF GIS from Will Best and tall structures from John Nicolson. We also had a briefing from Tim McCurry on the Highway 24 upgrade and the 2050 strategic plan from Alpesh Patel. The final presentation was from Kimberly Williams from NC4ME. He informed the Commission that this was his first and last briefing to the NCMAC as he was retiring soon.

Vice Chairman Bottorff thanked Bill for his many years of service to the NCCC and to the NCMAC. The NCMAC appreciated the great work that Bill had done for the military and the citizens of North Carolina. No further comments.

BASE SUSTAINABILITY AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS: FRANK BOTTORFF

Frank Bottorff reported on the Base Sustainability and Community Affairs Committee did not meet this quarter. He asked Ron Massey and Bob Coats to give the Commission an update on the Census.

Ron Massey said that the process is starting to ramp up. We need to count the number of personnel both on and off base. A lot of the people that live in our communities are military and we need their help. We need all the military to fill out the Census form. There have been some changes on the procedures and Bob Coats will share that information with you. We plan to keep this information in front of the Commander's Council because it is important that we partner with them at all our host communities.

Bob Coats said that the original process for base housing was going to be done by administrative records from the Department of Defense. After getting those records, the Census Bureau recognized that those records are not adequate. They are changing the process. One year from now there will be a census staff on the bases asking for advance points of contact from Base Commanders. The individuals from the bases will work with the Census Bureau staff to ensure that anyone living in group housing fill out the census form. Then the next month they will hang questionnaire on the door knobs of the non-barracks housing on the bases. They have already identified the base housing, but things may have changed since the hurricane. We recommended that they relook that item. They have asked for any information that they can get from the individual bases on buildings that are now uninhabitable. They are also working through the Joint Services Working Group to create a draft memo. We have asked to get a copy of that memo. The NC complete Count commission that advocates Census participation for everyone in NC is looking to the NCMAC to hear any kind of pertinent question points that might be present in the military community so that committee in conjunction with the Census Bureau can develop some bullet points or fact sheets that are directly targeted towards the military communities to answer any questions and clear up any confusion. I hope to have a draft of that memo in the next month to share it with you.

Ron Massey asked Bob Coats to describe the coordination plan for deployed service members and family members left behind. The administrative records are still used to count deployed service members on a long-term basis such as South Korea or Japan. For the individual that are deployed for short term such as disaster relief or emergency combat, less than 9 months they are counted by

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administrative records at their base of last assignment. Family members should receive a form and complete it but not include their deployed service member. The dollar costs for NC and economic impact is \$1623 per person in federal funding per year. The state funding is \$205 per person per year. The total cost is \$1800-1900 per person per year in tax dollars coming back to our communities. So that is why it is important that we have everyone counted.

ET Mitchell said that she was sworn in as a County Commission for Craven County 3 months after the Hurricane Florence. When we talk about the impact of the hurricane we seem to talk about the bases. It is easy to not look at the service members that live off the base. Craven County was hit very hard by Florence. It looks better now since we have the debris gone but this is going to be a multi-year recovery process. We have had over 4,000 homes that are uninhabitable. This will impact the Census. The people are not where we think that they are. There were over 1000 school children and their families who have been dislocated. Most of the rental housing is gone. We have many families that have left Craven County and are now living in the surrounding counties and the repair process is slow. The Census process is going to be a lot more complicated. Frank Bottorff said that in Havelock which is in Craven County many of the homes will not be habitable for many years and many small businesses that have closed and will not reopen. It will take a couple of years to get back to where there were in the housing area. This affects the quality of life of our service members when we have a devastating hurricane like Florence. No further comments.

