



Montana Defense Alliance - Executive
April 9, 2015
Chamber Video Conference

ALLIANCE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jeff Millhollin Steve Malicott Joe Briggs John Faulkner
Len Watkins David Weissman Steve Grooms

ALLIANCE GUESTS:

Cheryl Ulmer Cari Kent

CHAMBER STAFF:

Roxy Perez Tom Alfrey

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

☼ Motion was made and seconded to approve the March 2, 2015 Minutes as distributed. Motion carries.

FEDERAL DELEGATION UPDATES:

- ☉ Senator Tester is meeting with Secretary James to discuss RED HORSE and also meeting Lt Col Clark to discuss Montana Air National Guard.
- ☉ Working on GI Bill Legislation Bills and VA Bills
- ☉ MILCON Meeting was this week and Sen. Daines provided a letter of support.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- A. Checking Balance: \$30,946.26
- B. Reserve Balance: \$40,046.28
- C. BASE Funds Balance: \$89,052.49
- D. Discussed February Financials, and outstanding memberships.

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

BUSINESS:

- A. Trip /Activity Reports
 - 1. ADC Trip Report is on the website.
 - 2. Went to Washington DC Trip, and met with the full delegation.
 - a. Rep Zinke meeting went very well.
 - b. Really good discussions with all three.

ACTION: Add Mike Waite and Zack Gambill (zack.gambill@mail.house.gov) to the MTDA Executive Committee Distribution List.

- 3. Glory Trip
 - a. Steve, David and Joann were able to attend the footshot from Charlie A near Stanford.
 - b. Weather cleared up and we were able to view the entire launch, and able to see and hear the different stages.
 - c. It was an awesome experience.
- 4. SDC Conference
 - a. Thank you for approving the \$3,000 sponsorship.
- 5. San Antonio Trip is on hold.
- 6. Will also be going to STRATCOM to meet with Gen Kowalski.

7. There will be some upcoming travel.
 8. On July 18th BRAVO 639 Group will be here with Warbirds.
 - a. Looking for support from the MTDA and would like to work with the delegation to see if we can get both Russian and U. S. Air Forces together.
 - b. Press Release is forthcoming.
 - c. Pancake breakfast to offset expenses.
- B. Update on Action Plans
1. Malmstrom
 - a. NSI will be the last week in April or the first week in May.
 - b. Col Deranger is retiring in May.
 - c. Have not followed up with the counties.
 - d. Will plan a road trip to visit the counties.
 2. Montana Air National Guard
 - a. Working to get a meeting with Col Smith from MTANG, to discuss the MTDA.
 - b. Col Hronek gift - Buffalo Jump Picture with all three coins.

Other Business:

- A. Coin Gift Supply
 - B. Would like to order more coins personalized for specific individuals.
 - ☀ **Motion was made to purchase additional coins to resupply. Second. Motion carries.**
- ACTION ITEM: Chamber staff to obtain administrative rights for the MTDA Website.**
- C. Meeting date change
 1. MTDA Executive meeting date has been changed to May 11th
 - D. June 6th Picnic
 - Volunteers - Cari Kent and David Weissman

The next Montana Defense Alliance Executive Meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 11, 2015 at 3:00pm in the Chamber Video Conference Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Roxy Perez