



NORTH CAROLINA MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMISSION

Minutes of the 2nd Quarter Meeting of the NC Military Affairs Commission (NCMAC)
Tuesday, May 21, 2019, Department of Transportation (DOT) Building, 1 South
Wilmington Street, Room 150, Raleigh, NC

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Col. Frank Bottorff, USMC Retired, Cherry Point
Rep. George Cleveland, NCGA
Hon Chuck Allen, Seymour Johnson AFB (by phone)
Hon Will Lewis, Cherry Point (by phone)
SgtMaj William Hatcher, USMC Retired, Camp Lejeune
COL David Hayden, USA, Retired, Public Member
Grier Martin, At Large
David "Crockett" Long, Public Member
Sally Ann Gupta, A/R for Sen. Harry Brown
COL Kirk Warner, USA, Retired, Fort Bragg
MG Gerald A. Rudisill, Jr, USA Retired, National Guard
Patricia Harris, USA Ret., Public Member
Stank Walz, USCG Retired, Coast Guard (by phone)
BG Arnold Gordon-Bray, USA Retired, Public Member
Paul Friday, Camp Lejeune

MEMBERS ABSENT:

John Bell, NCGA (Non-voting)
Julie Daniels, Seymour Johnson AFB
Timothy McClain, Public Member
ET Mitchell, Fort Bragg
Gen Edward Reeder, USA, Retired, Fort Bragg
Daniel "Sonny" Roberts, Cherry Point
Harry Brown, NCGA

EXOFFICIO MEMBERS:

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

NCCC:

Mike Scalise, 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
Tommy Sevier, McGuine Woods
Diane Standaca, Center for Responsible
Lending
Chris Hailey, NCGA
Jamie Norment, ACT
Kathy Sturgis, Strategic Consultant
Daniel Dunham, VA Department of Ed
Jim McClesky, SONC (by phone)
Chad Syndor, Cassidy & Associates
Michael Johnson, Cassidy & Associates
Ron Massey, City of Jacksonville
Pete Benton, Wayne County
Gregg Fambrough, 4MSG/CCE SJAFB
Ed Turlington,
Matt Bales
Kevin Burch,
Shevelle Godwin, Fort Bragg Cty Schools
Iris Pierce, Fort Bragg Cty Schools
Lee Rodio, NCGA
Scott Dorney, NCMBC

DEPARTMENT STAFF

Kelly Jackson, DMVA

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CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME REMARKS:

Chairman Grier Martin called the meeting to order at 12:32 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:

Chairman Grier Martin asked for a motion to approve the 1st Quarter NCMAC meeting minutes dated February 19, 2019. A motion was made by David Hayden, seconded by Bill Hatcher and passed unanimously without discussion.

NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS:

Chairman Martin requested to have the new members introduction themselves now and not at the end of the agenda. There was no objection to the change.

Gerald A. Rudisill, Jr introduced himself to the Commission. He is happy to be back in Raleigh and on this Commission. He grew up in Baden, NC Stanly County and went to the University of North Carolina. He was an Armor officer during Vietnam, came back to NC and then joined the National Guard. In 1993, I was blessed to have the Governor appoint me as the Adjutant General for the NC National Guard for about 8 ½ years. In 2001 I was selected by General Shelton, Joint Chief to be the Advisor for the National Guard and Reserves as a MG. I was in that position for about 2 ½ years, and in 2003 I came back to NC and started working for the Department of Public Safety (DPS) under Brian Betty and was in that position for about 9 years. I retired after that and currently live in Charlotte, NC with my family.

Paul Friday, introduced himself. He is also a new member and glad to be here. He was born in Wilmington and grew up in Charlotte. He attended NC State University. He spent about 2/3 of his career in the federal/state government and 1/3 in the private sector working on defense technology transition. The last 12 years have been at the Marine Corps Installation East (MCI East). He has never worked aboard a base and never had an opportunity to look at things through the inside of a fence line out. Looking back on that I probably would not change that for anything. It was a great experience and by way of giving back. As most of you know putting me in a uniform would have been a dangerous thing for the US. It is a pleasure to be here and I look forward to contributing to this Commission.

Will Lewis, Mayor of Havelock introduced himself. He was not able to attend the meeting today but was able to call into the meeting. He is currently the Mayor of Havelock, NC and attend NC State University. He was born in Havelock, NC and has been around the military his entire life. He served 8 years as a Commissioner in Havelock and then now at the end of his 5th year as Mayor. He is happy to be appointed to this Commission. He is looking forward to helping our State move forward for our military.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/OPEN ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chairman Martin 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.

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Wednesday, May 22 in Jacksonville, Onslow Government Complex, Camp Lejeune and Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) will be hosting a small business outreach event. We are co-hosting that event with Coastal Carolina Community College

Medical, Biomedical & Biodefense, Support to the Warfighter Symposium, June 12, 2019 Chapel Hill, NC. The key note speakers will be Dr. Stone, Chief Executive Officer, VA Health Administration and MG Dwyer. Please encourage businesses that are in the medical industry to attend this symposium.

The NCMAC passed a resolution of support in November 2018 for additional funding for NCMBC. That was incorporated into Senate Bill 342. I just want to thank the sponsors and co-sponsors to secure funding for the NCMBC. I would ask Representatives Martin and Cleveland when that comes to conference or otherwise to the floor, we hope that you will continue to support that. We appreciate Senate Brown's support of this request. No further comments.

Chairman Martin asked if there were any other comments? Shevelle Godwin, School Liaison Officer, Fort Bragg ask to make a comment. We at Fort Bragg will be hosting a National Association for Federally Impacted Schools conference, Aug 8-9, 2019. We do encourage the public to be apart of this conference. We are asking many of our school districts that do not receive federal impact aid to attend. This is federal funding that we are missing. Chairman Martin asked Shevelle Godwin to send that information to Kelly Jackson for distribution.

No further comments.

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

Secretary Larry Hall gave an update on the DMVA. He said that he appreciated everyone making time in their busy schedule to make this Commission meeting and add whatever you can bring to bring people up to date. I want to speak briefly on our most recent effort with the Governor to visit Camp Lejeune and New River Air Station to review the damage and repairs needed as a result of the hurricane and the impacts that they have had down there. Also, the Governor and the Congressional delegation working on ensuring the push is for the funding for Camp Lejeune, New River and Marine Corps Installations East (MCI East) stay budgeted for those repairs. Also had an opportunity to meeting with the II Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF) Commander and some of the other units at Camp Lejeune, especially about the MEF Headquarter there.

April is the Month of the Military Child and we did a project with the Department of Defense (DoD) schools at Fort Bragg and Camp Lejeune. It was very successful, and we had a lot of participation. We want to thank Col Baldwin, CSM Lohmeyer and COL Reed for their participation and their DoD schools. We also have a program during Military Appreciation Month, which was for the spouses. We recognized in conjunction with the National Guard, the first Military Spouse of the Year. We are trying to emphasis the important role that the families play and need to be recognized for the total force and the mission. Finally, we had an Enlistment/Reenlistment/Commissioning this past Friday at the Executive Mansion. There were enlistees as well as commissioned officers from all the services participate in this event. We want the public to be aware of the tremendous presents of the military and the contributions being made across the state. A special thanks to Fort Bragg and COL Reed for providing their band for the

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ceremony. You will be getting a copy of some regional economic reports for the State of NC being done as part of our Defense Industry Diversification Initiative (DIDI) that we are now in the 2nd iteration for the Department. This is a joint effort between the Department and NC State. We are in the second effort of the 20 businesses recruiting and continue to recruit 11 more businesses in the defense industry sector at some level. Whether they are a prime contractor or produce component parts or whatever, as we try to build defense industry in NC. So, we are in the 2nd iteration that report on different regions and what the impact is on what we different companies are and what amount they contract for is introduction and will be made available. Not in printed copy so you will be receiving digitally. I understand that there is going to be an effort made to do some additional reporting on the analysis and we will again be distributing again that information, so you will have It is available by Congressional districts as well as regions. The report itself. What we will asks is that we either the Chair or members sign in to access anything beyond the Executive Summary. The Executive Summary will be published but other than that we want to be able to track who is using the information even if we don't know that they are using the information for. So, we have an idea. That is all I have.

Chairman Martin said that he wanted to thank Secretary Hall for the support from his department and Kelly Jackson to the NCMAC. We have made a lot of progress in the past quarter and contract heavy. This has taken a lot of work from the staff at the DMVA.

NORTH CAROLINA COMMANDER'S COUNCIL (NCCC) REPORT: MICHAEL SCALISE

Chairman Martin introduced Mike Scalise from the NCCC. He informed the new members that the NCCC met prior to the NCMAC and discussed issues of interest to the installations Commanders. This group is made up of Installation Commanders and its seems to be a good resource for them to compare notes and talk about items of interest and interface. Then they give an update on those issues to the NCMAC. Mike Scalise shared updates from the NCCC. He said that he appreciates the NCMAC members that attend the NCCC meeting. The NCCC met this morning and talked about the following topics. The installations are still in a recovery and have a lot of federal and national level interest in supporting the installations. It is important to note that the support from the State is greatly appreciated by all the impacted installations. One of the things that we did talk about was NC status as the most Military Friendly State as well as retaining post military retirees in the State of NC. Some of the interest that was stated by the Commanders was some sort of post military retiree relief from State taxes. I know that has been discussed before. We would like to see that re-engaged and perhaps using this group as a voice for that. We also had a discussion on a DoD college preparatory program through Science Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) educational programs which there is already a footprint of some of these STEM supported schools. The Wilmington Corps of Engineers discussed the South Atlantic Coast Study that they initiated approximately \$16 m study. What this does is any potential mapping of hurricane incidents or areas of concern. That study completion date is August 2022. NC Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) gave a briefing on Executive Order 80, North Carolina's Commitment to Address Climate Change and Transition to a Clean Energy Economy. He gave us an idea on what they were looking at. Then we had a brief on Next Generation Digital 911 by the NC IT Department. What this does is allow a digital receiving of 911 calls. Camp Lejeune is a secondary responder for 911 calls. This will get us all on the same sheet as we move from analog to digital. He concluded his update and asked for questions.