QUALITY OF LIFE (QOL): KIRK WARNER

Kirk Warner reported on the Quality of Life Committee. We had a good meeting on Tuesday, January 22, 2019. We had 20 participants for the meeting, six committee members and Rep Cleveland. We talked about the following items. Dorothea Dix facility is scheduled to open in June 2020. We will have 2 presentations today from the QOL committee. The USO Resiliency/NC Serves and the NC Arts Council. We had an update from our K-12 team. There will be a state Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission MIC3 meeting on March 18. The NCMAC did sign the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) Resolution in support of the funding request for the additional military liaison counselors. We plan to ask Dan Dunham from Virginia to brief at our next QOL meeting. We also talked about Senate Bill 761 college credit for military training and continue to work with Susan Barbitta from the Community College System. There will be a review committee meeting April 9-10 reference college credits. I asked her if a second session meeting would be helpful? She said that she did not think it would help at this time. There continues to be work on this topic. No further comments or discussion.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: CRESSWELL ELMORE

Frank Bottorff reported for the Economic Development Committee. The Economic Development committee had a good meeting on Thursday, January 31, 2019. The main items from the meeting was that Brad Helton had moved and the position at Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina (EDPNC) was now vacant. The Economic Development Team would be working with Chris Chung to hire someone to fill that position. David Hayden said that the committee did receive a close out report from EDPNC. Frank Bottorff also mentioned about Spousal Licensure. Bill Meier told the Commission that the NCCC had been looking into this matter and they have received positive comments on this topic. Seymour Johnson Air Force Base (SJAFB) had reached out and received 25 responses on this topic. Twenty of the responses were favorable and five were negative. They are working with the five to help

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resolve the issues. SJAFB has the lead on this topic. The NCCC will continue to work on this topic and have the services reach out to their service members and spouses on this matter. They hope to have more information for the next NCMAC meeting. No further comments.

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS: SALLY-ANN GUPTA

Sally-Ann Gupta reported that the Legislative Affairs Committee did not have a meeting this quarter due to the Legislature was not in session. No further comments.

BYLAWS WORKING GROUP: KIRK WARNER

Kirk Warner reported on the Bylaws. He informed the members that the bylaws had been adopted recently and signed by Chairman Martin. No further comments.

FINANCE AND BUDGET WORKING GROUP: FRANK BOTTORFF

Frank Bottorff updated the Commission members on the budget. He informed the members that we had completed the Budget request for \$2 Million.

Description	18-19 Plan	18-19 Expended	18-19 Remaining
Administration	40,000	3,164.25	36,835.75
Conferences	40,000	0	40,000
Contracted Services	480,000	0	480,000
Minor contracted Svc	19,000	0	19,000
Other Stab Initiatives	740,002.83	0	740,002.83
Defense Asset Inv	150,000	0	150,000
NC4ME	80,000	40,000	0
EDPNC	150,000	120,000	30,000
OEA Grant	14,000	14,000	0
Sentinel Land	150,000		150,000
Community Grants	225,000	0	225,000
Grant overpay/Reim		(6,000)	6,000
Total	2,088,002.83		

19-21 Request (2-year budget)

Administration	80,000
Conferences	80,000
Contracted Svcs	600,000
Minor Contract Svcs	30,000
Other Stab Initiat	190,000
NC4ME	80,000
EDPNC	240,000
Sentinel Landscape	300,000
Community Grants	<u>400,000</u>
Total:	2,000,000

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Frank Bottorff said that we need to have Sentinel Landscape give us a presentation at the next NCMAC meeting. No further comments.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA (DC) UPDATE: JAMES MCCLESKEY

Jim McCleskey gave his DC update. He is the office director for the State of NC in Washington, DC and appreciate the opportunity to be with this group. The big news in our world is the declaration by the President for the State of Emergency relating to the Southern border and the uncertainty this brings from previously funded and programmed military construction for NC and across the nation. There are several documents that are beginning to circulate on projects that could be caught up in that. There is no hard information currently. I have sent a couple of documents to the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Kelly Jackson. There is an overall list that encompasses the full nation and we are talking about projects that are funded, programmed but not necessarily obligated. So, these are unobligated funds in military construction across Services. I have also sent a follow-on in the last few minutes that breaks out in particular those North Carolina projects. There is a substantial range of projects. I have not had a chance to go and run a total for NC. Of the overall sets of funds that may be accessed by the Executive, by the President under the Emergency Declaration that could be a total of \$8 billion made available to the President and that would be inclusive with the \$1.6 that the Congress agreed to in the appropriation package that was signed late last week. Additional funds to be pulled from the Department of Defense (DOD) Military Construction (MilCon) unobligated balances is about \$3.6 billion; we are led to believe by public reporting coming from potentially MILCON. That runs the gamut in North Carolina.

