



Minutes Military Economic Advisory Committee May 20, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER

A joint Military Economic Development Advisory Committee (MEDAC) was called to order at 3:00 p.m., February 25, 2019 at the Slover Library, Norfolk, VA, with David Architzel and Phillip Olson presiding. In attendance were:

David Architzel
Tom Bosse
Brian Donegan

Mike O'Hearn
Jack Kavanaugh
Rick Dwyer

Doug Beaver (City of Norfolk representative to the MEDAC), Irv Lindley (City of Portsmouth), Mercedes Holland (Community Plans & Liaison Officer (CPLO), Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story), Charlotte Hurd (Military Liaison to SEN Mark Warner), David Wickersham (Regional Director for Congresswoman Elaine Luria).

2. The Chairs welcomed the visitors and provided introductory remarks. Councilman John Moss was introduced to the group as the Virginia Beach MEDAC liaison.

3. Hampton Roads Veterans Center Update – Steve Cook

- 1600 individuals have attended the center since opening
- 4500 visits total
- 80% are from Chesapeake, Norfolk and Virginia Beach
- 31% have some college
- 162 have secured jobs
- The Center staff hold workshops and hiring events
- The Veterans Career College website is another resource
- Resumes assistance and conversions are available
- Currently has 77 employee accounts with over 4400 jobs listed
- The Workforce Council is collaborating with the Peninsula Workforce Council

4. Rick Dwyer, Deputy Executive Director of the Hampton Roads Military and Federal Facilities Alliance provided an overview provided an update on: federal budget process; meeting with area cities on the Military Community Partnership activity; public meetings are scheduled on the Peninsula regarding the F-22.

5. VADM Architzel provided an update on the Military Industrial Base Ecosystem that included:
 - Need to upgrade the entire ecosystem for ship building and repair in Hampton Roads
 - Area shipyards are a full capacity
 - 33% of the Navy ship repair is completed in Hampton Roads
 - May receive a \$1 million grant from the Office of Economic Adjustment. Mike Coleman has been assisting.

6. Doug Beaver and Bob Clark (Old Dominion University (ODU), Military and Special Projects) spoke about the Secretary of the Navy memorandum titled “Education for Seapower Decisions and Immediate Actions” dated February 5, 2019. The Memorandum outlines numerous organizational steps to enhance the intellectual development of our nation’s naval leaders. ODU would like to provide leadership to a consortium of institutions that will leverage curriculum and facilities, both existing and potential, in support of the proposed Naval University System – Naval Community College Center of Excellence. The proposal by ODU presents numerous potential benefits for the United States Navy, both Norfolk and Virginia Beach, and the Hampton Roads region. They are soliciting both MEDACs input on the best way ahead and for letters of support.

7. NEW BUSINESS
 - NAS Oceana Industry Day on 14 June
 - Navy Contracting Seminar on 30 June in Norfolk

8. The next Norfolk MEDAC will be on 15 July 2019 at the Slover Library in Norfolk.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Committees, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:00 p.m.

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David Architzel
Chairman