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Kirk Warner congratulated Col Scalise on his retirement. Arnold Gordon-Bray ask if he could get the notes about the military friendly discussion from the NCCC. Kelly Jackson will get that information from Bryan Ayers and send to Arnold Gordon-Bray.

BASE SUSTAINABILITY AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS: FRANK BOTTORFF

Frank Bottorff reported on the Base Sustainability and Community Affairs Committee. We had a meeting on Tuesday, April 9, 2019. There are a couple of items on my list to talk about, but they are on the agenda, so I will wait to discuss them at that time. We currently have 2 grants in progress and we will get an update on them today. We also have the next cycle for the Community Grants. That grant Request for Proposal (RFP) has been under review and I think we are getting ready to re-finalize it and then get it on the street soon. What we need to do is appoint a small group of members to help with the review of the document and that will also be the review committee once we get grant applications. The purpose of the grants are the installations and communities focused to help improve the installation success in those communities. The Chairman will be selecting members to be part of that group. We also talked about Sentinel Landscape and the Census and we will get updates on both of those topics today. We do have 2 members that have expressed interest in attending the Association of Defense Communities (ADC) conference, June 10-12 in Washington, DC. We also talked about the mapping tool update but did not have any discussion on that topic as the maps were in disarray. The new maps are now updated on the website. Frank Bottorff asked Sally-Ann Gupta if she was going to update the group on Senate Bill 377 and Sally-Ann Gupta said that she would be talking about Senate Bill 377. Frank Bottorff said that he would hold any discussion until then. No further discussion or questions.

QUALITY OF LIFE (QOL): KIRK WARNER

Kirk Warner reported on the Quality of Life Committee. We had our 2nd quarter meeting on Thursday, April 4, 2019. We had 15 in attendance for the meeting. A good meeting of K-12 and quality of life issues in general. We started with a conversation about the Purple Star program and formed a committee for that program. A couple of members have already drafted up guidelines for the program and we just need to know where the program will nest. In Department of Public Instruction (DPI) or the DMVA. We received an update from Doug Taggart and Troops to Teachers. The programs recruit military personnel to become teachers at the Expiration Term of Service (ETS) or retirements dates. He had 30 hires last year but that is short of the target. There was a Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3) and Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC) meetings that occurred. The MIC3 is a compact of all 50 states and deals with all things military transitions and schools. We received a report from that meeting. There will be a new PowerSchool change, which is the system they use and will make waivers easier to handle. There was a meeting between DPI staff and Keith Martin, MCEC about training for teachers with military students and funding to provide this training. We also talked about Senate Bill (SB) 672, support for DPI funding request. We are trying to push that along. The NCMAC endorsed that request from DPI (2 military liaison counselors/Onslow and Cumberland and 1 state military liaison). SB 672 by Senator Brown includes this to 3 military liaison counselors/Onslow, Cumberland and Hoke and 1 state military liaison counselor/\$450,000. We will see if Sally-Ann Gupta can give us an update on that bill. We received an update from Susan Barbitta, Senate Bill 761, credits for military training. She said that the Council had met in April and were able to approve a lot more of the courses. They are making great progress. They are working closely with the University of North Carolina (UNC) system on the web portal and have completed phase 1 of 3 phases. This will streamline

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the process, so they can accomplish more. Siobhan Norris gave a great presentation on the UNC system and all that they have to offer military personnel and their families. I would like to have Siobhan Norris brief the NCMAC at our August meeting. We also talked about a military spouse employment working group. We are going to develop an employment working group with the Economic Development Committee/David Hayden. We plan to look at all things military spouse employment and particularly in the profession front. We plan to work on the gaps that we see. We got an update from Alice Dean on the National Guard and their Youth and Child programs. They focus a lot on resiliency. Finally, we got an update from Vicki Vitello from the NC Arts Council and legislative update from Kevin Bruch. At this meeting we will be receiving a presentation from Dan Dunham, VA Military School Liaison. No further comments or discussion.

Chairman Martin asked Kevin Bruch to introduce himself to the Commission. Chairman Martin said that Kevin Bruch works for DoD and they reach out to State governments. A lot of what Kevin Bruch and his team work is stuff that intersects with the work of the Quality of Life Committee.

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS: SALLY-ANN GUPTA

Sally-Ann Gupta said that each committee is supposed to keep their remarks to 10 minutes, but this is probable the most substantive briefing that she will be delivering this year in regard to the Legislative Affairs Committee. I want to make sure that I cover all the legislation, and can everyone hear me? I want to make sure that I cover all the legislation that may cross over and that means it has a realistic chance of passage at this point. I will be introducing the bill number, bill title, primary sponsor and about the bill. If you can save all your questions until the end, that would be appreciated because we have a lot to get through here.

House Bill 50:

Short Title: Allow Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy for TBI/PTSD

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

Companion Bill: Senate Bill 147 (Senators D Davis and Perry)

This bill would amend current existing legislation to prohibit any person other than an authorized medical professional from prescribing hyperbaric oxygen therapy treatment to a veteran for the treatment of TBI/PTSD. As of April 4, it was referred to Senate rules committee.

House Bill 274:

Short Title: Child Abuse & Neglect/Military Affiliation

Primary Sponsors: Representatives Grange, Potts, and White

This would amend current existing legislation to the Director of the Department of Social Services to include information concerning the military affiliation of a parent, guardian, custodian or care taker of an alleged abused or neglected juvenile in the investigation on the report of abuse would direct the Department of Social Services to disclose that information to the appropriate military authority in order to protect a juvenile from abuse or neglect. As of May 6, it was in the Senate rules committee.

House Bill 902:

Short Title: Military-Trained/Spouse Licensure Practices

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Primary Sponsors: Representatives Grange, and Bell

This would require the Program Evaluation Division of the General Assembly to study the extent to which the provisions of current and pending legislation have improved the ability of military trained applicants and their spouses to become licensed by occupational licensing boards in the State. It directs all State occupational licensing boards to cooperate with the PED conducting this study and providing data on their compliance.

House Bill 511:

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)

This bill would take current legislation into and divide it into 3 parts amending the statute on Court Martials for the NC National Guard. It would especially apply Court Martials to the National Guard where it is called for and appropriate. It clarifies requirements for subject matter jurisdiction, and personnel jurisdiction. Clarifies the powers of military judges and removes the requirement that sentences imposed by a Special or General Court Martial must be approved by the Governor. As of April 29, it was in the Senate Rules committee.

House Bill 523:

Short Title: NC Servicemembers Civil Relief Act

Primary Sponsors: Representative Grange, Szoka, and Goodwin

Companion Bill: Senate Bill 420 (Senators Britt and Daniel)

The Senate version made cross over and is now in the House Rules committee but this would enact a new Article 4 to the current existing legislation of the NC Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to extend all the rights benefits and protections of the federal servicemembers civil relief act to the NC National Guard members who are serving on State Active Duty and to members of the National Guard of other states serving on State Active Duty who reside in North Carolina.

Senate Bill 231:

Short Title: Study Military Economic Zones

Primary Sponsors: D. Davis, Brown, and Perry

It would require the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs in collaboration with the Department of Commerce to conduct a study on the creation of economic zones around communities that host North Carolina military installations and Department of Veterans Affairs hospitals that are located more than 150 miles from military installations. A report with findings and recommendations would be due to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government by January 1, 2020. As of April 3, it was in the House Rules Committee.

Senate Bill 232:

Short Title: Tracing Outcomes of Veterans Programs

Primary Sponsors: D. Davis, Brown, and B. Jackson

It would require the administrators of 12 specified programs to determine the number of veterans, service members and their families served, and the services, benefits, and discounts provided to them. Also track outcomes for veterans, service members, and their families in accordance with outcome

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measures established by the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. Some of these programs that would have to administer this are the Veteran Scholarship Program, National Guard Pension Fund, NC Central School of Law, UNC Chapel Hill veterans law clinics and Substance Abuse Services Initiative for the NC National Guard. It would require the administrators to annually report that information to the DMVA.

Senate Bill 230:

Short Title: Excused Absences from Military Children

Primary Sponsors: D. Davis, Brown, and Ballard

As of April 3, it was in the House Rules committee. It would amend current existing legislation to allow a student who has a parent or legal guardian who is an Active Duty member of the military and has been called for duty or leave or immediately returned from Deployment from a combat zone. It would allow them to have a minimum of 2 excused absences to spend time with that parent or guardian.

Senate Bill 448:

Short Title: Amend App For Compact on Education/Military

Primary Sponsors: Senator Brown

Companion Bill: House Bill 340 (Representatives Martin, Cleveland, and Bell)

As of May 9, it was in the House Rules committee. It amends the appointment for Compact on Education/Military. This was something that came out of the NCMAC. It would change the current existing law to no longer require the Governors appointee as compact commissioner for the Interstate compact on educational opportunity for military children be a licensed North Carolina attorney. It does retain the requirement that the appointee represent at least one local board of education with a high concentration of military children.