A couple items that have been published in the news and in the press would include the projects that might be at risk would include the new aircraft maintenance hangar for the F-35 Cherry Point, \$60 million item appropriated in the FY 19 bill that we have referenced in our discussions previously. The Special Forces training maze and tower at Fort Bragg, \$12 million item and there are more. Another big-ticket item is the Flight line utility modernization at Cherry Point, \$55 million item. There are several other items on the list from Fort Bragg and several items at Seymour Johnson AFB. This is substantial list, but nothing has been confirmed and I don't have firm information on how the Defense Department and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) may prioritize recommendations that may come forward. We also know that the overall Emergency Declaration and redirection of appropriated funds are subject to legal filing. A group of 16 state filed suit or the intent to file a lawsuit yesterday. I believe that papers may have been filed. I am aware that our Department of Justice is considering the potential to join in that action. I do not believe that a decision has been taken. It will not surprise me if additional states do join the lawsuit and there may well be other challenges as well. The Courts will have to sort through standing and there will be judicial reviews at several levels as the President has indicated in his remarks on Friday and likely heading to the Supreme Court.

So, the outcome of all that is uncertain. I will say that among the members of our Delegation, you may have seen Senator Tillis has expressed reservations publicly with regards to the Declaration of Emergency overall and particularly concerns around North Carolina's MILCON. Mr. Richard Hudson in a newsletter that his office puts out weekly, this week he discusses the necessity of the Emergency Declaration but also says that he is working within channels to urge that NC MILCON not be subject to any drawbacks or redirections. I think we will see moves from members of our Delegation, and certainly from Congress generally. There will likely be a Resolution, and I am sure you have heard about this. The

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Privileged Resolution in the House, when they return from the Presidents Day recess to disapprove of the Emergency Declaration and that is expected to pass. Then it will be subject to a vote in the Senate and my understanding is that is a simple majority vote. But then subject to Presidential veto. So, we are several steps from any of these projects of most immediate concern in NC or nationally actually being diverted and the funds redirected. But they are on the table until we know more. I wish I had more definition for you and I will happy to respond to any questions or direction.

Chairman Martin asked if there was a sense that projects will be paused pending a resolution of any litigation? Jim McCleskey said that was a good question, but he did not have an answer to that question.

Arnold Gordon-Bray said, I heard you use the term obligated for funds. So, are the non-obligated funds being subject to the scrutiny or availability? Are all the projects at Camp Lejeune water or recovery Is any of that non-obligated at this moment? Jim McCleskey said that from the list that he sees for Camp Lejeune includes the water treatment plant replacement, \$65.7 million, bachelor enlisted quarters, \$37.9 million, ambulatory care center and various pieces of that project and the dental clinic totaling \$45 million or so. The Special Operations Human Performance training center and motor transport maintenance expansion are Camp Lejeune items that total a little north of \$30 million. I do not have any sense of the individual status in terms of contracts and signatures for any of these projects. I would imagine that they are at varying stages in the obligation process. I can assure you that we will be digging for more and I would encourage each of you with channels of communication to seek some clarity there too. I think there is a lot of uncertainty at this point.

Rep Cleveland said that you are implying that they hope the cost of this project is going to come out of Defense Budget. Aren't there a couple of other areas to draw these funds? Jim McCleskey said yes there are other places. He said that his understanding is that something in the range of \$3.6 billion of the total \$8 billion may be MILCON and there are additional items relating to the Corps of Engineer projects which I am of the understanding that NC projects are not currently implicated in as well as some other Homeland Security related accounts that may be subject to redirection as well. It is not all completely in the Department of Defense range. So, about half of the redirected funds potentially fall within MILCON and additionally the \$1.6 billion that was included in new appropriation for border security in the deal that was inked on Friday. No further questions or comments.

USO RESILIENCY/NCSERVES: KELLI WILLOUGHBY/PAUL BERRY

Kelli Willoughby, USO for North Carolina gave a presentation on the Resiliency programs developed by the USO.

