



## Montana Defense Alliance Executive Committee

October 2, 2017

Chamber Video Conference Center

### ALLIANCE MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

### ALLIANCE GUESTS:

Cheryl Ulmer      Robin Baker

### CHAMBER STAFF:

Roxy Perez

### REVIEW OF MINUTES:

- ☼ Motion was made and seconded to approve the August 7, 2017 Minutes as distributed. Motion carries.

### FEDERAL DELEGATION REPORTS:

- A. Senator Tester
  - 1. Nominations are in the works.
  - 2. Votes are coming up.
  - 3. Not much to report.
- B. Senator Daines
  - 1. Went to Taiwan and South Korea.
- C. Additional Information
  - 1. Regarding Sequestration – Are we going to see a completed budget or just keep seeing continuing resolutions? Not sure at this time and it doesn't seem to be changing.
  - 2. Budget is the single largest threat to our nation. Budget Control Act is an issue.

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

- A. Income and Expenses are trending the same.
- B. Still have some outstanding expenses from the last September trip.
- ☼ Motion was made and seconded to approve August Financials. Motion carries.

### BUSINESS:

- A. News/Follow Up
  - 1. Target Missions
    - a. Have not changed to date.
    - b. GBSD moving forward.
- B. Trip/Activity Reports:
  - 1. Working on Tribune Letter to Editor.
  - 2. We need to let folks know what we do.
  - 3. CSAF CLP/AFA September Trip:

- a. First trip for Shane was an eye opener.
- b. Breakout sessions were full
- c. Mission readiness and personnel -personnel was a big issue.
- d. Secretary of Defense Mattis spoke and he said nuclear mission is important to the Air Force.
- e. Good Conference.
- f. Secretary Wilson also addressed the conference.
- g. Civic Leaders group - Met with Brig General Ed Thomas, Major General Basham, SECAF Heather Wilson, CSAF General Goldfein, and Lt General Harrigan, CENTCOM Commander.
- h. Still pushing for BRAC.
- i. Air Force, and all branches of Military, need a real budget, no more CR's. End to possible sequestration and current budgetary uncertainty. This is the single biggest Threat to our National security. We agree.

C. Planning:

- 1. Reciprocity – state certification
  - a. We have reached out to local representatives.
  - b. It is a workforce issues, impacts several different professions.

**ACTION ITEM: MTDA Executive to see how we can partner up with other organizations.**

- 2. Membership:
  - a. New Member Recruitment
  - b. Sent out the letters, had positive response with addition of new Members.
- 3. Community Partnership:
  - a. Will begin meeting again.
  - b. Currently working on the EMS proposal.
- 4. Upcoming Trips
  - a. Pentagon/Hill Fall Rounds
    - i. Would like to get it done before Thanksgiving
    - ii. If not, between Thanksgiving and Christmas
    - iii. Worked on our top agenda items.
    - iv. David and Joe to attend.
  - b. AFGSC CLP October 11-15. In Colorado Springs.
    - i. David and Steve to pay for their own trip.
  - c. STRATCOM Trip will need to be budgeted for FY18.
  - d. Nuclear Deterrence Summit February 2018.
  - e. Global Challenge Symposium in November 2017.

☼ **Motion was made and seconded to approve the Global Strike Challenge expenditure of \$2500.**

**Motion carries.**

- 5. 2017-2018 Budget
  - a. Len, David and Shane to work on this.

D. Other:

- 1. Communication with MTDA Members.
- 2. MAFB Runway Status

**The next Montana Defense Alliance Executive Committee Meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 6, 2017 at 3:00pm in the Chamber Video Conference Center.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Roxy Perez