House Resolution 550:

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

Primary Sponsors: Representatives Grange, Potts, and Szoka

Adopted on May 2. A Resolution urging Congress to ensure full implementation of the VA mission act of 2018. Part of what the VA mission act would do which is germane to NC is strengthen the VA workforce by allowing the VA to recruit and retain the best medical providers. Would allow the removal of the barriers for VA healthcare professionals to practice telemedicine and such possibilities as the establishment of mobile deployment teams for underserved and rural facilities to provide specialized and routine health care. This provision will also allow the VA to partner with State veterans homes, including the four operated by the State of North Carolina that serve over 400 North Carolina veterans, by entering into provider agreements that are not subject to federal contracting regulations. This Resolution was by the House to urge Congress to ensure full implementation of the VA Mission Act of 2018 so that our veterans in NC and all over the country can have access to excellent health care.

Senate Bill 219:

Short Title: Modify Teacher Licensing Requirements

Primary Sponsors: Senators McInnis, Tillman, and Johnson

As of May 6, it was in the House Rules committee. This bill does a number of things. It defines the examination scores set out for initial professional license permissive rather than mandatory. It requires

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the State Board to adopt rules for the issuance of certain classes of teacher licenses. It also replaces existing language regarding out of state applicants and it now requires and out of state applicant with a full licenses in good standing be issued a continuing professional licenses by the State Board immediately upon the applicant meeting the administrative requirements established by the State Board.

Senate Bill 409:

Short Title: Study NC Veterans Registry

Primary Sponsors: D. Davis, Sanderson, and Burgin

It places the responsibility for studying the creation of a North Carolina Veterans Registry within the Department of Information Technology but allows for consultation with the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and the NC General Assembly Program Evaluation Division. As of April 22, it was in the House Rules committee. It also provides that upon registering a veteran or veterans family member will receive access to information about available benefits, programs, and services.

Senate Bill 458:

Short Title: Establish Posttraumatic Stress injury Day

Primary Sponsors: Senators Brown, J. Jackson, and Burgin

It calls for a Posttraumatic Stress Injury Day to be recognized on June 27 of every year here after.

Senate Bill 672

Short Title: Military Liaison Counselors/Funds

Primary Sponsors: Senators Burgin and Brown

All that I can say is that it is still in negotiation. As we speak right now they are currently working on the budget.

Sally-Ann Gupta said that Senator Brown asked her to deliver a message that funding for the NCMAC. They have call in the Senate proposed budget for \$2,000,000 for the biennium.

Finally, Senator Brown, his bill the Military Base Protection Act. Let me give you an update on that and deliver some remarks from Senator Brown. If Senator Brown could have been here today he would have first thanked the Commanding Officer of Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, Col Donn Yates who spoke at an April committee hearing. He spoke candidly and boldly about the need for them to protect the quote unquote status quo with regard to air space for training. Sen Brown would like the members of the Military Affairs Commission (MAC) to realize that it is crucial that they speak up and stand up to the lobbyist who are presently very powerful and up and down the halls of the General Assembly every day. With their funding and their rhetoric will continue to influence the North Carolina General Assembly members on the issue of wind energy. And it will become harder and harder as time goes on to pass any meaningful legislation continuing to protect our military bases here in North Carolina from wind energy encroachment. We have a fight on our hands. He thinks that he can push this legislation through the Senate, but he thinks there will be a fight on the House side. He wants everyone to know that he can not do this alone. He is asking for support. We have had some substantive support particularly in the April committee meeting but there needs to be more, and he can't do this alone. He is asking for the

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help of the MAC and the support of the MAC on this measure. I will open it up to any questions or comments.

David "Crockett" Long asked who is the major opposition against this? Sally-Ann Gupta said that she would say the industry itself. The industry who is advocating for these industrial wind turbines in sensitive areas around military installations where they could very likely impact training and operations. Chairman Martin said that there are land owners who would like to shift the usage of their land to something a little more profitable and a better return. Arnold Gordon-Bray asked if the NCMAC had an official position and/or is it specific to certain areas and specific sources of industry? Chairman Martin said that we have not adopted a position that he is aware of. Arnold Gordon-Bray said that the reason he asked the question is that we are asking for a blanket band against energy. That is the sensing. Sally-Ann Gupta said I realize that is what the media may present this as, but it could not be further from the truth. The maps that were drawn up with the input and assistance of every military installations here in North Carolina. It is their data that made up these maps. It covers much of Eastern North Carolina but not all of Eastern North Carolina. There are large swats of the state that are uncovered by this. So, it is not a band, and it is not by any means blanket. It is carved out according to the geospatial data and requirements that were solicited and given by the installations across the State.

Arnold Gordon-Bray said that the reason he made the comments is that I am not exposed to the media part, but it is the language part that was articulated and that is what I am listening for in this particular case. What are the talking points that we are really going after? I am a guy from Fort Bragg and the Red Cocked Woodpeckers kept me from a lot of things. We used to jokingly say, leave us along because the Red Cocked Woodpeckers like big explosions. So, I am trying to make sure that I really understand this. There are 2 parts to this Mr. Chairman. One part is that there are several groups that are involved. There are landowners involved, there is protection for us and the ability to put together train, sustain and to serve the forces and the families that support. I want to get to the gist of what we are about.

Sally-Ann Gupta said let me drill down a little deeper. The real reason why we need to support and protect this air space and these training operations comes down to Base Realignment and Closures (BRAC). That is always going to be a threat to North Carolina. At this point in time where the air space has become so compromised and degraded that any single one of our military installations become vulnerable to a BRAC, which would be devastating to North Carolina and any one of these installations. I know that we have Chuck Allen on the line (Chuck Allen responded I am here) and Will Lewis. But Chuck Allen specifically I recall that he spoke at the April meeting about what would happen for example, hypothetically if Seymour Johnson would have a BRAC. The economic impact for Goldsboro and the ripple effect that would take place across the state. So that is really what we are getting at by protecting that air space. We need to do as much as we can to make ourselves BRAC proof. Sally-Ann Gupta asked if Chuck Allen had any comments?

Mayor Chuck Allen said that he had a couple of questions. Do you or anyone know if the maps that have been prepared did the reappear at the Department of Commerce? Does anyone have access to these maps now? Sally-Ann Gupta said that they are now on the General Assembly website. Chuck Allen said so they are there? Sally-Ann Gupta said yes. Chuck Allen said that he would encourage everyone to go look at the maps. Because the maps were done by the military professionals through ACOM. I think you

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will see that there are areas that are compatible to wind farms and areas that are not compatible to wind farms. I think that all branches of the military use the Dare Bombing range and these routes. So, I think it is very important that this is not just an Air Force issue, this is a total military issue and we need to be sure. I think you also need to mention that we do have, and I am sure that Agriculture people are there. We do have the Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) funds and we do have ways for these land owners in these communities to be compensated. I do understand it is voluntary, but we have to look as a State, and we have to protect these routes. I don't think anyone else is going to do this. I don't think the federal governments is not going to protect North Carolina and that it is what it comes down to. Our legislators need to protect the military in North Carolina.

Chairman Martin said he would like to pause here. He asked Sally-Ann Gupta if the Legislative Affairs Committee came forward with any recommendation? Sally-Ann Gupta said no, not during the Legislative Sub-committee meeting. Chairman Martin said that we are over time now and I think that everyone would agree is that this legislation has a lot of moving pieces. There are complicated arguments on both sides that are worth getting smart on and evaluating before anyone makes any decisions. What I suggest that we do is not spend anymore time on this now because these issues are being debated elsewhere. If this is something that the NCMAC does want to weigh in, I suggest that we off-line come up with a process to ensure that we are properly educated on the issues that we have heard from all sides of it. Then we can all make an informed decision. Are there any objections to that?

Sally-Ann Gupta asked if she could add one more comment to that point. If you do want NCMAC members to weigh in off-line to come to a recommendation for a position, this is very time sensitive and it is moving fast right now in the General Assembly. So, if the NCMAC does want to weigh in as a body, this needs to be done sooner than later. I would suggest in the next week.

Chairman Martin said that nothing would prevent any member of the NCMAC from weighing in on an issue in his or her individual capacity at all. I can say that having dealt with this issue with my legislative hat on, as opposed to my NCMAC hat, it is very complicated. The maps are very detailed and include a lot of information. There are a lot of folks affected by this. My opinion, and one person's opinion, is that this is not appropriate to delve into without getting up to speed on all the complicated information. It is an important issue and it is one that we would want to way in after careful deliberation. This is a democratic body and we have the option to do what ever the body chooses to do, but that is my strong suggestion. We do best when we offer and consider deliberate advice not quick decisions.

Mayor Chuck Allen said it needs to be studied but the NCMAC's job is to protect these military installations and military missions that help grow us. We of all groups should have an opinion about this and should have some type of formal opinion about this. I understand that you are not going to do this today and I get that, but I don't think that kicking the can down the road is right either. If the NCMAC can't have an opinion about this then why are we here.

Chairman Martin said that he agreed with Mayor Chuck Allen, but we need to have an opinion, but he is advocating against having a hastily formed opinion.