USO for NC for over 75 years has led the way in strengthening America's military service members by keeping them connected to family, home and country, throughout their service to the nation-supporting their successful reintegration into their communities and enriching their lives. Through critical services and programs, service members stay connected to the society they selflessly serve.

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Reset Programs – Service Member, Spouse and Family Resiliency Programs: Intensive program designed to reduce PTS and improve overall health and wellness.

- Provides military leaders, spouses and families with specific tools to restore and enhance psychological, physical, and spiritual health.
- A holistic approach to PTS, substance abuse, depression, fitness, marital and family communications and anger issues.

- Proven, dramatic, long-term results.

NCServes:

NCServes is a coordinated network of public, private and nonprofit organizations serving veterans, service members and their families in North Carolina, utilizing a common technology platform to create accountability and formalize communication, coordination and transparency in order to efficiently and effectively guide veterans, service members and their families to the most appropriate services and resources available to achieve their unique goals. [https: www.youtube.com/watch?v=goGBmLWezJ8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=goGBmLWezJ8)

NCServes Central Carolina Served over 2,500 people with 4000 services since June 2016.

NC ARTS COUNCIL: VICKI VITIELLO

Vicki Vitello

The Goals for the NC Arts Council:

- To increase access to the arts for North Carolina’s service members, veterans, and military families
- To promote partnerships between arts organizations and military bases, VA hospitals, and veterans service providers

Our Investment in FY2018-2019:

- State Grant Awards: \$100,000 (recurring)
- Hometown Strong: \$40,000
- Creative Forces \$47,300
- Staff support and technical assistance

Funded Program: “Brothers Like These”

- First writer-in-residence at a VA Hospital
- Over 45 Vietnam veterans have taken part
- Incorporated a non-profit organization called NC Veterans Writing Alliance

Funded Program: Cape Fear Regional Theatre

- Customized classes and workshops for military families
- On post at Throckmorton Library in Fort Bragg
- Sold out in 2 hours

Funded Program: Artists as part of USO Resets

- Nationally recognized resiliency programs: Warrior Reset, Spouse Resent, Family Reset
- Training workshops for local arts council and artists

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Upcoming:

- March 1, 2019: Grant Deadline
- March 22, 2019: Brothers Like These Staged Reading
- May 4 & 5, 2019: Veterans Songwriting Workshop
- May 10, 2019: Military Spouse Appreciation Event

STRATEGIC PLANNING: KIRK WARNER

Kirk Warner gave an updated on the Strategic planning event. We had completed a statement of work (SOW). We have received a couple of recommendations for individuals or companies that may be interested in facilitating this project. We will work with DOA purchasing and Contacting and send out Request for Quote (RFQ). Once they are received we will make a selection from the quotes that were submitted. A selected group will work with the facilitator that we hire. There will be a conference call to get things started and then the facilitator will work with this selected group for 1 day. Then the work product from the selected group will come back to the Full NCMAC, hopefully at the May meeting. Then the facilitator will take all that data and deliver us the final product. Frank Bottorff said that when the selected group is ready to bring this to the Full NCMAC, that meeting will be an abbreviated meeting and not have any additional briefing. The meeting will focus on the strategic planning session. Steve Ratti said that the NCMAC had a requirement to report to the Legislature, the Secretary and the Governor an update of the strategic plan. When is that report due? Kirk Warner said that update is due in 2020. Frank Bottorff said that this will help us to focus our annual priorities and for our lobbying partners that we get. In about 6 months we will probably need to let a contract for administrative support to get a consultant to help us review the Strategic plan. This should be the basis for that. Steve Ratti asked if we plan to incorporate within that getting the purpose of the Commission and what we do out to the appropriate people. That was never implemented with the last contractor. Such as promotional materials etc. to give out to interested parties. Is that a part of the plan or something separate? Chairman Martin said that he thought it was the sort of thing that could be dealt with in a strategic planning process. I think it needs to be up for discussion to get the sense of the Commission and if that is still a priority or not. Kirk Warner said that part of the strategic plan would be how do you get the work out, outreach and marketing. That should all be part of the discussion for this strategic planning event. Frank Bottorff said that what we do in the next 3 months should probable incorporate our strategic goals and a strategic marketing plan. No further discussion.

NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS: CHAIRMAN MARTIN

Chairman Martin introduced a couple of the new NCMAC members Stanley Walz and Arnold Gordon-Bray.

Stan Walz said he served almost 28 years in the military. He started out as a Naval aviator and then went to the Coast Guard and stationed at Elizabeth City, NC. My final assignment was at Elizabeth City as Command officer of the Air Station. My entire career was in aviation. I am currently the CEO of Vector/CSP in Elizabeth City.

BG Arnold Gordon-Bray said that he has spent over 11 year in the military in NC at Fort Bragg. He is Infantry Airborne Ranger for all 35 years of service. I have done black special operations and airborne operations. I have been a strategic planner and part of General Frank's think tank for modernization.

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My last position is was the Deputy Director of Operations at AFRICOM. I came back to NC because of my children. I am a consultant which helps me to pursue my passions that allow me to look at where underserved communities across the Country need some level of guidance and associated thinking with education, health care and redirection to where to educate specifically with science and math. I am here because NC is a great place and I am close to family. NC should be the prime location for military retirees to want to retire.

Chairman Martin said that these 2 are Governor appointees and there will be a couple of other Governor appointees at the next meeting. There will also be Senate Pro-Tem and Speaker of the House appointees coming soon. With the new members coming in that means a transition for other members who have held on past their appointed time. I would like to recognize one of those individuals, Steve Ratti.

Chairman Martin thanked Steve Ratti for his service to the NC Military Affairs Commission and his many years of service to this Commission. Chairman Martin gave Steve Ratti a thank you letter from Governor Cooper for his support of the NCMAC. Steven Ratti said that he enjoyed his time on this Commission.

Chairman Martin thanked Tony Stimatz for his service to the NC Military Affairs Commission. He said that he was not shy and had given a lot of his time and ideas to the Commission. Tony Stimatz said that it was a pleasure to work with the NCMAC and the great group of members that made up the NCMAC.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Kelly Jackson gave an update on the DMVA website. The DMVA has a new employee who will be working on updating the entire website. I have been working with Mr. Dwight Collins to see how we can work on the NCMAC presence on the website. I have requested that all our information is put in the same location for anyone to find our information. I have requested that the NCMAC has its own tab and then under that tab will be all the information that pertains to the NCMAC. I have also asked to have access to that Tab to make changes as needed. The plan is that at the beginning of March he will be updating the DMVA website. Chairman Martin said that there will be a lot of work on the front end and then going forward we will be able to add and delete as needed. ET Mitchell asked if there was a projected completion date for these changes? Kelly Jackson said that she did not have that date but would reach out to Dwight Collins and get that information. Chairman Martin asked to have that information shared with the Full NCMAC.

Mayor Allen asked to talk about the Association of Defense Communities (ADC) Conference that was being held in Miami, FL from 4-6 March 2019. He said that the NCMAC was not sending anyone to this meeting and there was funding in the budget to send a couple of people to this meeting . He had talked to Robert Hosford from the Department of Agriculture about attend the meeting for the NCMAC. Robert Hosford works with the Sentinel Landscape program which supports the goals and priorities of the NCMAC. Robert Hosford's travel budget at the Department of Agriculture will not support him attending this year. Mayor Allen made a motion for the NCMAC to pay for the travel expense for Robert Hosford to attend the ADC conference as a NCMAC representative. Frank Bottorff said that Robert Hosford and the Sentinel Landscape program support the military and the installations. Rep Cleveland seconded the motion. Chairman Martin said that we had a motion and a second for the Commission to

