



Montana Defense Alliance Executive Meeting
Wednesday, April 3, 2017
Chamber Video Conference Center

ALLIANCE MEMBERS PRESENT:

David Weissman Len Watkins Doug Oswood Steve Grooms Joe Briggs Cheryl Ulmer
Robin Baker John Faulkner Shane Etwiler Jeff Millhollin

ALLIANCE GUESTS:

Dave Wilder Rick Solanger

CHAMBER STAFF:

Roxy Perez

FEDERAL DELEGATION REPORTS:

- A. Calls in response to the recent voting reports.
- B. Working on veteran's bills.
- C. MILCON Coming up for the C-130s ramp.
- D. Met with Capt Gainey with the 819th RED HORSE
 - 1. 100 deployers returning around April 12th.
- E. MILCON for helicopters is also moving forward.
- F. Senator Tester received an award.
- G. Working on a bill for the Guardsmen.
- H. Worked on getting guardsmen home recently.

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

- ◆ Looking at options to support local schools, may look at adopting a grade.
- ✿ **Motion was made and seconded to approve the corrected March 6, 2017 Minutes. Motion carries.**

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- A. Membership is down.
- B. Expenses is right in line.
- ✿ **Motion was made and seconded to approve the February Financials as distributed. Motion carries.**

BUSINESS:

- A. News/Follow Up:
 - 1. Target Missions were discussed.
- B. Other
 - 1. Two Executive Members Openings
 - a. Discussed Dr. Tony Aretz, University of Great Falls becoming an MTDA Exec Member.
- ✿ **Motion was made and seconded to approve Dr. Tony Aretz as a new MTDA Executive Member. Motion Carries.**

C. Trip/Activity Reports:

1. AF Global Strike Command Spring Civic Leaders Group and senior leader Conference
 - a. Focus: Leadership through change.
 - b. Asking us to assist in the process.
 - c. Look for ways to strengthen dependents.
 - d. Looking for licensing reciprocity for dependents.

ACTION ITEM: David to get verbiage from Wyoming, so we can streamline our process.

2. Need to finalize Barksdale Trophy package.
3. SDC/Scowcroft Meetings – Ogden, UT
 - a. Great Meetings, a lot of industry was there mostly.
 - b. Sequestration needs to be taken care of
 - c. CR's need to go away.
4. Air Show – B-1 static or flyover or B-52 Flyover
 - a. Invited General Rand to the Air Show.
5. Interview with Joe Parsedich on April 12th, will be speaking with the Dadalions.

D. Planning:

1. Yearly Meeting – Friday, July 21, 2017
 - a. \$125 – July 21st lunch – 11:30am – 1:00pm
2. Membership
 - a. David and Len will work on this.
 - b. Friday Flash – Letting members know what our committees are doing.
 - c. Communication – to let MTDA Members know what the Alliance are doing.
3. Community Partnerships
 - a. Tabled for next month.
4. Upcoming Trips
 1. ADC – June 19-20, 2017
 2. Lunch with Steve Volkin in April.
 3. AFA is in September – Shane to attend with David.

4:07pm – Meeting moved into Executive Session.

The next Montana Defense Alliance Executive Committee Meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 1, 2017 at 3:00pm in the Chamber Video Conference Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxy Perez