



March 22, 2009

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL MILITARY AFFAIRS BOARD MEMBERS

FROM: Chair, Military Affairs Division Advisory Board

SUBJECT: Military Affairs Board Minutes

1. Place: Chamber of Commerce, 6 S. Tejon St., Ste 700
2. Date and Time: Wednesday, March 18, 2008.
3. Attendees: Brian Binn, Kevin Estrem, Don Addy, Vince Rusinak, Paula Pearl, George Sawaya, Denny Cripps, Ed Anderson, Terrance McWilliams, Bill Tutt, Forey Hamilton, Randy Rocha, Dennis Hisey, John Baily
4. Absent: Fritz Burkhart, Mike Resty, Mike Kazmierski
5. Review and approval of previous minutes: Military Affairs Board Meeting Minutes, 7 February 2009 were approved.
6. Agenda:
 - a. Welcome and Introductions – Ed Anderson
 - b. MAC Membership Committee Report – Brian Binn
 - i. MAC Membership Status – Membership is at 257
 - ii. Dues Invoices-70 outstanding
 - iii. Discussion on membership numbers and if there is any specific goal or limit. Need to continually look at areas of greater return for members, especially in the area of outreach. New MAC structure should facilitate involving more members in activities, in more than just an attendance role. Vince Rusinak is working ideas for membership, such as a possible new member orientation twice a year, if needed, in addition to our two General Membership Meetings.

d. 2009 Budget Review-Brian Binn

i. Budget three months into 2009 on the MAC and Division side has no problems. The Career Fair was down a slight bit because of missing a couple for sponsorships. Event was very successful.

e. Old Business:

i. Member Survey: Board was asked to provide survey questions at the Board Off-site in February. None were received. Chair asked Board members to submit possible questions to Brian by end of week, with goal of getting a short survey out to members by the end of the month. Brian will compile survey, based on inputs, and then have board review prior to sending out the survey. (OPR: Board Members/Brian)

ii. 24th Air Force Update- Brian Binn

a. Forey Hamilton passed on that he expects Air Force to announce a decision 23 June, allowing time for any environmental analysis to be completed. Will reemphasize with our congressional delegation the timelines and their need to continue to be strong proponents, following up on letters already sent.

iii. PTAC Status-Brian Binn

- a. Colorado is awaiting official word from the Defense Logistics Agency on their awards for the coming year. Fully expect Colorado to be selected.
- b. The State PTAC will be co-located in 2009 with the Chamber of Commerce
- c. Chamber and EDC working to raise additional matching funds.

iv. Pinon Canyon Update – Brian Binn

- a. Army has now indicated they are willing to look at lease options within the desired 100,000 acres. Representative Salazar, Senator Udall, and Senator Bennet have all come out against spending any money on lease or sale options, pointing to the moratorium on spending currently in the continuing resolution.
- b. The State legislature will also be looking at HB 1317, which would restrict the sale of any land to DoD by Colorado in the vicinity of Pinon Canyon. Chamber staff is reviewing options.

v. Other Updates:

a. National Veteran's Cemetery: Recognized need by the VA and they have done one site survey. MAC needs to ensure its support for the National Cemetery is known. Forey Hamilton will check with Bentley Rayburn on current status and prepare a letter to the appropriate officials at VA, and our congressional delegation supporting the cemetery for our region.

b. VA Clinic: VA is planning on building a new VA Clinic in the Springs, with an opening date of March 2012. Although siting is supposedly complete, it had not yet been announced.

f. New Business:

i. Regional Military Snapshot was passed out to Board members. It will also be placed on the Chamber website.

ii. Military Affairs Division Board is renamed the Military Affairs Division Advisory Board, per the Chamber bylaws to ensure no confusion with the overall Chamber Board structure.

iii. Issue Paper will be prepared by Brian for Bill Tutt to have available for his trip to DC. Items covered will be 24th Air Force, Pinon Canyon, Veteran's Cemetery, and the Army Materiel Command Reser facility locating in Pueblo (Pueblo Chemical Depot).

7. Open Discussion:

a. Board was disappointed in the member turnout at the recent Hail and Farwell. Will be reemphasizing the importance of member participation at our events.

8. Next Military Affairs Board Meeting: Thursday, 28 May 2009, 7:30-9:00, Chamber of Commerce.

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Ed Anderson

Chair, Military Affairs Division Advisory Board