



THE CHAMBER
colorado springs

21 August 2009

MEMORANDUM FOR: All Defense Mission Task Force Members

FROM: Chairman, Defense Mission Task Force (DMTF)

SUBJECT: DMTF Minutes

1. **Place:** US Bank Conference Room (6 S. Tejon St., Basement)
2. **Date and Time:** Wednesday, August 19, 2009
3. **Approval of Previous Minutes:** DMTF Meeting Minutes, 4 June 2009 were approved.
4. **Agenda:**
 - a. Welcome and Introductions – Larry Fortner
 - b. Attendees: Brian Binn, Larry Fortner, Eddie Bracken, Al Rohr, Wes Clark, George Douglas, Leo Chaney, Irene Kornelly, Joe Reich, Jr., Kevin Lindsey, Fritz Burkhart, Ric Denton, Bob Stein, Vern Conner, Marv Stein, Bob Stovall, Mike Resty, Bill Tutt, Bob McLaughlin, Casey Howard, John Herd
 - c. New Business:
 - i. Colorado PTAC Stand-up – Ric Denton gave an update on PTAC. Target date is September 09. Mission is to help companies that want to start, or expand their opportunities, in federal government contracting. PTAC is a non-profit 501(c) (3). Funds for PTAC will be funded through a combination of a grant from the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA), and matching funds from numerous sources – to include the State OEDIT, local agencies, and businesses. As a statewide organization, PTAC will have responsibilities to provide their services to all counties within the State. Also have future expectations that matching funds will come from other communities besides just Colorado Springs. This will be a state-wide challenge. Currently in process of hiring a Program Director and initial staff. Program office will be in Colorado Springs, collocated with the Chamber. Will have one individual working western slope, likely based in Glenwood Springs. Ric Denton is the interim Program Director and they are also looking for additional board members.
 - ii. State Awareness Briefings-Larry Fortner discussed efforts related to Pinon Canyon. Although currently on hold awaiting Department of the Army review of training needs and the way forward, it is still important to brief the governor and his key staff, as well as legislature, on the overall impact of our military installations for the state. Briefing will also include the aerospace/defense industry in the State – much of which is a result of the military presence.
 - iii. Chamber Legislative Action Mission to Washington DC- The Chamber’s annual DC Trip will take place 28 September-1 October this year.
 - d. Old Business
 - i. Fort Carson Growth Update-COL Bob McLaughlin, Garrison Commander, Fort Carson, stated they will continue to build the Wilderness Road complex to accommodate the brigade growth and the 4th Infantry Division. The challenge will be maintaining the budget for FY09 and FY10. Even without the last GTA brigade for Fort Carson, the facilities are still needed to move units out of undersized older facilities.
 - ii. Fort Carson Leadership-New leadership is in place at Fort Carson. MG Dave Perkins I the Commanding General, 4th Infantry Divisio9n and Fort Carson.. The new Deputy commanding Generals for the Division are COL Jeffrey Bailey (M), and COL (P) James Paquarette (S).

- e. Upcoming Events
 - i. Red, White, and Blue Military Appreciation Parade – 29 August, Downtown Colorado Springs
 - ii. Bud Breckner Blvd Dedication – 1 September, Airport Business Park
 - iii. MAC Hail and Farewell – 9 September, Norris-Penrose Event Center
 - iv. Community Briefing on Cyberspace – 21 September, Cheyenne Mountain Resort, Gen Kehler
 - v. Chamber Legislative Action Mission to DC – 28 September – 1 October
 - vi. Veteran’s Day Parade, 7 November, Downtown Colorado Springs
 - vii. Veterans Day Luncheon – 11 November, Broadmoor International Center

- f. Open Discussion

5. **DMTF Meeting Schedule:**

October 29, 2009 (Tentative)

//signed//

Larry Fortner, Maj Gen (Ret), USAF
Chairman, DMTF