



24 July 2008

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL MILITARY AFFAIRS BOARD MEMBERS

FROM: Chair, Military Affairs Board

SUBJECT: Military Affairs Board Minutes

1. Place: Chamber of Commerce Board Room, 6 S. Tejon St., Ste 700
2. Date and Time: Thursday, 24 July 2008 at 7:30 a.m.
3. Attendees: Larry Fortner, Brian Binn, Dave Csintyan, Bill Tutt, Randy Rocha, Kevin Estrem, Gar Anneler, Don Addy, and Dense Hisey
4. Review and approval of Previous Minutes: Military Affairs Board Meeting Minutes, 19 May 2008
5. Agenda:
 - a. Welcome and Introductions – Brian Binn
 - b. Campaign and Business Affairs Division Update – Dave Csintyan/Katie Stuart
 - i. The Chambers is approximately half way in commitments to the overall investment campaign of \$1.5M for the three year campaign. Over \$1M is also in the pending category with future meetings scheduled.
 - ii. The Chamber is moving toward a new permanent location in the next two years and will have an ownership position in the new facility. Current plans call for collocating in the new facility with Experience Colorado Springs and possibly other like organizations.
 - iii. As a result of the Pikes Peak Area Business Partnership, two members, the Hispanic Chamber and Southern Colorado Women's Chamber, are finalizing a working relationship with us to have the Chamber provide back office support for these Chambers in the areas of marketing, event planning, administrative support, etc. This would be a fee for service agreement.

iv. The Chamber will be instituting a new health care program for members using Humana. The program will provide a significant opportunity for members businesses to save on health care costs while providing an increased level of care for its employees. This program will be offered in September.

v. Katie Stuart stated that Chamber membership is up 102% as of June 30. Focus is on renewals on or before the anniversary month, and on recovering members that have let their membership lapse.

c. Governmental Affairs and Public Policy Division Update - Stephannie Finley

i. The army has submitted it's response to the National Defense Authorization Act Section 2831 (a) - Report on Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site. U.S. Senate candidate Bob Shaffer is currently less than supportive of the Army's efforts and will meet with Chamber members to discuss this issue and others. He will be interviewed by the Political Action Committee on August 8th, 3 p.m. at the Chamber.

ii. The GAPP Division is establishing a Health Care Committee to increase involvement with community health care issues. Issues include lack of health care providers, Medicaid/Tricare cuts, and high rates. The committee will also monitor and evaluate related ballot issues.

d. MAC Membership Committee Report – Brian Binn

i. MAC Membership Status – Membership is at 246 members with 13 new members. New Members:

Bob LaFrance – Goodrich Interiors
Dave Brackett – Pizzeria Rustica
Jeff Aguiar – Univ of Phoenix
Randy Abshier – Concurrent Technologies
Mike Luginbuhl – 21st Century Systems
Matt Pasowicz – ExpressJet Airlines
Gene Sandoval – GTS Construction
Tim Leigh – Hoff and Leigh
Ray Fish – McCallie Associates
Richard Taylor – Cubic Applications
Jan Bonham – Express Employment Professionals
Aaron McAdow – Oakwood Homes
Elizabeth Hawkins – One Freedom

ii. Dues Invoices – A few members have not paid their membership dues. Those members have been contacted and several will be dropped from MAC membership. If a member requests reinstatement, 2008 dues must be paid in full.

e. Old Business:

i. Cyberspace Command Update – Brian Binn. The report for the Governor was prepared by the Military Affairs Division, with the governor submitting the report to the Air Force on 1 July. Colorado is one of 19 states being considered. Site visits to each location are scheduled for August, with a decision on the short list projected to occur in October.

ii. Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC) Status – Brian Binn. The proposal for a Colorado PTAC was submitted to the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) in May. They are in process of evaluating proposals from the existing 92 PTACs, as well as several new entries – of which Colorado is one. If selected, DLA will provide a 50% matching grant to the State. It is expected the amount from DLA will be \$300-350K. The initial State office will be collocated with the Chamber and could begin standup as early as this fall depending on the flow of congressionally appropriated dollars.

f. New Business:

i. Pinon Canyon – Brian Binn. The Army's report answers the questions posed by Senators Allard and Salazar and should pave the way for the Army to move forward with the process. The Army made several compromises in the report – 100,000 acres, no eminent domain (unless request by the property owner for tax purposes), and an economic stimulus plan for SE Colorado. Having the facility located within 200 miles of Fort Carson, as opposed to transporting soldiers to other training facilities (at which there is currently no available capacity) is a quality of life issue for the soldiers and their families. The new report went to congress July 18th. Senator Kent Salazar continues to try and block the Army from moving forward by keeping last year's moratorium in place and will likely bring it to the floor during the MILCON and Veteran's Affairs Bill discussions. He was unsuccessful in getting it to be considered by the committee. The Army's plans hinge around one major land owner in the 100,000 acre parcel. The Army is budgeting for the purchase of land over the next three fiscal years – but funds still would need to be appropriated by Congress.

ii. Missile Defense Integrated Operations Center (MDIOC) - Brian Binn. The MDIOC is a valuable mission element of the Missile Defense Agency, located at Schriever AFB. With national elections this year and changes in MDA leadership, the Chamber will be working with our congressional delegation to ensure they are aware of potential events that could threaten the mission at Schriever AFB.

iii. Nominating Committee/Board Vacancies – Brian Binn. Working with the nominating committee (past three board chairs) for recommendations for the 2009 Vice Chair as well as several at-large positions to be filled. Recommendations for Board Chair and Vice Chair will be presented to the Chamber's Main Board for approval this fall.

iv. Financial Committee Planning – Brian Binn. Work on next years budget will begin shortly. Committee will meet to build budget for the Military Affairs Division and the Military Affairs Council. Budgets for the two are separate and distinct.

v. Omaha Strategic Defense Symposium – 6-8 October. The Chamber and the Economic Development Corporation will be cosponsoring a booth at the symposium. This effort supports our outreach program and will ensure Colorado Springs has greater visibility at such events to promote economic growth of the Pikes Peak region.

g. Upcoming Events

August 20th: MAC General Membership Meeting – Cheyenne Mountain Resort
(Sponsor: Colorado Technical University)

September 17th: MAC Hail and Farewell – Double Tree Hotel
(Sponsor: Wal Mart)

November 18th: Military Speakers Luncheon – Antlers Hotel
Speaker: Major General Mark Graham, CG, Div West,
1st Army and Fort Carson

December 1st: Military Affairs Council/The Colorado 30 Group Holiday Reception -
Broadmoor Hotel

6. Next Military Affairs Board Meeting: Thursday, 25 September 2008, 7:30-9:00, Chamber Conference Room

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Chair, Military Affairs Board

Attachment:

National Defense Authorization Act Section 2831 (a) Report on Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site,