



## Montana Defense Alliance Executive Committee

March 6, 2017

Chamber Video Conference Center

### ALLIANCE MEMBERS PRESENT:

David Weissman    Len Watkins    Steve Grooms    Doug Oswood    Greg Doyon  
Joe Briggs    John Faulkner    Jeff Millhollin    Shane Etwiler

### CHAMBER STAFF:

Roxy Perez

### FEDERAL DELEGATION REPORTS:

- No reports today

### REVIEW OF MINUTES:

- ☼ **Motion was made and seconded to accept the January 9, 2017 Minutes as presented. Motion carries.**

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

- A. Reviewed January Financials.
1. Currently in line with budget.
  2. Some counties have not paid.

- ☼ **Motion was made and seconded to approve the January financials. Motion carries.**

### BUSINESS:

- A. News/Follow Up.
1. MTDA Program of Work
    - a. Will need to post the Program of Work on the website.
  2. Lockheed/Martin Presentation
    - a. Meeting was held and there was a discussion about ICBM's.
    - b. Tom Deppe attended as well.
    - c. Great meeting and dinner as well.
  3. Northrup Grumman
    - a. Great Meeting and will invite the counties to the follow up meeting.
  4. Met w/Col Allen and Col Folds
    - a. The Commander's Group is working on six priorities from Commanders Group.
    - b. Held a meeting with Tammy Lacey.
      1. Discussed how best to encourage parents to complete the federal forms and turned in?
      2. Squadron to adopt a grade.
      3. Discussion on Cyber patriot program
      4. Currently have 56 JROTC students.

5. Discussed school compacting as well.

B. Trip/Activity Reports

1. Trip Reports will be available online.
2. CoSAF Meeting
  - a. Met at the Joint Chief's office.
  - b. We were advised of the three priorities.
  - c. Discussed the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Air Force
3. ADC: Greg and Doug
  - a. Distributed the conference agenda to the committee.
  - b. Met a lot of interesting folks, attended quite a few sessions.
  - c. They have several unknowns with the new administration.
  - d. Working on downgrading
  - e. Funding seems to be the Military's biggest issue.
  - f. Community partnerships in Great Falls are behind the curve.
  - g. More community awareness that needs to occur.
  - h. Air Force finally put on a comprehensive workshop on community partnerships.
  - i. Reps from MTANG and MAFB on this trip.
  - j. BRAC – Not much was mentioned.
  - k. Need to work on readiness.
4. Nuclear Deterrence Summit
  - a. Waiting for the approval of the budget increase to 10% in DOD spending, approximately \$54 billion.
  - b. Modernization is a focus.
  - c. Russia has 17,000 warheads in their stockpile.

C. Planning:

1. Governor
  - a. Half of the 120<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing deployers returned home on Saturday.
  - b. Will keep communicating with MG Quinn.
  - c. The Governor will be attending the upcoming footshot.
2. Yearly meeting
  - a. Friday, July 21, 2017 Lunch at Air Host.
  - b. Will have lunch at Air Host followed by a demonstration at the Airport shop, shuttle service will be provided.

**ACTION ITEM: Chamber Staff to provide David with Col Cinq-Mars' phone and email address.**

- c. May have a retired Col to provide a keynote.

**ACTION ITEM: Chamber Staff to contact AirHost price adjustment to the Panorama Room.**

3. Membership
  - a. More to follow.

D. Other:

1. Executive Committee Openings
2. General Finan's Retirement
  - a. Airfare is currently \$700.

☼ **Motion was made and seconded to cover David's airfare of \$700 to attend General Finan's retirement. Motion carries.**

The next Montana Defense Alliance Meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 3, 2017 at 3pm in the Chamber Video Conference Center.

Respectfully submitted,  
Roxy Perez