



Montana Defense Alliance – Executive
Monday, October 6, 2014
Chamber Video Conference Center

ALLIANCE MEMBERS PRESENT:

David Weissman Steve Malicott Joe Briggs Amy Beames
Lynda Morin Owen Robinson Greg Doyon John Faulkner

ALLIANCE GUESTS:

Rex Tanberg

CHAMBER STAFF:

Tom Alfrey

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

☼ Motion was made and seconded to approve the September 8, 2014 Minutes as distributed. Motion carries.

FEDERAL DELEGATION:

☉ Not present to provide updates.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

A. Reviewed July Financials

1. Income vs. Expenses – currently at a positive \$8,013.51.
2. Checking Account Balance - \$55,178.48.
3. BASE Funds Balance - \$88,868.24.
4. A \$40,000 reserve account is being created.

☼ **Motion was made and seconded to approve the August Financials as presented. Motion carries.**

BUSINESS:

Trip Reports

- A. A dinner was held with Admiral Haney and other Stakeholders on September 8th at the Montana Club. David, Steve M. & Steve G. attended; it was a very productive meeting
- B. David and John attended meeting in D.C. during the week of September 15th: The meetings included:
 - a. Air Force Association Air and Space Conference
 - b. Task Force 21 meeting
 - c. Pentagon P4 meeting (which included a special session with Col. Dalrymple and Steve Zander)
 - d. Meeting with Senator Tester
 - e. Meeting with Congressman Daines
 - f. Dinner with Generals: Kowalski, Wilson, Finan, and Houck
 - g. This was a very positive and productive visit to D.C. with many important discussions; such as the status of the Red Horse Squadrons, P4 Structure and building relationships.
- C. John and David met with the U.S. Customs and Border Patrol – Good discussions on Radar issues; homeland security in general and they appreciated the input.
- D. David attended the Air Force Ball held at Malmstrom; it was a very nice event.
- E. Several MTDA and MAC members attended the Community Appreciation Dinner held at Malmstrom Air Force Base.
- F. An Affordable Housing (EUL) was held with Col. Wilcox and Chief Easton. David, Greg, Brett and Sheila Rice attended and a great discussion about the need for affordable housing and possible locations. With force improvements, there could be the need to house 200 plus troops. More discussion to follow.

Planning

- A. Planning for a MTDA Executive Committee meeting with Col. Wilcox continues
- B. The Commanders Conference/Global Challenge will be held on November 3-6 at Barksdale AFB, LA.
- C. The Alliance Annual Luncheon will be held on November 19th from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in conjunction with the quarterly Chamber Luncheon.
 - a. Will be held at Air Host
 - b. Retired MG Alston and Joe Scallorns will be the speakers.
 - c. Chamber recognitions and awards will be presented at the beginning of the luncheon.
- D. Annual Nuclear Summit will be in DC on February 17-20, 2015; attendees will be David and Joe (?)
- ☼ **Motion was made and seconded to approve expenses up to \$3,000 for two attendees. Motion carries**
- E. ADC Conference will be in Monterrey, CA, In May 2015, attendees will be David and Greg.
- ☼ **Motion was made and seconded to approve expenses up to \$3,000 for two attendees. Motion carries.**
- F. Discussed other potential trips:
 - a. A trip to the Air Force Engineering Center in San Antonio
 - b. A Strategic Deterrent Coalition meeting at Whitman AFB – Date to be determined
 - c. A meeting, in the next twelve month, with General Kowalski @ STRATCOM

Update on Action Plans

- A. Malmstrom (Missiles)
 - a. No new updates, we will follow-up with a revised letter explaining the commitment timing based on county billing cycles.
ACTION: Joe to develop and sign a letter (with use of paid list).
 - b. P4 discussions were covered during the DC trip discussion above.
 - c. Coordination with the Helena Chamber is still being worked on. Steve M. provided a MTDA overview at last week's MACE (Montana Association of Chamber Executives) meeting in Belgrade. The new MTDA Brochure was distributed.
- B. MTANG (C-130's)
 - a. Construction continues.
 - b. Col. Hronek has received new assignment in Helena, resulting in future appointment of a new commander.
- C. Website update:
 - a. Contracted with the Tribune & Gannet
 - b. Development is in process – the custom website is MTDA.org
 - c. The plan is for review and online in a couple of weeks
- D. MAC Events:
 - a. MAC Luncheon is on Friday, October 10th at MTANG
 - b. Other MAC Activities reported above.

Report on other meetings or activities:

- A. David reported on good meetings with State Senator Ed Buttrey and Congressional Candidate Ryan Zinke
- B. We are planning to meet, as an Alliance Executive Committee, with Ryan Zinke.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- A. Warren Wenz is resigning from Global Strike – we will recognize him for his outstanding years of service.
- B. The New Brochure was distributed and reviewed; next printing needs to include a photo with the Governor.
- C. Discussed the need for strategic planning; to include BRAC, future use of the base, encroachment, etc.

The next Montana Defense Alliance Executive Meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 3, 2014 at 3:00pm in the Chamber Video Conference Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Alfrey