



Montana Defense Alliance Executive Committee

August 7, 2017

Chamber Video Conference Center

MTDA EXECUTIVE MEMBERS:

David Weissman Tony Aretz Len Watkins John Faulkner Shane Etwiler
Greg Doyon Joe Briggs Doug Oswood

ALLIANCE GUESTS:

Cheryl Ulmer Chuck Anderson Robin Baker

CHAMBER STAFF:

Roxy Perez

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

☼ **Motion was made and seconded to approve the July 10, 2017 Minutes as presented. Motion carries.**

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Reviewed June Financials

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FEDERAL DELEGATION UPDATES:

A. Senate Tester

1. Senator Tester will be in Great Falls on August 15th, for an MAFB tour, as well as a MAF visit, first visit since 2007.
 - a. Would like to have lunch with Chamber folks.
2. Seven Bills that passed the Senate.
 - a. VA Choice and Quality Employment Act
 - b. The Clinic in Missoula will be funded.
 - c. GI Bill will be forwarded to the president's desk.
 - i. Veterans will not have the 15-year time line to use their GI Bills.
3. UH-1 Huey replacement – contractor to be selected in summer of 2018, with commencement in 2020 or 2021.

B. Senator Daines

1. MILCON for Malmstrom passed and will be fully funded for the TRF and Missile Maintenance Facility.

BUSINESS

A. News/Follow Up

1. No New Reports

B. Trip/Activity Reports

1. Dinner with Randy Tymofichuk with BAE Systems
2. Contributed \$1,200 to the MTDA.

C. Planning

1. Governor/Legislative
 - a. Reciprocity – State Certifications
 - i. Shane emailed the Wyoming Chamber, but has not heard back.
 - ii. Discussed with Casey Schreiner and invited both he and Brian hoven to attend as they sit on the Military Committee.
2. Annual Meeting
 - a. Maybe do a mailer next time. Email has been creating issues.
 - b. Good information and good speaker.
 - c. Meeting the pilots was a worthwhile experience.
3. Membership
 - a. Mailer is currently being sent.
4. Community Partnerships
 - a. Potential for base emergency transports is in the early stages.
5. Upcoming Trips
 - a. CoSAF CLP/AFA 18 – 20 September
 - b. Pentagon/Hill Rounds Fall Timeframe
 - c. AFGSC CLP 11 – 15 October
 - d. Nuclear Deterrence Summit in February 2018

OTHER NEWS:

- A. Communication to MTDA Membership
 1. Len to do monthly recap for the MTDA Membership.
 2. David to continue with Friday Flash update.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

- A. Friday Air Show Welcome Event was a great family event.
- B. Discussion on assault strip, facing opposition from adjacent property owners.
 1. May need to become more of an advocate for this.
 2. With the county, there is no regulatory change.
 3. It's not a change in use.

The next MTDA Executive Meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 11, 2017 at 3:00pm in the Chamber Video Conference Center.

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,
Roxy Perez