



## Montana Defense Alliance Executive

June 5, 2017

Chamber Video Conference Center

### ALLIANCE MEMBERS PRESENT:

David Weissman    Shane Etwiler    Dr. Tony Aretz    Joe Briggs    Greg Doyon  
Len Watkins       Steve Grooms    John Faulkner

### ALLIANCE GUESTS:

Robin Baker       Dr. Susan Wolff

### CHAMBER STAFF:

Roxy Perez

### REVIEW OF MINUTES:

- ☼ **Motion was made and seconded to approve the May 1, 2017 Minutes as distributed. Motion carries.**

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Currently in line with Budget.
- We had additional expenses: Veteran's Program advertising and Col Smith's going away gift.

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

### FEDERAL DELEGATION REPORT:

- Senator Daines' Military Liaison was at Ellsworth and Malmstrom AFB, and was encouraged by connections made.

### BUSINESS:

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

1. Target Missions
  - a. Moving forward.
2. GBSD was discussed.
  - a. There are 3 business partners bidding for the contract – Northrup and Lockheed have visited the community.
  - b. Work must be completed within 10 years span.

#### B. Trip/Activity Reports:

1. National Security Forum
  - a. Dr. Wolff attended the Air War College.
  - b. Grateful for the nomination to attended.
  - c. This was an international meeting regarding military affairs.
  - d. Attended a session on ethics.
  - e. Had a great time and will go again in a heartbeat.
2. General Wilcox Pin On

1. General Wilcox and family appreciated the support shown by Steve, Joe, and David attending.
  2. Chad and Marne Deranger, General Stoss, along with many friends of Malmstrom were in attendance. General Rand conducted the promotion ceremony.
  3. We were able to have meaningful conversation with many folks at AFGSC regarding Malmstrom and our future.
3. SDC Symposium
1. David is a founding member, serves on the Board of Directors, and attended the SDC Annual Symposium, Annual Meetings, and Board of Regents Meetings in Washington, DC, as well as, taking part in the Symposium by introducing Admiral Benedict.
  2. David was named Committee Chair for Strategic Planning for the SDC.
- C. Planning:
1. Governor / Legislative
    - a. Reciprocity - We have the verbiage.
      - i. Need to contact Department of Administration
      - ii. Shane to follow upon the next steps.
    - b. MAFB Airstrip Status
      - i. Currently working on this.
  2. Membership
    - a. Mailing out brochures for recruitment.
    - b. Should be ready to mail soon.
  3. Community Partnerships:
    - a. Will discuss further after ADC trip.
    - b. Malmstrom's Emergency Response is working with the City to assist with response time.
  4. BRAC
    - a. Malmstrom and MTANG both have relevant, enduring missions putting them in good position should a Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) round occur.
  5. Upcoming Trips
    - a. ADC – June 18-21, 2017 – David/Greg will be attending.
    - b. Kravitzky Retirement – June 23, 2017, David was invited and will attend
    - c. General Fortney Retirement July 6, 2017, David and Steve were invited and will attend
- ☼ **Motion was made and seconded to approve David and Steve to attend the retirement.**
- Motion carries.**
- d. AFA – September 18-20, 2017
  - e. Pentagon/Hill -This Fall before Christmas/Winter Break 2017
- D. Other:
1. One Executive Committee Opening
    - a. Will fill in August 2017.
    - b. Communication to the MTDA Members
      - i. Len Watkins will begin provide a monthly recap from Friday Flash.
- E. Annual Luncheon
1. Invite was distributed for review.
  2. Tying it in with the airshow
  3. Moving annual luncheon to Thursday, July 20, 2017 @ 11: 30am – 1:30pm
  4. Soup and Sandwich Buffet
  5. Cost is \$25 for MTDA Members and \$35 for Non-MTDA Members.
  6. Special Invite for MTDA Members and pricing.
  7. Invite the Chamber Membership

8. Follow by a MTDA Members only event with the Thunderbirds.

**ACTION ITEM: Chamber Staff will need to create a script for the luncheon.**

F. Next Meeting has been changed to July 11<sup>th</sup> from July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**ACTION ITEM: Chamber Staff to send an update for the July Meeting.**

**The next Montana Defense Alliance Executive Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, July 10, 2017 at 3:00pm in the Chamber Video Conference Center.**

Respectfully submitted,

Roxy Perez