



**Montana Defense Alliance**  
**Monday, January 4, 2016**  
**Chamber Video Conference Center**

**COMMITTEE MEMBER PRESENT:**

David Weissman	Greg Doyon	Joe Briggs	Todd Neighbor
Steve Grooms	Jeff Millhollin	Len Watkins	Steve Martinka
John Faulkner	Tom Alfrey	Doug Oswood	Dan McLaughlin

**COMMITTEE GUEST:**

Cari Kent      Christie Hagler

**CHAMBER STAFF:**

Steve Malicott      Tom Alfrey

**WELCOME:**

☼ **Motion was made and seconded to approve Doug Oswood, Dan McLaughlin & Tom Alfrey as Executive Committee members. Motion carries**

**REVIEW OF MINUTES:**

☼ **Motion was made and seconded to approve the December 7, 2015 minutes. Motion carries**

**FEDERAL DELEGATION REPORTS:**

- A. Ms. Kent, from Senator Daines office reported on the following:
  - a. U.S. Fellow, Lt.Col Johnson has joined the staff
  - b. Milcon funding
  - c. Letter concerning F35 & Dual Wing support
  - d. MTANG update; study is completed and accepted
  - e. New office in Kalispell will open this week, and Sidney office will open later this month
  - f. Senator Daines will be in Great Falls on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will try to arrange a meeting
- B. Ms. Hagler from Congressman Zinke's office reported on the following:
  - a. Priority number one is: Keeping America Save
  - b. Supported H.R. 2029 – FY16 Omnibus Appropriations Bill
  - c. Outlined funding for VA operations
  - d. Discussed oversight on VA Patient Access to Care
  - e. Discussed the Jr. ROTC program; attending a meeting in Helena, Federal Funding is available, need to obtain State Funding.

**ACTION: Coordinate and get update from Tom Moore at the school district.**

**GUARD BUREAU REPORT:**

- A. Mr. Martinka provided the following updates:
  - a. Personnel numbers:
    - 1. Army Guard – 2,652
    - 2. Air Guard – 975
  - b. Facilities;

1. New Construction:
  - a. Miles City Armory (September 15)
  - b. RTI Med Training Facility (October 15)
  - c. 189<sup>th</sup> Armory (Under Construction)
  - d. Dining facility (November)
  - e. New Hanger (Under Construction)
  - f. Main Hanger (Under Construction)
- c. Closures: Chinock Armory
- d. Events:
  1. 163<sup>rd</sup> to Europe for 21 days
  2. Vigilant Guard (2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter – FY18)

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

- A. November Financials Review:
  - a. November Revenue and Expenses were to the good, \$2,411.
  - b. MTDA Checking has a balance of \$16,475.
  - c. MTDA Money Market is \$40,149.
  - d. MTDA BASE Funds are \$89,351.

✳ **Motion was made and seconded to approve the November Financials as presented. Motion carries.**

#### **BUSINESS:**

- A. News/Follow-up:
  1. See Delegation reports above for news and follow-ups.
  2. Mr. David Weissman has been appointed to the Chief of Staff Leader Group – Meeting in February
- B. Trip/Activity Reports:
  1. See trip reports on line
  2. No trips this month
- C. Planning
  1. Future Trips:
    - a. Still working on visits with Counties.
    - b. Planning a trip to Washington D.C for the Nuclear Summit in February 2016. Funding approved
    - c. ADC in February, 2016 – Funds have been approved.
    - d. Planning a visit with STRATCOM; to meet with General Wilson; sometime next year. Funding for this trip needs to be re-approved, as we are in a new fiscal year.
    - e. The next SDC Symposium will be held in Albuquerque in May, 2016
  2. Update on Action Plans: see information in delegation report, above.
    - a. Malmstrom:
    - b. MTANG – Projects are moving forward
- D. Other:
  1. The MACo conference will be held in Great Falls, February 1-4, 2016.
    - a) Discussed Conference Assignments:
      1. Booth has been requested
      2. Joe will provide copies of the agenda
      3. Committee members invited to attend – meet & greet and encourage visitors to the booth, and network at receptions
      4. Complete display map; to include all state wide military facilities
      5. Prepare name tags
      6. Attendees to wear logo wear and name tags (to be made)
- E. Open Discussion:
  1. Arrange for orientation with Mayor Kelly
  2. Discussed need for a readiness program – Community/Military coordination

**The next MTDA Executive Committee Meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 1, 2016 at 3:00pm in the Chamber Video Conference Center.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Tom Alfrey