



THE CHAMBER
colorado springs

16 November 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, October 28, 2009, 7:30 a.m.
3. **Review and Approval of Minutes:** DMTF Meeting Minutes, August 19, 2009 were approved.
4. **Agenda:**
 - a. Welcome and Introductions – Larry Fortner
 - b. Attendees: Brian Binn, Larry Fortner, Col bob McLaughlin, Denny Cripps, Wes Clark, George Douglas, LeRoy Landhuis, Irene Kornelly, Kate Hatten, Bill Tutt, Bob Stovall, Vern Conner, Matt Cavanaugh, John Manney
 - c. New Business:
 - i. Pikes Peak Mental Health – Jason Deabueno. Jason was unable to attend due to illness. Brief will be rescheduled for future meeting.
 - ii. Chamber Legislative Action Mission to Washington DC Recap – Larry Fortner/Brian Binn – The Defense/Homeland Security Focus Group participated in the Chambers Day on the Hill – interacting with our Senators and several of our Congressional Reps. From the defense team, emphasis was placed on their position on Pinon Canyon, as well as the importance to work as a delegation in support of military issues that affect Colorado’s installations, and the men and women of the military and their families. It was also stressed that the military is an important asset to the State of Colorado, and should not be taken lightly, or for granted. The team also visited the Department of Homeland Security and the Pentagon. Met with Army and Air Force Undersecretaries for Installations on a host of issues. It was clear from the Army brief that Colorado has a significant problem with the perception of it being a “non-military friendly” State. This is at the civilian and military leadership levels in the Pentagon. Clearly this will be detrimental to any further growth at Fort Carson.
 - iii. Colorado’s Valuable National Assets Brief – Ed Anderson/Brian Binn – Briefing was provided to the DMTF for information/comment. Briefing is used to brief interested organizations/individuals on the importance/value of the military as an economic driver for Colorado. Briefing also encompasses Buckley, Pueblo, retiree information, and limited information on the aerospace/defense community. A section on the impact of NASA will also be added. This particular brief will be taken to the Governor’s office and other State agencies (OEDIT, legislature) as well as any candidates for office. Intention is for as many in State as possible to better understand the importance of support for the military missions in Colorado and the value that they bring to the entire State.
 - iv. Key DoD Issues Update, Military Community & Family Policy Office, Deputy Undersecretary of Defense - Jackie Harriman, Western Region State Liaison. Jackie was unable to attend due to illness. Briefing will be rescheduled for a future meeting.
 - v. Military Issues Paper – Brian Binn – The issues paper addresses key areas we want our representatives to focus on. It is also a call to our legislative representatives to fully consider the

importance of acting as a unified body. Most of the issues are bipartisan and important to our State and military. The other message in the paper is the perception back in the Pentagon (military and civilian leadership) and Congress that Colorado is not a military friendly State. This is based on the issue of PCMS and the actions by the State legislature, and others, over the past two years.

vi. American Reinvestment and Recovery Act – DoD Funding at Colorado Installations – Brian Binn – Colorado military installations have received approximately \$65M for 84 projects. These range from the solar array planned for the Academy, a Child Development Center at Peterson, and numerous other projects.

c. Upcoming Events

i. Veteran's Day Parade – 7 November, Downtown – Tejon St.

ii. Veterans Day Luncheon – 11 November, Broadmoor International Center

iii. Military Family Career Fair – 4 February, 2010, Crowne Plaza

iv. Small Business Outreach Program – Gateway to Government Contracting – 27 April, 2010, Antlers Hilton

v. Armed Forces Week Concert – 11 May, 2010, Pikes Peak Center

vi. Armed Forces Week Luncheon – 14 May, 2010, Broadmoor Hall

d. Open Discussion

5. **DMTF Meeting Schedule:**

- 14 January, 2010
- 11 March, 2010
- 18 May, 2010
- 13 July, 2010
- 9 September, 2010
- 10 November, 2010

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