

Minutes
Missouri Military Preparedness and Enhancement Commission
Quarterly Meeting
Jefferson City, MO
March 3, 2020 – 10:00 a.m.

The meeting was held by conference call placed from Room 720 of the Harry S Truman State Office Building, 301 West High Street, Jefferson City, MO, 65101.

MMPEC Members: Bob Hagedorn, Royal Turner, Steve Wallach, Hart Nelson, Steve Ehrhardt, Greg Frencken, and Military Advocate Joe Driskill (DED Director designee)

Guests: Mike Dubois and Hannah Stash

WELCOME

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Hagedorn and roll was called. A quorum was established with six statutory members and one ex-officio member designee participating. Guests were introduced.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLVED, the Commission hereby approves the minutes of the December 3, 2019 meeting, as submitted.

Motion made by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Wallach. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

REPORTS AND BRIEFINGS

Office of the Military Advocate Report – Joe Driskill gave a status update of what his office has been doing since the December 3, 2019 meeting. He reports that he continues to send out a weekly update to about 1,200 people and the office is continuing to work on tracking performance metrics for 2020 FY. His office is going to start doing social media so others can see some of the work being done.

The quarterly report contains the following goals and priority strategies:

- The team is doing well on communicating with military installations and defense agencies, but more joint work could be done between communities and installations for resilience.
- Other strategies are going well, but there is a need for increased communications around the state.

- The team is working on the issue of professional license reciprocity in the legislature as well as figuring out childcare issues in the state.
- The team could step up collaboration with defense contractors, higher education, and STEM education, but right now, there isn't enough bandwidth to make this happen.

Joe Driskill reported he has recently traveled to Kansas City, St. Louis, Scott Air Force Base, the U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center (ERDC) in Mississippi, the Association of Defense Communities Installation and Innovation Forum in San Antonio, and Little Rock Arkansas where he met with Governor Asa Hutchinson and other leaders. He will be traveling to Whiteman Air Force Base on March 4, 2020 as well as Junction City, KS in April to celebrate the Great American Defense Community.

Driskill also reported that his team is working on adopting Asana, an online project-management program, to report information and work electronically without email or written report. His team has had a number of engagements with Missouri National Guard, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA), Boeing, and Honeywell, but the team needs to get back in touch with Lake City Army Ammunition Plant. Some of the high profile initiatives include military family issues like spousal employment, license reciprocity, and job matching/retention in Missouri as well as the National Crossroads grant sent to the Department of Defense's Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) to get funding that can be shared with Kansas. MCRP grants have been given to communities and the office is trying to get more funding by the end of FY 2020. Team member Julie Finley from Kit Bond Strategies works a lot on geo-spatial issues.

Other initiatives include an upcoming Missouri S&T symposium, working with the Missouri Veterans Commission (MVC) to create a better job matching system, and reporting performance metrics to the department since the office receives budget money. Driskill reports that there is a possibility some budget money will be left over and could be used to help some community partners. Regarding the FY 2021 budget, Driskill reports it will be same as the previous year except this one will include a line item for the OEA grant; there are no negative comments in the legislature for the budget. He also reports the Executive Director evaluation is due in June. Driskill has been on weekly telephone calls and attending monthly executive committee meetings as well as other meetings as needed for the ADC. They are working to support the OEA and defense community program. He reports that some House members are pushing for a \$100 million appropriation budget and that the ADC is keeping an eye on PFOS/PFOA issue. Chairman Hagedorn noted that Lake City has had a history of issues with groundwater contamination, but Driskill responded that they do not have PFAS contamination. Driskill's team has stayed in contact with them regarding this issue and the Department of Natural Resources is not too concerned at this point.

Report from Commissioner Wallach – A St. Louis working group has been supporting NGA and there is a University and Research and Development subcommittee. Commissioner Wallach reports that there is good representation from universities, but a lot of their focus has been on grants from the National Science Foundation (NSF). He encouraged them to pursue funding from

other sources such as the Department of Defense. Driskill mentioned that his office is monitoring NGA & Missouri Technology Corporation (MTC) discussions.

Consultant Report from Mike Dubois – Mike Dubois of Kit Bond Strategies was on the call as well to give a consultant report. He said that the NGA and General Leonard Wood Community Hospital construction projects are both on sound footing. The 139th Airlift Wing in St. Joseph is still interested in the Air Evacuation Medical Mission that would add over 100 members to the wing. Across the state, the F-15EX is on track at Boeing. Dubois also reported that if the president's budget stands, FY 2021 will be the last year that Super Hornets are produced. Boeing will probably educate the Hill on the downsides of ending production.

NEW BUSINESS

Missouri Military Appreciation Day 2020 has been rescheduled for March 31 after being postponed due to inclement weather. The schedule for this new date will be almost the same as the previous schedule, and most of the military leaders that were previously planning to attend will be present on this new date. Driskill went over the day's agenda and proposed that MMPEC have a meeting at the end of the day.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

After the meeting on the 31st, the commission will go back to its quarterly meetings. Commissioner Nelson motioned the resolution and Commissioner Turner seconded it.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business on the agenda, the meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m.