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Representative George Cleveland said that this is not the first time that this subject has come up before the committee. It has been discussed in sub-committees and it has been discussed at this committee. I think it is time that we either do what we are supposed to do which is put forward something that will protect our military. Or we abdicate our duties and just go home and suck it. It is as simple as that. We are not running an economic development wind farm or anything else. We are here to protect our military establishments in this State. There is a threat to those establishments. We should take a position. Black and white, simple as that.

Kirk Warner said that he seconded Rep Cleveland and Sally-Ann Gupta's urgency to this matter. We have chewed on this in the past for years and we need to have a seat at the table before anything is approved. Right now, we need to make decisions and move quickly, with a quick reaction force on this. I don't care what recommendation we come back with, but I think it is clear that all these decisions have to have an assessment of the military impact on the flight paths, safety of our folks, BRAC, range and all of those issues. We need to be able to pursue and forward as advocates for the military bases that are using these flight paths.

Chairman Martin said that he wanted to lay out his thoughts again on this. Is there any doubt that this is a controversial issue? Ok, we agree on that. Is this the only issue that the NCMAC has to deal with? No.

Mayor Chuck Allen said that it is the most important issue, that is for sure.

Chairman Martin said that he was looking at a whole host of issues that deal with how we treat our military families, education, other economic development issues around our bases. So, we can have a conversation about what is important. This is clearly an important issue. So, I think we have 2 options. One is we can have a debate and discussion on this controversial issue and get bogged down in that. I think that will be extensive, I think. Or we can go about the large amount of other business that is before us. I am not proposing that we just push this issue off to the side. Again, I think we all agree that it is an important issue. I am saying that we do the stuff that we can come to some clear agreement on and try to get that done and give this issue the study that it deserves and see if we can come to some type of consensus on it. That is what I would ask the committee.

Paul Friday asked if he could propose something. This issue can be as complicated as one wants to make it. There are a lot of moving parts in it. It is easy for any position to be articulated in a way that makes reaching consensus more difficult. These maps that were generated have 100 plus data layers, but it is a single layer that depicts where conflict and challenge regard to basic training. Every Service has been on record regarding what those maps look like for 5 years. Those maps have been shared. If it is not enough time, Sally-Ann Gupta with regard to the deliberative schedule of the General Assembly, there is one sub-committee that has had briefings on this for 4 years. At a minimum we should be able to task the Base Sustainability and Community Affairs committee to produce its recommendation and use that in some form or fashion in terms of putting a voice forward. Then as the Chair or a body they can determine whether they want to move that forward in mass or committee letter or whatever comes out of that. This issue has been looked at from both sides for a long time.

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Chairman Martin said that the issue we have is there is not a waive for example of wind projects that are going to be built in the next year that are going to destroy North Carolina's military economy. But instead is at risk from the cumulative effect over time from project after project. Let's be very clear that the time sensitivity is dictated not by the economics, and not by the science of the wind mills. It is being dictated solely by the legislative schedule. The legislature will be back next year to have another crack at this. There is nothing devastating that is going to happen to North Carolina's military economy in that time. If the bill does not pass now, that gives the NCMAC plenty of time to get all the information that we need to make a decision and a recommendation on this very complicated issue.

Kirk Warner asked if we could not just issue a resolution in support of the hard work by the Services and for the protection of ranges and bases? Something as simple as that. Chairman Martin said we certainly have the authority to do what ever we want. We are also now cutting into our agenda for other things that were previously scheduled. Kirk Warner said that we are not going to have anything to talk about if we don't have bases. This is a fundamental piece.

Mayor Chuck Allen said that there is one thing that the Chairman was not telling people and Sally-Ann Gupta alluded to this was that the wind farm people are up there every day in the legislator's ears and we are not up there every day. If we are not going to protect these routes, then the NCMAC does not need to be here. Then to put it off a year is ridiculous. It has been put off and been put off. We need to take it to the Base Sustainability and Community Affairs community and let them look at it. We need to take it to somebody and do something. Protecting these bases is the biggest job we have. I don't understand why this is an issue. Chairman Martin said that because we have an obligation to the people of North Carolina to only make well informed decisions. Raise your hands right now, and some of you will raise your hands, if you can say very clearly where if this bill passed wind would or would not be allowed. That is 1/3 to maybe 1/2. Knowing that is crucial information to knowing about this bills effect on North Carolina's military economy. I judge from that very informal pole, one mans opinion that we are not yet fully informed on the decision we need to make.

David Hayden said that part of his background was being the former Chairman for the NC Defense Business Association (NC DBA). Several years ago, there was an initial move a foot and approved for placing wind farms in the flight path for Seymour Johnson Air Force Base (SJAFOB) and I know at that time the NC Defense Business Association, one of the organizations that the economic committee is supposed to interact with and receive information from. We issued a position from NC DBA and this was several years ago. Supporting the military's request that the flight plan be protected. Part of that action was doing it, but it is also important to make a statement that if anyone wants to put in a wind farm in a location that is contrary to the desires of the military installations that they need to go through some hoops before they go ahead and get that approved. I guess that my sense for being here this long, I am at a point now that if nothing else, I would like to make it known that on behalf of the Commission that we are very concerned about any action that is going to intrude on what are laid out maps that flight plans for our installations. If we are not concerned about it, lobbyist are going to know that we are not concerned about it. They are not going to care about it. My concern is that we must at least make a point to get their attention. Whether we do it as an organization or whether we do it individually. I am comfortable on making that statement now. We can continue to look at maps, but the military has already identified flight patterns that have to be protected. We have people that are

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trying to put wind farms in those areas. You are making SJAFB an attractive target for closure because it becomes irrelevant if it loses its capabilities. Chairman Martin said he wanted to try this.

Frank Bottorff said he was a military pilot and flew many Military Training Routes (MTRs) for many years. As a Commanding Officer of an installation, I advocated to protect our training routes and areas for encroachment. Clearly the number one form of encroachment in this day and age is wind turbines. I worked at Marine Corps Installation East (MCI East) in the G7 and then the Deputy Commander, advocating against encroachment from wind power that entire time. Since I have been on this Commission now for about 5 years, our number one priority excepted by this Commission and it has not changed yet has been protecting against encroachment and specifically wind power. We have supported past attempts to limit encroachment in different methods. We have not been as successful as we would like. The reality is that the maps that exist today fairly represent the military mission footprints that the Services have put forward showing those areas that they feel need to be protected and to ensure the future of training in this State for the next 25 or 50 years. Whether or not those maps can be adjusted in minor ways over time, there will never be a perfect map. If that is what we are waiting for, we will never take a vote on this. As we have not done the priorities in the past year, the first 5 years they were to protect the installations. If you look at the legislation that stood up this organization, the number one purpose is to protect the existing military infrastructure in North Carolina, and incompatibility development in future military treats downsizing and consolidation and future base realignment and closure. That was the purpose of them drafting this legislation which supports installations in this State so they can train just as good 25-50 years from now. It is not overly complicated. We need to protect our installations in this state.

Mayor Chuck Allen said that he wanted to make a motion. Chairman Martin said that he had one thing that he wanted to try. This is a very complicated issue. Go look at the maps. Let's step back to what I think is a clear consensus. I think it is clear consensus which is the bulk of what Frank Bottorff just said and several other members. The purpose of this Commission is to especially protect the presence in North Carolina. I think that we all agree that preserving flight paths and radar are absolute crucial to that presence. I don't have the time behind the stick like Frank Bottorff does, but I have been a passenger and jumped out of them. I have an interest in this also. It is fair to say that his legislation, not the effort to protect the flight paths, this legislation is controversial. There is debate as to whether this legislation is the best means to do what I think we all want to do. Does anyone disagree with that? Bill Hatcher said that he is not sure what he is getting to so please continue. Chairman Martin said that he suggests since members have expressed a desire for NCMAC to weigh in on this. I hope that you have heard my sense that I am not sure that we are ready to weigh in, that this legislation is ready, or our knowledge of this legislation is ready for us to weigh in on this. Would the Commission be satisfied, at least for the time being if we today issued a statement that we believe that the top priority, a top priority, however the Commission wants to phase it, for the State of North Carolina in preserving its military installations is to preserve flight paths. I can draft up a letter to that affect and have it tomorrow.

Rep Cleveland said no.

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Bill Hatcher asked if it had any power other than just being a letter? Chairman Martin said that this Commission has no power other than to issue recommendations to State government. We also have some power to give grants and those sorts of things. So, whether it is, so really all we do is issue a letter, you can call it a resolution if you want. What ever we would do saying we fully support something, or partially support something, we oppose something. It is all a resolution or a letter of the NCMAC. Does that make sense? Bill Hatcher said that he has been on this Commission for some time and we need to stop kicking that can and stand it on end and stomp it. Let's get it done. It may not be a perfect thing, but we need to do something.

Arnold Gordon-Bray asked what do you want them to put forward? (He was asking Cassidy and Associates). Chairmen Martin said that he was not sure about the question. I think that we are all in agreement that there needs to be something. I can tell you from 15 years in the Legislature that the good idea fairy is a frequent visitor to the General Assembly. The same good idea fairy that we have had in the military. The good idea fairy identifies a legitimate problem and this an extremely legitimate problem. But the good idea fairy does not always have the right solution. It is our job to make sure that we don't have a reaction to a clearly identified serious problem by supporting any potential solution to it. The solution that I am proposing is that we send a message that will be received as us, and I hope unanimously, saying that we as the folks that the State of North Carolina has hired to advise the Governor, General Assembly and State Government on military affairs believes that his is an important issue and needs to be addressed. It does not offer an opinion on a particular solution, but we can urge the General Assembly to act.

