



## Montana Defense Alliance Executive

January 9, 2017

Chamber Video Conference Center

### ALLIANCE MEMBERS PRESENT:

David Weissman    Brad Livingston    Jeff Millhollin  
Greg Doyon        Steve Grooms        Doug Oswood

### CHAMBER STAFF:

Roxy Perez

### FEDERAL DELEGATION UPDATES:

- Cheryl Ulmer and Cari Kent were unable to attend. However, the Federal Delegation has been in recess for the holidays.

### REVIEW OF MINUTES:

- ☼ **Motion was made and seconded to approve the December 5, 2016 Minutes as presented. Motion carries.**

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Reviewed November Financials
- ☼ **Motion was made and seconded to approve the November Financials as presented. Motion carries.**

### BUSINESS:

#### A. News/Follow-Up:

1. Copies of the bios for the new Legislative folks for Senator Daines' Office were provided for review.
2. Program of Work
  - a. Changes were emailed to the committee for review.

- ☼ **Motion was made and seconded to approve the Program of Work as presented via email review. Motion carries.**

3. Secretary James continues her visits to Minot and Malmstrom as the previous trip had some travel issues in December.
  - a. Secretary James was thanked for her leadership.

#### B. Trip/Activity Reports:

1. Trip Reports are online.
2. Add Calendar of Events or Travel Calendar, and add the Economic Impact.
3. Would like to create a Trip Reports tab.

**ACTION ITEM: Chamber Staff will have Joe with the Tribune attend the next Alliance meeting for website updates.**

C. Planning:

1. Secretary James Farewell Ceremonies
  - a. David is leaving tomorrow to attend.
  - b. Discussed the flight changes, as David is attending an out of state funeral, with the committee and the cost decreased instead of increased. Committee consensus was to proceed as planned.
2. Strategic Deterrence Conference is coming up.
  - a. The SDC will in Washington, DC and the ADC is scheduled for the same time.
  - b. Joe and Greg have previously attended and Feb 27 through Mar 1 at San Antonio. However, Doug will review his schedule to see if he is available to attend.
    - i. Pre-Conference with the Air Force on the Partnership, is scheduled for the morning of and Greg would like to participate.
3. AF Civic Leader Trip to Whiteman, AFB is scheduled.
  - a. Steve and David will attend at no cost to the Alliance.
4. Governor
  - a. Working to get an appointment with the Governor.
  - b. May have other Alliance members will need to make contact.
5. Yearly Meeting
  - a. Steve Grooms will head this meeting.
  - b. Discussion on partnering with 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Air Force and National Guard, the day before the air show at the Air Host.
6. Membership
  - a. More to follow next month.
  - b. Every Alliance Member should be recruiting.
  - c. Will need to create a list and then divide and conquer.

**OTHER:**

- A. From Meeting with General Rand
  1. Objectives he would like us assist in: Where Airmen - play, pray, school, healthcare, where spouses work.
  2. How can we assist with this?
- B. Barksdale Trophy
  1. Each community is asked to provide a proposal to show how the community supports the military.
  2. Will be awarded in the Fall 2017 during the Global Strike Challenge.
  3. Deadline for submission is March 2017.
  4. Joann is currently working on the packet prep, MTDA will need to work with MAC and Joann.
- C. Two Executive Committee Openings
  1. Looking for any recommendations.

**The next Montana Defense Alliance Meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 13, 2017 at 3:00pm in the Chamber Video Conference Center.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Roxy Perez