



Montana Defense Alliance – Executive
May 1, 2017
Chamber Video Conference Center

ALLIANCE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Shane Etwiler John Faulkner David Weissman Jeff Millhollin Joe Briggs
Doug Oswald Brett Doney Steve Grooms

ALLIANCE GUESTS:

Cheryl Ulmer Robin Baker

CHAMBER STAFF:

Roxy Perez

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

- ☼ **Motion was made and seconded to approve the April 3, 2017 Minutes as distributed. Motion carries.**

TREASURER’S REPORT:

- A. We received \$5,700 in Income this month.
- B. Some Travel Expenses were paid this month.
- ☼ **Motion was made and seconded to approve the March Financials. Motion carries.**

FEDERAL DELEGATION REPORTS:

- A. Senator Tester
 - 1. The Senator met with Heather Wilson.
 - a. Discussed C-130 Modernization, GBSD and Helicopter Modernization.
 - 2. Staffing the 819th.
 - a. Staff numbers are currently low looking to staff the 819th.
 - 3. DoD summary was also given.
 - a. A summary will be forwarded once it is received.
- B. Senator Daines
 - 1. Will be attending the RED HORSE Welcome Home this week.

BUSINESS:

- A. News/Follow Ups
 - 1. Met with Candidate Greg Gianforte, will also be meeting with Rob Quist on Friday of this week.
 - a. David will be unable to attend.
 - b. Please have questions prepared ahead of time.
 - 2. Target Missions
 - a. Discussed potential missions
 - 3. Aerospace Company Meeting
 - a. Met with Vulcan

B. Trip/Activity Reports:

1. Attended Major General Finan's Retirement.
 - a. Great event to attend.
2. Will attending the upcoming General Wilcox's one star pin ceremony
 - a. Steve Grooms, David and Joe will be attending, next Thursday.
3. Kravitsky Retirement
 - a. F.E. Warren Commander – will be attending his retirement in July.
 - b. Current Airfare is approximately \$600

☼ **Motion was made and seconded to approve David's airfare to Cheyenne, WY to attend Col Kravitsky's retirement. Motion carries.**

4. AFA is coming up in September.

C. Planning:

1. Governor/Legislative
 - a. Reciprocity State Certifications
 - i. Received Wyoming's information

ACTION ITEM: Chamber Staff to forward information was provided and will be sent via email to the Executive Committee, and Brett as well.

- ii. Discussed options on who should head the bill.
 - b. MAFB Airstrip Status
 - i. Previously discussed with Target Missions.
2. Annual Meeting – July 21, 2017 at Meadow Lark Country Club
 - a. Keynote Speaker – Jim Kowalski
 - b. Will invite MAC and MTDA and Chamber Membership.

ACTION ITEM: Chamber Staff to send Save the Date email to the MTDA Membership regarding the Annual Meeting, followed by MAC and the Chamber Membership.

3. Membership:
 - a. Currently working on a plan.
4. Community Partnerships:

OTHER:

- A. One Executive Committee Opening
 1. Will follow up with Cari.
- B. Communication with MTDA Members
 1. Friday Flash – please submit ideas to David by Wednesday at noon.
- C. Barksdale Trophy
 1. Will be submitted today.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

- A. Col Smith's Change of Command is scheduled for June 3rd.
- B. Discussed OEA mapping of Montana

Meeting Adjourned!

The next Montana Defense Alliance Executive Committee Meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 5, 2017 at 3:00pm in the Chamber Video Conference Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Roxy Perez