



16 February 2010

MEMORANDUM FOR: ALL MILITARY AFFAIRS COUNCIL ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS

FROM: Chair, Military Affairs Council Advisory Board

SUBJECT: Military Affairs Council Advisory Board Minutes

1. **Place:** US Bank Conference Room (Basement), 6 S. Tejon St., Ste 700
2. **Date and Time:** Thursday, 11 February at 7:30 a.m.
3. **Review and approval of Previous Minutes:** Military Affairs Advisory Board Meeting Minutes: 12 November 2009
4. **Attendees:** Brian Binn, George Sawaya, Kevin Estrem, Fritz Burkhart, Don Addy, Commissioner Dennis Hisey, Bernie Herpin, Liz Anderson, Mike Resty, Doug Lobdell, Larry Fortner, Forey Hamilton, Debbie McCarty, Bill Tutt, John Bailly
5. **Agenda:**
 - a. Welcome and Introductions – Don Addy
 - b. Approval of Past Board Minutes – Don Addy
 - c. New Business:
 - i. Don Addy discussed the new agenda format for Board meetings. Agendas will include time for committee reports by the chair of the committee. Will continue to look for additional volunteers to support programs, events, and committees, such as Guardian Challenge Golf, Warrior Games, etc. Will be a discussion item at the MAC General Membership meeting on 25 February.
 - ii. Committee Reports
 - (a) Forey Hamilton: Colorado Legislative Issues: Forey Hamilton is our MAC representative on the Chamber's Legislative Watch Council (LWC) for military issues. Several bills are being proposed at the State level dealing with the military or military member support. HB 10-1205 deals with encroachment around military installations, and basically requires municipalities to coordinate with the installation when making zoning or master plan changes within 2 miles of the fence line. Encroachment can have a detrimental affect on the mission of an installation, and could jeopardize the existence or growth of the installation. A letter of support for this bill has been sent to committee members and other key State and local officials, and several will testify on it's behalf later this month. Other Bills being supported are HB 10-1175 – transfer of credentials for certain professional career fields for military spouses coming from other states; HB 10-1104 – authorization for the establishment of the Veteran's treatment court program in judicial districts; and a House Bill dealing with the declaration and disposition of last remains for service members (use of DD Fm 93 – Record of Emergency Data).
 - (b) Larry Fortner: Defense Mission Task Force (DMTF): Larry briefed on activities of the last DMTF meeting. DMTF received a briefing on Project Sanctuary, a non-profit that provides a week retreat for redeployed service members and their families. Larry commented on the fact that there are many organizations providing services to military, but that there is no "clearinghouse" or coordination of the services, which could cause some to take advantage of the system. Larry said the DMTF would take this on and see what could be done to help this situation – but would require cooperation and effort by the agencies involved. DMTF also received a briefing on the status of county efforts to increase the buffer zone on the eastern border of Fort Carson in the Rancho

Colorado area. To date, 845 acres have been procured. There is currently about \$700,000 available for use, and we should continue to support increased funding from the Army for this program.

(c) Mike Resty: Military Outreach:

- MAC will host the AFSPC Guardian Challenge Golf Tournament on 21 May. Guardian Challenge brings together AFSPC space and cyberspace wings for a command wide competition. Proceeds from the golf tournament will be passed back to the family welfare and enlisted support funds of AFSPC and the 21st SW. Volunteer and sponsorship opportunities are available.
- Warrior Games – 10-14 May: The Warrior Games are a DoD /USOC/USO program to bring 200 wounded warriors to Colorado Springs for competition in 7 disciplines (9 sports). There will be 100 Army, 50 USMC, 25 Navy/Coast Guard, and 25 Air Force competitors, chosen by the service headquarters. The MAC will help support with volunteers, as well as integrating them into our Armed Forces Week activities (concert and lunch).
- Farewell Reception: LTG Steve Blum, February 23, Cheyenne Mountain Resort
- Hail and Farwell: March 16th, Peterson Air and Space Museum
- Ironhorse Week: 14-19 June, Fort Carson.

(d) Membership Update: Membership continues to be strong, sitting at about 250. MAC dues are coming in, with over 50% collected for 2010. Goal is to have all dues in by end of March. Will be opening up MAC membership to the Pikes Peak Regional Business Partnership (PPRBP), under the same guidelines currently in place. Once approved by the PPRBP Board, will coordinate with the members on the process to move his forward. Biggest benefit is to broaden the reach of the MAC and support/interest in military issues in the region.

(e) Upcoming 2010 Events:

- General Membership Meeting: February 25, Rocky Mountain USO
- Military Speakers Luncheon: March 17, MG David Perkins, DoubleTree Hotel
- Military Speakers Luncheon: April 7, 10 SFG/CC, DoubleTree Hotel

d. Old Business:

i. Pikes Peak Regional Business Partnership: Will be opening up MAC membership to the Pikes Peak Regional Business Partnership (PPRBP), under the same guidelines currently in place. Once approved by the PPRBP Board, will coordinate with the members on the process to move his forward. Biggest benefit is to broaden the reach of the MAC and support/interest in military issues in the region.

6. Open Discussion

a. Dennis Hisey mentioned that the Gate5/6 and SH 115 work at Fort Carson has been elevated for funding by the Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments (PPACG). Question on status and priority of Gate 19 was raised and will be checked. Discussions with Fort Carson indicate that it is still on the list, but is 30/35 in priority.

b. Discussion of name of the Board: Some confusion appears to exist between the Military Affairs Division Advisory Board and the MAC Board. In fact, they are one on the same. To alleviate any confusion, we will now call it the Military Affairs Council Advisory Board. We will keep the advisory piece in to alleviate any concerns from members companies about sitting on boards that have a fiduciary liability/responsibility.

c. At future Board meetings, an update on finances will be provided to the Board. The MAC now has a separate money market account and is being funded with current year dues and also by a small amount each month by the Chamber. Goal is to work toward fully funding the account with the money MAC controls for it's programs. This is similar to what the Chamber is doing with the Political Action Committee (PAC) account.

d. Bill Tutt passed on that Lt Gen Gould, Superintendent, USAF Academy is looking for opportunities for expanded outreach by the Academy to enhance the image of the Academy within the community.

e. Don Addy suggested the MAC might do something in coordination of the 4th Infantry Division HQ deployment later this year. This will be looked at by the outreach committee.

f. Don Addy asked Brian to bring the Task Force Restore group together for another meeting.

7. **Military Affairs Council Advisory Board Meeting Schedule - 2010:**

- Tuesday, 15 June
- Thursday, 12 August
- Thursday, 14 October
- Thursday, 9 December

8. **Adjourn** - 0900 Hours

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Don Addy

Chair, Military Affairs Council Advisory Board