Rep Cleveland asked to make a motion. We have piddled around long enough. I would like to move that the North Carolina Military Affairs Commission gives it full support to Senate Bill 377, and all that it represents in the protection of our military bases in the state of North Carolina. The motion was seconded by Mayor Allen. Chairman Martin asked if there was any discussion on this motion? Chairman Martin started the discussion. I would like to hear some thoughts on how we might better address the problem on the motion before us. I would much prefer this body move forward with a consensus motion. If we move forward on the motion before us now, it will be very clear that it is a divided NCMAC. That is going to send the message that some people on the NCMAC think that it is a good idea to do this and some people did not. I contend that we send a much stronger statement if we find common ground that we can agree upon. Recognizing that finding common ground means compromising. Not getting everything that everyone wants. But if we can come to some common ground, and pass something unanimously, it does not send a mixed message that a split vote would send. I would welcome the Commissions thoughts.

Kirk Warner asked how we have a split vote if there has not been a vote.

Arnold Gordon-Bray said that he would concur with the Chairman's comments for 2 reasons. One is because as we have noted that some of us do not have the detailed knowledge of this topic. We have a current and general appreciation for the facts. I have been responsible for every Army installation around the world. Even as a warfighter I had that responsibility, so I understand the BRAC issues. But to make it a legitimate argument, I have to agree with the Chairman.

Sally-Ann Gupta said she would like to read the text of the legislation, Senate Bill 377 into the record. Just so we can inform the discussion around the table. Kirk Warner said that people are asking what Senate Bill 377 says. Chairman Martin said that people could look it up themselves, it is on the internet and they can read it. He said that he is a lawyer and at this for 15 years. I know that when I read a bill I don't always understand it. Kirk Warner said that we should have it on the record. The discussion on the motion is to support a bill and it would be nice to for everyone to know what the bill says. To inform them on the vote. Chairman Martin said that you would contend that reading the language of the bill is going to do that. Kirk Warner said that if he is going to vote on it he would like to know what the bill says. David Hayden said that there are 20 lines. The audio-visual person can put the language for Senate Bill 377 on the screen.

Senate Bill 377: Military Base Protection Act

A Bill to be entitled

An act to prohibit construction, operation, or expansion of wind energy facilities in areas of the state where impacts of vertical obstructions have been determined to be significantly high with a high risk for degrading safety and the military's ability to preform aviation training.

Section 1. Article 21C of Chapter 143 of the General Statues is amended by adding a new section to read:

Wind energy facilities prohibited in certain areas.

Construction, operations, or expansion activities associated with a wind energy facility shall be prohibited in any location included in the are designed n red as "Significant' on the map entitled "Vertical Obstruction Impact on the NC Military Mission," as the impacts of vertical obstructions in this area have been determined to be significantly high, with a nigh risk for degrading safety and the military's ability to perform aviation training. The Department of Commerce and the Department of Environmental Quality shall make the map available on their Web sites for public access.

Section 2. This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to applications for permits for a proposed wind energy facility or a proposed wind energy facility expansion pending or submitted on or after that date.

Rep Cleveland said as you can see this is straight forward. There is nothing nefarious. It is just saying that we have put together maps that was stated earlier by others with many years of input. To safeguard our military training areas and to safeguard our second largest industry. I do not think that it Is any great aggravation for this committee to vote in support of that bill. I would appreciate you support. Bill Hatcher said that he was not a lawyer and a high school drop-out and I understand that.

Chairman Martin said that he would give him his law degree. I have a couple of law degrees and a legislator for 15 years and he has looked at this for quite some time. You can't understand this without looking at the maps. The audio-visual person pulled up the maps. Bill Hatcher said that he has looked at the maps and they have been done 3 times. We need to smash the can.

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Paul Friday said that it was very difficult being here for the first meeting with this topic. What I will say is that any time renewal energy is a controversial topic. It does not matter what the subject matter might be. There is very little that you can put on a plate that is not going to have people with different positions. I recognize that completely. Wearing the hat of this body, this map is an accurate reflection from those that have worked on this 3-4 times. Very accurate reflection of the critical areas that will be impacted by vertical structures. This is not a debatable item. The only question before the body is do we support protecting that are that is going to be obstructed. Not by singulated cuts over a period of time but one farm can destroy and entire branch. So, the question before us is the State going to take a position in support of protecting those military missions. They can't change where they train, the routes can't be re-maneuvered. There is no way around it. We either trust the maps that they accurately reflect with the Services say they need or we don't. As controversial as all of that is, because there are different positions on every issue. For this body it is a very clear-cut drawing that depicts where they will be in harm's way if there are vertical structures. It is a big bullet to bite but it's a reality.

Frank Bottorff said that understanding the impact of what this map means to individual land owners is why the NCMAC and the legislators supported the Sentinel Landscape programs. To help give some of these land owners the opportunity to continue to get something out of their land potentially. Arnold Gordon-Bray asked him to repeat his last comment. Frank Bottorff said on what landowners could do. There is a program that they can voluntarily opt into to try to get some value and agree to limitations on their land either term or perpetuity. Arnold Gordon-Bray said the he was going to be frank, Fort Bragg did not have any concerns because the drop zones are all in there. The Red is the concerned areas. The drop zones in Harnett and Cumberland counties are not a concern. I look at the map and I understand Cherry Point and Camp Lejeune and the routes they use. Because I have jumped over Fort Bragg and played in most of these areas. I support Commander's, but I have to believe to your point that, I don't know what I don't know. I know what I know but I don't know what I don't know. That is why I am not a lawyer, but I do have a couple of degrees.

David "Crockett" Long said he was a business man and I don't know enough about this situation to make a decision. This is a very contentious matter and we have people at this table that are concerned about their vote. I think we need cooler heads to prevail and take a step back. But as a businessman I would have a hard time to believe that you are taking away my property.

Chairman Martin said any other questions or comments. We do have a motion by Rep Cleveland that was properly made. If it is the will of the committee we will go for a vote. I just want you to know that I plan to vote against the motion. I would expect that it might pass, and we do have people on the phone. It will go forward as a not unanimous vote of this Commission. So even those who are in a different spot than I am, who want a clear statement from the NCMAC this week about this specific bill, I hope that you will consider that our statement is weakened and not have as strong of an affect, even if the language is strong, than what from you perspective that might be weaker language but it passed unanimously. I don't if that has swayed anyone. We will proceed with Rep Cleveland's motion.

Paul Friday said that he feels Chairman Martin's passion but just as a person who is trying to put myself in the shoes of anyone else around this table, votes are taken routinely on matters that some people in the room are more expert on than others. But there usually is a consensus on the underlying position

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which you articulated earlier to support the military. The people that put this map together are the experts in that subject matter. The maps are on the third cycle. I don't see how these maps can get drawn any other way. It is a question of whether we like what we see on the map and it is a bitter pill for some to take that. But the maps are not going to change. They are what they are and reflect only those areas that will be put in harms way. It is what it is and there is no way to study them further or get them drawn differently. It is just a large area. I wish I could offer us something to get us out of this.

Chairman Martin said that he did not think his last comments swayed anyone. David Hayden said that he was trying to understand. You say that it is complicated, and I am of the school house with Paul Friday. This has been around for years and I have dealt with it with the NC DBA. Our point was that we have to support our Commanders. When they see that this is something that protects the bases, so having seen what to me is very easily understood and simple language. Tell me what about that language is objectionable or reason that causes you concern that you would not support what essential says that experts have identified these areas are a risk to installations and we have legislation that says land owners, you can't put wind farms in. You can put a solar farm or a number of things, but you can't put a wind farm there because you are going to impact these paths. I am asking for help from you. I want to be empathetic to you, but I need more specifics. It is not that complicated.

Patricia Harris said that she did not understand some of this. I don't have the time on this board that some of you do. In my experience I was a ground pounder and a foot soldier, and we did take rides from those who flew. I would have a problem with this in their flight patterns, that part is cut and dried. But not all of those are in the red. There has to be another side to that as well. I understand the legislation full, because I can read and comprehend. But something else is just not being explained. I am only speaking for myself. Rep Cleveland said that the red covers the air space that is used for training by all aircraft. Not just for military installations. Patricia Harris asked what was all of this to start with? Rep Cleveland said that this came up years ago. Patricia Harris said those are the things she doesn't know. That is why she would like more time to understand this. I understand our mission for this Commission. This this is now being forced in why and how did all of this come up in the first place? Rep Cleveland said that this has been a problem with the military and use of air space for 5 years. This is not going to get any better. This is the solution that the Commander's have come up with and I do believe that we should support this.

Chairman Martin said in response to your question, it is complicated for a variety of reasons. If you look at the map, the areas in red, if this bill passes will band wind development in those areas. Now there are not military aircraft using every inch of that air space. When I make policy decisions I am confronted with values that are black and white, for me a value that is clear is that we have to preserve NC is a viable place for our military to train. But then when we try to implement our values into actual policy that is when things start to get balance. One example is what we would be supporting, and you can weigh this pro or con, but you have to weigh this. What we would be supporting is saying to every land owner, who owns land in this red that you are no longer able to use your land and make money off your land that you paid for with a wind mill. Now there are clearly large parts of this state where we do need to do that. Significant portions of this State and there is no other way to preserve North Carolina is a great place to train if we don't do that. But what I can't say with certainty and David Hayden what is complicated for me, I can't weigh with certainty that we need to deprive every single land owner in the

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red of that right. I am not convinced yet that there is not an approach that would preserve as much of the capability to train as we have now but still protect the rights of those land owners to do as they see fit with their land. That is the main thing that is complicated for me and I will keep you all here until Rep Cleveland tucks the SGM in bed at his house tonight at 8:00 pm. Rep Cleveland said let's get on with the vote. Chairman Martin said that for him, that is the sort of complicated thing in this bill. It is not complicated for me that we need to protect our flight paths. It is not complicated for me that we need to protect property rights. What is complicated is have we done the proper balancing?

