



**Montana Defense Alliance – Executive**  
**May 11, 2015**  
**Chamber Video Conference Center**

**ALLIANCE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

David Weissman      Greg Doyon      Steve Malicott  
Jeff Millhollin      John Faulkner      Steve Grooms

**ALLIANCE GUESTS:**

Cheryl Ulmer      Cari Kent

**CHAMBER STAFF:**

Tom Alfrey      Roxy Perez

**REVIEW OF MINUTES:**

☀ **Motion was made and seconded to approve the April 9, 2015 Minutes as distributed. Motion carries.**

**DELEGATION UPDATES:**

- ☉ Senator Tester met with Secretary James and Lt General Clark.
- ☉ No decision on RED HORSE to date.
- ☉ Spoke of C-130 issues.
- ☉ Discussed START Treaty, 50 ICBM's and how the maintenance will be done.
- ☉ New Helicopters – no specific date in
- ☉ Senator Tester will be a speaker at the Great Falls Memorial Day event and play taps.
- ☉ Would like to encourage the MTDA to participate in the next Live Fire event at Lime stone Hills.
  - Interesting and a good event for the alliance to participate.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

- ☉ Membership and Sponsors are down.

**ACTION ITEM: Treasurer to follow up with Membership Budget amount to see how it was figured.**

**BUSINESS:**

A. Trip/Activity Reports

1. Attended the Strategic Deterrence Coalition Symposium
  - a. Boarded the bus at 6am and returned approximately at 9:30pm
  - b. Good two days filled with good information
  - c. Importance of the triad, and future of the triad.
  - d. Morale improvements and how things are going in the nuclear business.
  - e. 200 in attendance and hosted by University of Central Missouri.
  - f. We were a key sponsor at the event.
  - g. We may get an opportunity to host an event here in Great Falls.
  - h. MAFS at that location are just museums.

B. Other Trips/Activities

1. Met with Col Smith from MTANG.
  - a. C-130 enthusiast, and this a great opportunity for Great Falls.
  - b. Looking to do more training in the Hayes MOA.

- c. Would like to work on getting drops in the Hayes MOA.
- d. Would like to work together moving forward.
- 2. Commander's conference
  - a. A topic was to get more connected with our airmen.
  - b. Do the airmen feel they're noticed?
  - c. Col Jeff Smith's session was on morale and motivation.
  - d. Spoke about psychology and recognizing relations and focus on work loads

**ACTION ITEM: David to forward information to Roxy to distribute to the MTDA Executive Committee.**

- e. There is a follow on to the Minuteman III, details will be rolled out in January.
- C. Planning
  - 1. Planning future trips and/or activities
    - a. ADC Trip, in DC in June
    - b. Thanks to everyone for their email vote in favor of the event.
    - c. Email vote provided unanimous support in favor of the attending the event.
  - 2. Other potential trips
    - a. STRATCOM Trip
    - b. General Kowalski Retirement
    - c. Global strike Change of Command
    - d. Global Strike Challenge in the fall.
- ☼ **Motion was made and seconded to approve up to 2 people to attend STRATCOM and Change of Command not to exceed \$3,000 per person. Motion carries.**
- 3. BRAVO 369
  - a. Group coming to town on July 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> for a documentary they are making.
  - b. Trying to get activities around that.
  - c. Would like to the MTDA to assist and help organize the event, with the possibility of a Pancake breakfast.
  - d. Also an evening event with food trucks and mobile bars.
- 4. Update on Action Plans
  - a. Malmstrom:
    - 1. NSI Update has not been received. They cannot speak as to how the inspection went.
    - 2. Col Deranger retirement dinner will be May 27<sup>th</sup>/
    - 3. Follow with county commissioners
      - a. Concentrate on 7 largest counties - FU with Lewis & Clark County
      - b. Greg to assist – use team approach, work on setting up a group visit (road trip)
    - 4. Base picnic is scheduled for Friday, August 21<sup>st</sup>.
  - b. MTANG:
    - 1. Meeting with Col. Smith, see notes above
    - 2. MTANG Picnic is scheduled for Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>.
    - 3. Col Hronek gift will be ready soon, plans will be made to present at his Helena Office.
- D. Other:
  - 1. Greg provided a P4 update;
    - a. Discussed the importance of continuity and consistency
    - b. Continue to encourage participation
  - 2. Executive Committee openings; continue providing potential nominees to David
  - 3. Work continues on purchasing additional coins

**The next Montana Defense Alliance Executive Meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 1, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. in the Chamber Video Conference Center**

Respectfully submitted,  
Roxy Perez & Tom Alfrey