



Montana Defense Alliance Executive Committee
Monday, June 4, 2018
Chamber Video Conference Center

ALLIANCE MEMBERS PRESENT:

David Weissman Matt Lynde Steve Grooms Joe Briggs Tony Aretz
Greg Doyon Len Watkins

ALLIANCE GUESTS:

Robin Baker Cheryl Ulmer

CHAMBER STAFF:

Roxy Perez

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

- ☼ **Motion was made and seconded to approve the May 7, 2018 Minutes as distributed. Motion carries.**

FEDERAL DELEGATION UPDATES:

- A. Senator Tester's Office
 - 1. Copy of Secretary Wilson letter was distributed.
 - a. Concern of the MTANG Apron
 - b. Invitation was extended to Secretary Wilson to visit Montana.
 - 2. VA Mission Act was passed, more to follow.
 - 3. FY 19 Budget request is \$168,829,914.
 - 4. NDA will be presented.
- B. Senator Daines
 - 1. Apron Expansion – Briefing wanted to advance the funding in 2019. However, they want it to hold off until 2020.
 - 2. CBox is being renamed, two in Billings, and one in Missoula.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

- A. Reviewed April Financials
 - 1. Membership is down.
 - 2. Still sitting good.
- ☼ **Motion was made and seconded to approve the April Financials. Motion carries.**

BUSINESS:

- A. News/Follow-up
 - 1. Wheat Ridge Estates
 - a. Moving forward to the Planning Advisory Board.
 - b. Only two ways to testify – for or against.
 - c. Opposition is in two parts. Part 1 - Light Noise Pollution, Part 2 – is the runway.

- d. There are potential missions for us to capitalize on.
 - e. Certificate of Survey – needs to be submitted to the County.
 - f. No new meeting date has been set.
- B. Trip/Activity Reports:
- 1. CSAF CLP PACAF Tour
 - a. Was an amazing trip.
 - b. Five bases 6 days, 11 time zones 11,200 miles, lost Tuesday, gained Saturday.
 - c. Last two nights in slept in airplanes.
 - d. Became fast friends with Ret General Bowen Ballard.
 - e. Started in Hawaii at Hickam, AFB at Pearl Harbor, then on to Kunsan AB, South Korea, then on to Guam ending in Ellison AFB.
 - 2. SDC BoD, BoR, Symposium
 - a. David was nominated and voted for Vice President of SDC.
 - b. Would like to have a SCD Conference in Great Falls.
 - c. They are working to make sure the next generation is engaged.
 - d. Attended the Air University at Maxwell AFB, Montgomery
 - i. General Cotton hosted an event.
 - 3. Went to Helena two weeks in a row.
 - a. Met with General Quinn, and Tom Lopach. The Governor's on board with reciprocity.
 - b. David and Shane went to Lewistown to visit the Fergus County Commissioners.

PLANNING:

- A. Governor/Legislative
 - 1. Reciprocity
 - a. Legislative session is coming up. Looking to engage the local legislators.
 - b. Policy has to be changed.
- B. Membership
 - 1. Nothing new on new Membership
 - 2. Still working on the brochure.
 - 3. Annual Luncheon – look for dates in late October 3rd or 4th week.
 - 4. Discussed Boeing Sponsorship.
- C. Community Partnership
 - 1. Will wait to discuss with the new Commander.
- D. Upcoming Trips:
 - 1. Change of Command and Retirement for General Rand.
 - 2. AFA in September 16th - 20th- David and Tony will be attending.
 - 3. ADC – Joe and Greg will be attending.

The next Montana Defense Alliance Executive Committee is scheduled for Monday, July 2, 2018 at 3:00pm in the Chamber Video Conference Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Roxy Perez