Paul Friday said that nailed it on the head. This Commission from watching from a different seat in the past was always supportive of two things. One was encroachment, incentivization and protection programs that recognize a land owner's value in a voluntary way. But we have come out big time in support of those programs to help those land owners be a participant in a willing way to have them compensated in some form or fashion and protect that military right. I think this Commission is on record for that. Chairman Martin said to be clear, we don't have enough money in the State budget or anyone's budget to fairly compensate every land owner. Paul Friday said not fairly but to offer a voluntary incentive program. Chairman Martin said I think it is clear in just about as black and white as possible that large numbers of property owners would have (not audible). This conversation is an illustration that this is a complicated issue. Another thing that complicates it for me is that there is still a vigorous debate on the role that DoD clearing house plays in all of this. There are many folks that say that it is inadequate and there are good arguments that it is. There are many people that say it is adequate and that we have a process that is set up to do that. I think it would be a good thing for this body to consider bringing the expertise that we have bear. We have Frank Bottorff and other folks that have dealt with the clearing house as installation commanders. We have other folks that haven't, and we need to have those folks have the time to be heard on that and get up to speed. That is my thinking.

Chairman Martin said that he did not want to waste everyone's time and I have given my pitch. I would love to see a consensus unanimous show of support come from this body, saying that we believe in the importance of protecting our flight paths and urge the General Assembly to act to protect those flight paths without reference to a specific piece of legislation that remains very complicated. Paul Friday said I don't want to amend Rep Cleveland's at all, but would it be fair to assume once we take the vote depending on the outcome of the vote, it is affirmative and in support of the offered amendment, to also state that even in the minority opinion that everyone on the Commission agrees to support and protect the military. But take the vote first.

Kirk Warner said that he wanted to add one thing. We are only saying that we support what the commander's have asked for. That is really what we are saying. That is why this is really simple for me. I am not voting on SB 377. I am voting on what the commanders have said, and we support those positions. Chairman Martin said that is a good point if you are not voting for SB 377. Then let's not mention SB 377 and that specific bill. Kirk Warner said that he his part of the NCMAC and our job is to support the commanders and that is why I am in favor of the current resolution.

David "Crockett" Long asked what exact words are the commander's saying? Kirk Warner said that they are saying that the stuff that they marked in red is what they need for their ranges. Chairman Martin said that they have not asked for a blanket band on everything. Kirk Warner said that he understood

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that but the whole point is to protect those ranges and if there are some ranges that they say at some point we don't need that, then the red will move. But right now, it is based on the current assessment of the commanders. How can we not support that? Senate Bill 377 is the support of that. I would call for a vote.

Chairman Martin said I don't know what that means but what we are looking at is Rep Cleveland's motion is still properly before us. I intend to take it to a vote unless there is any appetite to head to a different approach. I have detected some, but my sense is that overall there is a preference to proceed. If anyone disagree with that, please chime in now.

Chairman Martin asked Rep Cleveland to restate his motion. The North Carolina Military Affairs Commission is in full support of Senate Bill 377 and what it represents in protecting our military bases of operation within the State. Seconded by Bill Hatcher. Chairman Martin said all in favor say I, opposed say no. The I's appear to have it. The motion passes. Arnold Gordon-Bray abstained. No further comments or discussion. Chairman Martin said that we need to move back into the agenda.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: DAVID HAYDEN

David Hayden reported for the Economic Development Committee. He will make his comments short due to time. The NCMAC has funded a position with Economic Development Partnership for NC (EDPNC) that is focused on the defense industry in NC. That position was held by Brad Helton and he has left that position. We now have a replacement and that is Denny Lewis. He used to work for the NC Military Business Center and a retired Army Colonel. He has been involved in the defense industry in NC for many years. He will be a great asset. He along with Chris Chung will be present at our next Commission meeting. He is up to speed and has been participating with the Cluster Analysis team.

FINANCE AND BUDGET WORKING GROUP: FRANK BOTTORFF

Frank Bottorff updated the Commission members on the budget. He had a handout for the members with the budget information. Current Status of fund.

| Description | 18-19 Plan | 18-19 Expended | 18-19 Remaining |
|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Administration | 40,000 | 4,127.17 | 35,872.83 |
| Conferences | 40,000 | 7,453.67 | 32,546.33 |
| 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 | 80,000 | 0 |
| EDPNC | 150,000 | 120,000 | 30,000 |
| OEA Grant | 14,000 | 14,000 | 0 |
| Sentinel Land | 150,000 | 150,000 | 0 |
| Community Grants | 225,000 | 0 | 225,000 |
| Total | \$2,088,002.83 | \$375,580.24 | |

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19-21 Request (2-year budget)

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

For the lobbying contract we approved \$306,000 at our last Commission meeting.

The total expenditures for this year to date is \$375,580.24

We have paid \$80,000 for NC4ME. We paid one yearly in the FY and the second one late in the FY.

The OEA Grant has been completed.

We will wait until the next meeting to approve the funding for 2019-2020, once the budget is approved.

The legislature has not approved the 2019- 2020 budget at this time.

We will be crossing fiscal years, so we need to re-approve the allocation of funds. This is our remaining about for the 2018-2019 budget. Ongoing we have administration, conferences, lobbying, minor contract services (facilitator/cluster analysis).

Frank Bottorff made a motion to re-approve the allocation of funds for administration, conferences, lobbying, and minor contract services. The motion was seconded by Rep Cleveland and approved by unanimous vote.

BYLAWS WORKING GROUP: KIRK WARNER

Kirk Warner had no update.

CASSIDY & ASSOCIATES: CHAD SYNDOR

Chad Sydnor introduced himself and other members of this team. They included Mike Johnson, Ed Turlington and Matt Bales. See slides.

FY 20 Defense Authorization & Appropriations:

- Schedule
- House MILCON
 - Passed Full Committee
- House Defense Appropriations
 - Full Committee: 21 May
- Expect Defense, MILCON and Labor-HHS to be bundled into a minibus for floor consideration in June.
- House NDAA
 - Subcommittee:4-5 June
 - Full Committee: 12 June
 - Floor: Week of 8 July

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- Senate Appropriations
 - Timing uncertain
 - Subcommittees have not yet received allotments
- Senate HDAA
 - Subcommittees: 20-21 May
 - Full Committee: 22-23 May
 - Floor TBD

Border Wall Impact on NC:

- On February 15, 2019, President Trump took Executive Action to dedicate resources to his border wall plan. This includes the following:
 - \$1.375 billion contained the Department of Homeland Security appropriations bill
 - \$601 million transferred from the Treasury Forfeiture Fund
 - Up to \$2.5 billion transferred from the DoD Counterdrug funding.
 - Up to \$3.6 billion reallocated from the Department of Defense military construction projects (MILCON funding).
- Legal Authority – 10 USC 2808. Construction authority in the event of a declaration of war or national emergency.

Border Wall Impact Continued:

- **SECDEF Memo**
- Acting SECDEF Shanahan issued a memo asking the comptroller to identify existing military construction projects of sufficient value to provide up to \$3.6B in funding.
- The restrictions on which projects can be considered are:
 - Family housing,
 - Barracks,
 - Dormitory projects,
 - Projects that have already been awarded, or
 - Projects that have fiscal year 2019 award dates.
- **NC Projects Potentially Impacted**
 - Camp Lejeune - 2nd Radio BN Complex, Phase 2 (April 2020 award date) - \$25.65M
 - Camp Lejeune - Ambulatory Care Center Addition/Alteration (January 2020) - \$15.3M
 - Seymour Johnson AFB - KC-46A ADAL for Alt Mission Storage (April 2020) - \$6.4M

Supplemental Appropriations:

- House of Representatives (HR 2157)
 - USMC O&M - \$200M
 - USAF O&M - \$400M
 - MILCON Navy & USMC - \$115M
 - MILCON USAF - \$700M
- Revised version with additional funding for Puerto Rico passed the House on May 10th.

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- Senate
 - Senator Tillis has requested that USMC O&M funding be increased to \$381M.
 - Unresolved dispute over Puerto Rico funding has stalled floor consideration.
 - Violence Against Women Act reauthorization has recently arisen as a new point of contention.

- Leader McConnell has said that Senate will consider the supplemental package this week.

