



THE CHAMBER  
colorado springs

18 April 2008

**MEMORANDUM FOR:** All Defense Mission Task Force Members

**FROM:** Chairman, Defense Mission Task Force (DMTF)

**SUBJECT:** DMTF Minutes

1. **Place:** Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce (**6 S. Tejon St., Ste 700**)
2. **Date and Time:** Friday, 18 April 2008, 7:30 a.m.
3. **Review of Previous Minutes:** DMTF Meeting Minutes 31 January were approved

4. **Agenda:**

a. Welcome and Introductions – Larry Fortner

i. Present: Vince Rusinak, Larry Fortner, Brian Binn, Irene Kornelly, Joe Reich Jr., Angela Joslyn, Jim Godfrey, Vern Conner, Mike Kazmierski, Col Ottis Hutchinson, Tony Koren, Tom Warren, Bill Landers, Bob Stovall, Andy Merritt, BJ Jones, Col Ed Baron, LTC Dean Dunham, Col Alan Berg, John Manney, Vic Andrews, Wes Clark, Bob Stein, Fritz Burkhart, Capt Uriah Orland, Denny Cripps, Steve McCoy, Ted Rinebarger

b. New Business:

i. **Ft Carson ACUB and Installation Sustainability:** Tom Warren - The buffer zone program was initiated in 2002, to progress toward establishing a 1 ½ to 2 mile buffer around the eastern and southern borders of the Fort to protect and sustain the training resources available at Fort Carson so as to sustain the mission. To date about 25M has been expended on this effort in close cooperation and coordination with many agencies. Much of the funding has come from DoD dollars set aside for this purpose, and Fort Carson has been fortunate over the past several years to receive an exceptional share of available dollars. Today, many Army and other service installations are competing for the same dollars. As an example, there are now 28 approved Army buffer zone programs. Ft Carson still holds a #2 priority, thanks to the great work of Tom Warren and his team at Fort Carson, and the cooperative work of the DMTF. It is estimated that it will require between 25M and 40M in additional funds to complete the work at Fort Carson. The Sustainability Initiatives for Fort Carson were formalized in 2002. In coordination with the community, they developed 12 goals – focused on enhancing Colorado Springs and Fort Carson, as well as neighboring Pueblo and Fremont counties. The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual sustainability Conference will be held 2-21 November at the Broadmoor. (See attached brochures on the ACUB and Sustainability Initiatives)

ii. **Academy Hospital Changes:** Col Alan Berg, 10 MDG/CC - Col Berg briefed the ongoing challenges at the Academy hospital as a result of the 2005 BRAC decisions realigning inpatient care to Ft Carson, and other mission impacts related to ICU and ED closures. (Slides and point paper attached)

iii. **DC Trip Review:** Brian Binn – Productive meetings with senior Air Force and Army leaders on areas of interest to the community, including AFCYBER, housing privatization, encroachment, MILCON programs, Army medical issues/Warrior Transition Unit, Pinon Canyon, Afghanistan operations, and Air Force and Army operational and personnel issues.

c. Old Business:

i. **Pinon Canyon Update:** Larry Fortner – Community continues to work outreach efforts to SE Colorado in the areas of economic impact. Meeting scheduled at Trinidad Community College later this month to discuss business opportunities for the area and contracting with the government. Numerous local and state agencies are involved and will focus on programs needed in the area.

ii. **AFCYBER**: Brian Binn – Awaiting letter from USAF that will go to the 18 States interested in the command that will request information on the benefits of having AFCYBER located in area. We will be prepared to update our inputs from November 2007 and present the best case from our region and the State to bring the AFCYBER HQ to Colorado Springs. Air Force will send out site selection teams later this summer, and then narrow the selections to the top 3-4 by the fall. Final decision is expected in September 2009, after environmental studies are completed on the finalists.

iii. **PTAC**: Brian Binn – The RFP was received for the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA). A team is preparing the response, which is due to DLA NLT 7 May 2008. If our proposal is successful, grant funds would likely be available in Fall 08. The primary/initial office would be in Colorado Springs, hosted by the Chamber. A 5013c is being established for the PTAC as well, and will have a 9 person board from around the State. Colorado OED is supporting financially and with preparing the response to the RFP.

d. Upcoming Events:

i. April 22-14: Small Business Outreach Program, Antlers Hotel

ii. May 13: Armed Forces Week Concert, Pikes Peak Center, 7:30

iii. May 16: Armed Forces Week Luncheon, Broadmoor, 11:30-1:30

5. **DMTF Meeting Schedule (as of 22 Jan 2008):**

5 June 2008

31 July 2008

4 September 2008

18 November 2008

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

Attachments:

1. ACUB and Sustainability Brochures
2. 10<sup>th</sup> Medical Group Update Brief
3. Fort Carson 2007 Sustainability Report