



5 February 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:** Thursday, 31 January, 7:30 a.m.
3. **Review of Previous Minutes:** DMTF Meeting Minutes 16 October 2007 were approved
4. **Agenda:**
 - a. Welcome and Introductions – Larry Fortner
 - i. Present: Annie Oatman-Gardner, LTC James Rice, Robert Alvarez, Vince Rusinak, COL Gene Smith, Larry Fortner, Brian Binn, Gar Annelar, Bud Bruckner, Irene Kornelly, Jon Reich Jr., Angela Joslyn, Charlotte Waters, Jim Godfrey, Jim Moore, Vern Conner, Mike Kazmierski, COL Ottis Hutchinson, Tony Koren
 - b. New Business:
 - i. Pinon Canyon Update – Jim Rice spoke about their visit to the area to try to improve general relations with the region – trying to create a win-win situation. They have just initiated engagement with local leaders, trying to develop the current relationship. 2nd Brigade, 4th ID exercise at Pinon in February – trying to increase positive impression and general visibility. Larry Fortner working with small group to set up educational opportunities to teach locals how to work with/as government contractors. Army currently responding to legislative requirement to report on need for Pinon Canyon growth
 - ii. Warrior Transition Unit – Robert Alvarez came and spoke about transitioning soldiers into civilian life. About 20% of soldiers want to stay but face issues of finding employment.
 - iii. AFCYBER – Brian Binn/Wes Clark discussed possible slip in Air Force decision on permanent location of AFCYBER HQ.
 - iv. Chamber Legislative Action Mission – Washington DC – Trip will be March 31 – April 4. More information will be sent out as soon as it is finalized.
 - c. Upcoming Events

2/6/2008	Chamber Rising Professionals Connections - February 2008
2/7/2008	2008 Military Family Career Fair
2/20/2008	MAC General Membership Meeting (MAC Members Only)
2/21/2008	February 2008 Community Business After Hours
2/26/2008	Colorado Springs Day at the Legislature
 - d. Open Discussion
 - i. Colorado Legislation supporting military
 - HB 08-1180** – Concerning eligibility for unemployment insurance benefits for an individual who leaves employment to accompany an active duty military family member who has been transferred.
 - HB 1162** - Concerning the creation of a military spouse interim authorization for employment in a public school.
 - HB 1317** - concerning the creation of an interstate compact on educational opportunity for military children.

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

26 March 2008

5 June 2008

31 July 2008

4 September 2008

18 November 2008

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Chairman, DMTF