USMC Disaster Funding:

- Requirement - \$3.4 billion
- \$400M transferred to USMC via reprogramming
- Supplemental
 - \$200M O&M (House)
 - \$381M Requested in Senate
 - \$115M MILCON
- FY20 MILCON Appropriations
 - House - \$1,210,498,000 Emergency Appropriation
 - Senate – Currently Unknown
 - NC MILCON Projects – Funded, but not in accordance with PB request
- FY20 Defense Appropriations
 - O&M Accounts – FSRM
 - House:
 - FY19 - \$6,540,049,000 (enacted)
 - FY20 - \$7,945,854,000
 - Increase - \$1,405,805,000 from FY19
 - Increase - \$4,017,809,000 over PB
 - FSRM increased \$443,292,000
 - Senate
 - TBD

FY20 Appropriations:

- Military Construction
- House – H.R. 2745
 - Funded all NC Projects except ACV-AAV project at Camp Lejeune
 - ACV-AAV project to be funded through disaster relief funds
 - II MEF Operations Center – Incremental Funding
 - Provides funding for UFR List projects
 - Emergency funding for natural disaster relief:
 - \$1,210,948,000 (Navy & USMC)
 - \$733,752,000 (USAF)
 - \$50,000,000 (Army National Guard)
- Defense Appropriations
- House
- Significant Increases in O&M

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- \$82,746,404,000 increase
 - Navy Aircraft Depot Maintenance increased \$1,154,181,000
 - USMC Depot Maintenance increased \$232,991,000
 - USMC FSRM increased \$443,292,000
- Procurement
 - No additional F-35B/C beyond PB request
 - USAF +12 F-35A
 - F-15EX funded – 8 acft

Additional Issues Impacting Defense:

- Budget Control Act of 2011
 - No Caps Deal – BCA Caps in effect for FY20...for now.
 - Pelosi, McCarthy, McConnell and Schumer will meet with White House officials this week to discuss.
 - Defense Caps for FY20 = \$576M
 - What does that mean?
 - It means that if Congress has not agreed to a budget caps deal by January 18, 2020, any funding provided to DOD, including a CR, with funding in the base budget above \$576M would trigger a sequester that, assuming MILPERS accounts are excluded, would amount to a 13% reduction of every project, program and activity (PPA) within DOD.
 - OCO is exempt for BCA
- Continuing Resolution
 - Legislation in the form of a joint resolution enacted by Congress, when the new fiscal year is about to begin or has begun, to provide budget authority for Federal agencies and programs to continue in operation until the regular appropriations acts are enacted.
 - Funds at the previous FY's level.
 - Does not allow for new start programs without specific language allowing it.
 - Increasingly likely that a CR will be in effect for some or all of FY20.

Questions: No question for Chad Sydnor

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. He wanted to welcome the Cassidy and Associates team on board. They are a very knowledgeable company. He does not have anything to add to their brief, but he did want to highlight one item. There is a fund-raising effort underway. It is to commemorate our Old Hickory Division for its accomplishments. They are trying to place an appropriate monument in France at the site of the breakthrough. Also, a larger monument on the State Capital grounds. This is in conjunction with the NC National Guard and the National Guard museum. I urge all of you to look at this fund-raising event. This is 100 years later but we can never forget what those men did on the 29 of September 1918. No further comments or questions.

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Goal for NC – be the most military friendly state in the country

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Approach - Working together in partnership to strengthen NC's military presence and economic impact

North Carolina's Military Presence is Unrivaled and has a Dramatic Impact on our State's Security, Economy, and our Way of Life

- 4th highest active duty military presence
- 6 major installations (5 DoD/1 DHS)
 - 116 NC National Guard facilities
 - 40 Army Reserve facilities statewide
 - 123,000 Active, Guard and Reserve personnel
 - Over 50% of Special Operations Forces

NCMAC Purpose:

To advise the Governor, NC General Assembly, and State agencies on ways to:

- 1. Protect the existing military infrastructure in NC – against incompatible development, future military budget cuts, downsizing or consolidation, future base Realignment & Closure (BRAC)***
- 2. Promote new military missions – supporting the vitality, prosperity and expansion of our military operations***
- 3. Improve quality of life – for military members and families by protecting and enhancing military programs and benefits.***
- 4. Support Economic Opportunities for the State- leveraging opportunities for NC businesses and growing our economy***

Functions of the Commission:

- NC “Clearing House” for State related military issues in NC
- Directly assist the military installations by coordinating with commanders, communities and state and federal agencies on top issues and priorities that may require State level assistance
- Coordinate issues and actions with State Agencies, the NC General Assembly, and other military related organizations in NC

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- Assist the NC General Assembly to evaluate proposed legislation
- Lead the BRAC preparation effort for North Carolina
- Support economic development initiatives, especially those with dual purpose, such as “Feed and Fuel the Forces”

At Large Delegates: (Committee assignments)

- Hon. Grier Martin COL. USAR: Commission Chair
- Maj Gen Gerald Rudisill NC National Guard Retired : Quality of Life
- Brig Gen Arnold Gordon-Bray, USA Retired: Economic Development & Community Coordinator for Fort Bragg
- David “Crockett” Long: Economic Development
- COL. David Hayden, USA Retired : Economic Development (Chair)

- Tim McClain: Economic Development
- Patricia Harris: Quality of Life
- Vacant: Army Reserve

Committees:

- **4 Standing and 1 Select:**
 - Sustainability & Community Affairs (Chair, Frank Bottorff)
 - Economic Development (Chair, David Hayden)
 - Quality of Life (Chair, Kirk Warner)
 - Legislative Affairs (Chair, Senator Harry Brown)
 - BRAC (as required)

Fort Bragg Area Delegates: (Committee assignments)

- Maj Gen Edward Reeder, USA Retired: None
- COL. Kirk Warner, USA Retired: Quality of Life (Chair)
- ET Mitchell: Legislative Affairs
- Mayor Mitch Colvin(ex officio): Sustainability

Seymore Johnson AFC Area Delegates: (Committee assignments)

- **Honorable Lawrence C. Allen: Base Sustainability and Community Affairs & Legislative Affairs
 - Julie Daniels: Quality of Life
 - Vacant
 - Rep. John Bell: Legislative (non-voting)
- ** Community Coordinator

Camp Lejeune & New River MCAS Area Delegates: (Committee assignments)

- **Honorable Lawrence C. Allen: Base Sustainability and Community Affairs & Legislative Affairs
- Julie Daniels: Quality of Life

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- Vacant
 - Rep. John Bell: Legislative (non-voting)
- ** Community Coordinator

Cherry Point NCAS Area Delegates (Committee assignments)

- **Colonel Frank Bottorff , USMC Retired: Base Sustainability and Community Affairs (Chair), Economic Development & BRAC
 - Sonny Roberts: Base Sustainability and Community Affairs
 - Honorable Will Lewis: Legislative Affairs
- ** Community Coordinator

Elizabeth City US Coast Guard Area Delegates (Committee assignments)

- **Stanley Walz: Base Sustainability and Community Affairs
 - Mayor Bettie Parker (ex officio):
- ** Community Coordinator

Military Affairs Commission Process:

- Committees
- Identify issues, problems and opportunities
- Military Affairs Commission Quarterly Meetings
- Report to the Governor and General Assembly

NC Advisory Commission on Military Affairs:

Department Military Awareness Coordinators:

BRAC Preparation:

- NCMAC designated by the NC General Assembly to lead the State's preparation for the next round of BRAC
- State allocated \$1 million annually for BRAC preparation
 - Military Presence Stabilization Fund
- Coordinating BRAC preparation efforts:
 - Working with regional and community organizations
 - Evaluate prior BRAC scoring and changes that could affect future actions
 - Recommend actions to maximize opportunities and minimize Losses through ongoing analysis of military Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) of installations

Military Presence Stabilization Funds (BRAC) Authorization:

- Local community or installations grants ($\leq 225,000$)
- Administrative expenses and reimbursements

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- Federal advocacy and lobbying support
- Updates to strategic planning analysis and strategic plan
- Economic impact analysis
- Public-public/public-private initiatives
- Identification of implementation of innovative measure to increase the value of installations
- Fully fund the position at the Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina (EDPNC)

NCMAC Budget Appropriations:

- Recurring
 - EDPNC Sector Specialist \$120,000
 - NC4ME \$40,000
 - Sentinel Landscapes \$150,000
 - Lobbying \$306,000
 - Community Grants \$200,000
 - Administrative/Conferences

NCMAC Budget Appropriations:

- Non-Recurring/Future
 - Defense Asset Inventory – Ongoing
 - Strategic Visioning Event – Ongoing
 - Strategic Plan Review – FY 19-20

Total Annual Military Impact:

- Second only to Agriculture, North Carolina's Defense Economy Impacts Businesses Across the State
 - 10% of NC's economic activity –
 - Nearly \$30B comes to NC from the US Department of Defense
 - \$30B in Personal Income, \$66B in Gross State Product
 - Defense contracts in FY2012 :
 - Prime contracts: \$3.3 billion
 - Subcontracts: additional billions*
- Prime Contracts in NC: federal (99 Counties); DoD (83 Counties)

Total Annual Military Impact (continued):

- 578,000 Military supported jobs across the State
 - 119,000 federal government jobs
 - 72,087 state and local jobs
 - 386,475 private industry jobs
- 66.0 Billion Of Gross State Product
 - General Defense \$62.5 B
 - Military Pensions \$3.5 B

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- 33.7 Billion of Personal Income
- Military Veterans received more than \$7.4 B in pensions, medical care and other support from the DoD and VA in 2017.

NC Veteran Population:

- Over 775,000 Veterans across the state (7.9% of the state population)
- Veterans represent a large and skilled labor pool
- 244,000 veterans less than 50 years old
- An Additional 83,000 Military Retirees reside in NC
- 8,000+ annual transitions(exiting military) in NC

Summary:

- The NC Military Affairs Commission advises the Governor, the NC General Assembly and State Agencies on protecting and promoting the military and military missions in NC.
- The only State commission whose membership represents communities, installation commanders, state agencies and education and coordinates military related issues with these entities.
- Serves as a “clearing house” on military issues and interest.