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fund Robert Hosford to attend the ADC conference in support of the NC Military Affairs Commission. He asked to add some discussion and said that the Sentinel Landscape was a great program, but did Mayor Allen have a dollar amount for this motion. Mayor Allen said approximately \$3,000. Chairman Margin said that it was a worthy case, but did we need to have more scrutiny on this matter. He knew that the decision can't wait until the next meeting but should the Commission vote and authorize the ESG to spend up to a certain amount of funding. Mayor Allen said that this was a timing issues and could not wait. Frank Bottorff said that he Commission has already approved up to \$10,000 for conference in the annual budget. So, the funds have already been approved for conference by the Full NCMAC. Rep Cleveland said that this motion should be approved and move this matter along. Chairman Martin said that he did not want to get into the habit of approving funding without the appropriate scrutiny. David Long asked why the Department of Agriculture could not fund this request? Frank Bottorff said that they did not have the travel funds to support this event. Steve Ratti said that Robert Hosford going to this conference will support this Commission. He also said that the Commission should be giving the

Chairman authority to make decisions like this. Frank Bottorff said that the Chairman is a Commission member, not a voting member. He also said that this topic was mentioned at the last meeting and Commission members were asked if they wanted to attend. Mayor Allen made a motion to fund Robert Hosford to attend the ADC conference not to exceed \$3,000. David Hayden seconded the motion, no further discussion and approved by a unanimous vote. Chairman Martin and Rep Cleveland abstained.

CLOSED SESSION:

Chairman Martin requested a motion to go into a closed session. ET Mitchell make a motion for the NCMAC to go into a closed session to discuss the lobbying contract. Mr. Nelson from Senator Tillis' office was able to call in and give his presentation. ET Mitchell withdrew her motion.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT UPDATE: MR. NELSON (SENATOR TILLIS OFFICE)

Mr. Nelson is on Senator Tillis' Armed Services committee staff in DC but will be transitioning to be his Raleigh office Representative. I want to give you a couple of updates. Due to the government shut down the President's budget will not be received by the Senate until on March 11. On March 11 they will receive a general overview and they will get the full details and books on March 18. That is important because Chairman Inhofe of the Senate Armed Forces Committee was planning to have National Defense Authorization Act mark up the 1st week of May because we are going to the budget late. That markup will now slide 2-3 weeks. We are now looking on the Senate side for National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) mark up in June. The House is still unclear on when they are going to mark-up, but it will probably be July. The NDAA may be a little later than expected. This isn't necessarily a bad thing. Congress has passed NDAA for 5-6 years in a row, so there is no worry about it getting done but it will start running into a floor time issue in the Senate if it goes too much into July. The good news is that it gives us time to have more hearings, get more information. And hear from Stakeholders in the States and the Installations. Senate Tillis chaired the Personnel Sub-Committee had Joint Personnel Sub-Committee and Readiness Sub-Committee hearing on the state of the military housing and particularly privatized on-base housing. That hearing was last Wednesday. The first panel that we heard from were families from across the nation who had been adversely impacted, the second panel were the top five Chief Executive Officer's (CEO's) from the privatized housing companies. The third panel were the Department of Defense (DoD) Representatives from each Service as well as the

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Office of the State Department (OSD). A lot of good testimony came out of that hearing and I believe that the Senate Armed Services Committee is going to look to do an entire title of housing reforms this year in the NDAA. As you know that will be a huge impact for people in NC with our large military presence. That is a big issue for Senator Tillis and he will be having some postured hearings in the next couple of weeks from the Service Chiefs and all the Personnel Chiefs to hear an array of issues from the new blended retirement system, health care, Tri-care reform, compensation or anything in the personnel realm. This will be before the NDAA mark-up timeframe. We have heard from most of the Installations and received their priorities about MILCON and others for the NDAA. If this Commission has anything you all would like us to highlight or bird dog in the NDAA, feel free to contact me. Chairman Martin thanked Mr. Nelson for his comments and asked him to thank Senator Tillis for us. No further discussion.

CLOSED SESSION RESUMED:

Chairman Martin asked ET Mitchell if she would restate her motion. ET Mitchell make a motion for the NCMAC to go into a closed session to discuss the lobbying contract, seconded by Chuck Allen and passed unanimously.

BUSINESS SESSTION:

Chairman Martin request a motion to go into a closed session. Chuck Allen make a motion to return to the NCMAC business session, seconded by Kirk Warner and passed unanimously without discussion.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Martin requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bill Hatcher made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by ET Mitchell and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:16 pm.