CENSUS UPDATE: RON MASSEY

Ron Massey gave an update on the census for NC. He said that what was important is the complete count committees have been organized at the state and community levels. All the complete count committees that are around the installations and those communities need to ensure that they have a military person on that committee. The latest decision for the census taking on the military bases is that they are going to do the census in family housing the same way they do in the communities. They will mail out information and ask everyone that received this information to respond on line or in writing. Then if they don't get responses, they will then do a follow up. The key thing for the complete count committee is they are formed to help get everyone in the community to complete the census. The reach on a military base is a little different and how you reach the members than in a civilian community. We need to ensure that the military understand that and when they complete the census, it does not change anything with their Home of Record (HOR), the state that they vote in or any of those items. It is important that we get every one of those family and military members counted at the location that they are presently stationed. The rules this year allow that if they are temporarily deployed to be counted at the base that they were deployed from. This is a change from prior years. It is important that when you talk to you military counterparts, that they are participating in the census. No further comments.

BREAK:

SENTINEL LANDSCAPE: ROBERT HOSFORD

Robert Hosford briefed on Sentinel Landscape and how they are using the funding approved by the NCMAC.

Progress to Date: NCMAC and NCDA/NCFS Partnership 21 May 2019

NCDA, Agricultural Development and Farmland Trust + \$75k

- Number of acres in the NCSL with signed options = 36,695
- 4 part time employees since Dec 18
- Number of military easements in the NCSL = 16
- Number of military easements acres = 7,250
- Total value of all encumbered dollars = \$19,304,784

NCSU, College of Natural Resources = \$40k

- 2 North Carolina Sentinel Landscape (NCSL) Partnership meetings
- 3 NCSL Coordinating Committee meetings
- Competed Hoffman Forest Public workshop
- Supported NC Forest Service for “Landowner Thank You” letter

NC Soil and Water Conservation Districts = \$35k

- Landowner meeting in Moore County
- 3 additional landowner meetings to be held in the NCSL

What is the NBA for AG and the Military?

- Two of the things that made America Great:
- The American Farmer and the United States Military!

COMMUNITY GRANT UPDATE: FRANK BOTTORFF

Frank Bottorff gave an update on the 2 community grants that received approved funding from the NCMAC totally approximately \$200,000 (\$60K and \$140K approximately).

One grant was for Allies for Cherry Point Tomorrow (ACT) for military influence overlays districts which was a Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) recommendation, so a JLUS implementation act. This project started on March 20 and they took the contractors out to all the training areas that Cherry Point uses and in Carteret County. Then in the afternoon the consulting team and stakeholders from the area met at Havelock City Hall. The next meeting was May 9 with the Range Manager and folks at Cherry Point. The purpose to go out within our communities to figure out what things the community can do to protect

the military mission in that area. Help them come up with potential restrictions are within their own communities. This project is ongoing and making progress.

The other grant for the City of Jacksonville and the Onslow water authority. That project is in 2 parts to install Aqua monitoring wells. They have installed 3 aqua monitoring wells at one location and still need to install 3 aqua monitoring wells at 3 different sites. This is all part of a much larger project where they are installing approximately 36 monitoring wells throughout Onslow County and the Camp Lejeune area. The purpose of the wells is to track any potential salt water intrusion to the aquifer, which would then limit our fresh water capability in Onslow County and the installation. The project is ongoing and making progress. No questions or comments.

MILITARY SCHOOL LIAISON: DAN DUNHAM, VIRGINIA (VA) DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Kirk Warner from the Quality of Life Committee introduced Dan Dunham, Military Student and Family Specialist to the Commission members. The state of VA is leading the way in military K-12 education programs and support. We wanted to hear from Dan Dunham about their programs and how this can help NC. Dan Dunham is the military student and family specialist for the VA Department of Education. He gave the Commission a presentation on his role as the military liaison for the VA Department of Education.

Virginia Department of Education Military Student and Family Support:

Overview:

- Virginia’s Support of Military Families: The Power of Force Multipliers
- Purple Star Designation
- 2018/2019 General Assembly: Bills in Support of Military Families.

Virginia Military Identifier: 75343

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| I - 3624 | III – 4864 | V – 1320 | VII – 490 |
| II – 43238 | IV – 20231 | VI – 1181 | VIII – 395 |

My Role:

- Provide Technical Assistance and Support to the Virginia Department of Education, State Legislators, Schools, Military Commands and Parents Concerning the Educational Transitions of military Connected Students
- Serve as Subject Matter Expert/Commissioner’s Designee for the Interstate Compact on the Educational opportunity of Military Children (MIC3).

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Transitional Needs:

- Program Placement
- Graduation Requirements
- Special Education Navigation
- Enrollment

Force Multiplier: A capability that, when added to and employed by a combat force, significantly increases the combat potential of that force and thus enhances the probability of a successful mission accomplishment. (JP 3-05.1)

MSSPAT: Military Student Support Process Acton Team

- Advisory Role
- Supports Training Efforts
- Purple Star Reviewing Panel

Purple Star Designation: The Virginia Purple Star Designation is awarded by the Virginia Interstate Compact Council to military-friendly schools that show a major commitment to supporting military connected students and their families.

Minimum Qualifiers

- Appoint a school point of contact (POC) for military families
- Division assigns a central office staff to support school POC
- School POC completes professional development
- School POC leads school wide professional development and informs teachers of military-connected students in their classrooms
- School / Division maintains a dedicated page featuring guidance / resources for military families
- The school maintains a student led transition program to support incoming and exiting students
- Evidence of division wide effort to support military families

General Assembly 2018:

House Bill 1085 (Define Open Enrollment for Military Connected Students)

Any local school board of a school division in which a military installation or other military housing is located shall establish and implement policies to provide for the enrollment to any school of any student residing on a military installation or in military housing within the school division upon the request of his parent if space in the school is available.

Senate Bill 775 (Assist those in Temporary Housing)

- Allow the student to be enrolled in the school division of the child's intended residence.

General Assembly 2019:

Senate Bill 1249

- Permits students to register, remotely or in-person, for courses and other academic programs and participate in the lottery process for charter schools and college partnership laboratory schools in the school division in which such student will reside at the same time and in the same manner as students who reside in the local school division.

No questions or comments.

STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE: KIRK WARNER

Kirk Warner gave an update on the strategic plan event. He introduced Dr. Kathy Sturgis who will be the facilitator for this event. The Commission put out a Request for Proposal (RFP) for this event and Dr. Kathy Sturgis was selected to lead the Commission for this event. We have had a couple of conference calls with Dr. Sturgis to get the process moving and develop a timeline. We have provided her with our core documents. We have a call scheduled with her tomorrow and we are working on a survey that will be sent to all the Commission members, some external people and former NCMAC members. The last Strategic plan that we completed was February 2016 and we have hard copies of that document. We also completed an annual report to the General Assembly. We are required to complete another Strategic Plan due in November 2020 to the Joint Legislative Committee on General Government. There has been a change in the NCMAC as we are an independent body as opposed to being under the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. We are a stand along organization. We are trying to set the stage for the ultimate strategic plan development. Talk about our priorities and reshape them.

Once you get the survey, please complete it and return it so Dr. Sturgis can gather that data. Then we will have a 1-day event in July a selected group. This group has representation from all the installation areas. The members are Stan Walz, Coast Guard, Mayor Chuck Allen, SJAFB, Frank Bottorff, Cherry Point, Paul Friday, Camp Lejeune, Arnold Gordon-Bray, Fort Bragg, Erin Adams, MCI-East and me. We will have a 1-day event in July with this group. Then we will have a meeting with the Full NCMAC in August and ask you all to come early around 9:30 – 12:30 for the Strategic Planning review and reshape the Strategic plan for the NCMAC. Then we will have the NCMAC meeting after the strategic planning meeting from 1:00 – 4:30. The work products will be distributed in September to the committees for them to review and weigh in at their October meeting. It will then go to the Executive Steering Group (ESG) and the Full NCMAC for approval at the November meeting. That will set us up for the 12-month glide path for Strategic Plan that is due to the Legislature in November 2020. That Strategic Plan will be a separate process. Dr. Sturgis introduced herself and said that this was an honor to work with this Commission. She has working a lot with the USO for NC. She has supported the military service members and their families for a lifetime. She is a facilitator and communications person by trade. No comments or discussion.

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OTHER BUSINESS:

Chairman Martin asked if there was any other business. Rep Cleveland said that he did not put this in his motion earlier. He would like the Resolution that is going to come from the Commission in support of Senate Bill 377 but expediently, like noon tomorrow. Chairman Martin said that it depends on what they have for the legislative day tomorrow. I am sure that Kelly can work on that and get it out sometime tomorrow.

Kelly Jackson said that the next meeting is August 20th and will start early at approximately 9:30 at the Department of Insurance. The following meeting will be November 19, 2019. The 1-day Strategic Planning event is on Tuesday, July 11,

Stipend paperwork needs to be completed by all NCMAC members. Please see Kelly Jackson if you have not completed the paperwork. Also, if you want to receive state travel, please let Kelly Jackson know that you want to receive that reimbursement.

Kirk Warner said that he will call together the by-laws committee in the next couple of months. To address the compensation for the stipend payment and the ethics training.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Martin requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Arnold Gordon-Bray made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Patricia Harris and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:02 pm.