

Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly Meeting of the NCMAC Full Commission  
Seymour Johnson AFB, Goldsboro, NC 27531  
May 19, 2015

**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

BGen Bud Martin, ARNGUS Retired  
BGen Paul Dordal, USAF Retired  
Col. Frank Bottorff, USMC Retired  
LTC Robert Anderson, USA Retired  
Col. Walter Marm, Jr., USA Retired  
SgtMaj William Hatcher, USMC Retired  
CDR Bill Lehmann, USCG Retired  
George Breece  
Jeremiah Daniels  
Rep. Efton Sager  
Hon. George Cleveland  
Sen. Harry Brown (via WebEx)  
John Matthews  
Joy Thrash  
MGen Bob Dickerson, USMC Ret.  
Cindi Basenspiller  
Gen. Dan McNeill

**NON-VOTING/EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Lt. Governor Dan Forest  
Hon. Will Lewis  
Dr. George Millsaps, NC Community Colleges  
Graham Wilson, Department of Commerce  
  
Janet Bradbury (military liaison for Sen. Burr)  
Doug Taggart, Department of Public Instruction  
Darryl Morrison, Department of Revenue  
Bryan Gossage, DENR  
Robert Hosford, Department of Agriculture  
Sebastian Montagne, Dept of Transportation  
Sen. Ron Rabin, NCGA  
Sen. Wesley Meredith, NCGA  
Jason Simmons, DHHS (via WebEx)  
Kimrey Rhinehardt, UNC Bd of Govrs (by WebEx)  
Asst. Secy Ilario Pantano, Div. of Veterans Affairs  
MG Gregory Lusk, NCARNG  
Paul Friday  
Hon. Joe Peel (by WebEx)

**AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES:**

Jason Lowry (military liaison for Congressman Walter Jones)  
Sally Ann Gupta (A/R for Sen. Brown)

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

MGen Cornell A. Wilson, USMC RET  
Mark Finlayson, ACT  
Ron Massey  
Scott Dorney, NCMBC  
Bill Hatcher  
Col. Sarah Dicks, NCNG  
Kimberly Lindsay, Governor's Working Group  
Sal Nodjomian  
Terry Yonkers  
Capt. Jake Johannsen, USN  
McClesky, RTI  
Tina Paulson, G-5 Community Plans Liaison Office  
(school liaison)  
Dewitt Hardee, Dept of Agriculture  
Ty McCarthy  
Barbara Boyce, NCCC

Maj. Bobby Lumsden, NCNG  
CDR Bruce Brown, USCG Elizabeth City  
Ellen Harnick, Center for Responsible Lending  
CDR Bruce Brown (via WebEx)  
Al Ripley, Esq., NC Justice Center  
Col. Kevin P. Landers  
Tyler Harris  
Bill Meier, MCI East  
John Simmons  
James Norment, ACT

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### **Welcome on Behalf of Base Commander**

Col. Andy Bernard, Deputy Commander of Seymour Johnson Air Force Base welcomed all on behalf of Col. Slocum, giving an overview of Seymour Johnson Air Force Base.

### **Call to Order, Welcoming Remarks**

Chairman Martin welcomed attendees of the meeting and provided introductory remarks, including the day's agenda review and order of the meeting. Chairman Martin had a recent opportunity to meet one-on-one with the Governor who indicated his support for the activities of the NCMAC.

### **Administrative Updates**

- MajGen Cornell Wilson and Maj. Bobby Lumsden provided an overview of the status of the NCMAC budget briefing by line items.
- Military Appreciation Day and NCNG Appreciation Day will both occur on May 27 with the program commencing at 11:00 AM – see Maj. Lumsden for invitations.
- Mapping efforts – maps have been received from OSD and MCI East.
- Consultant contract extension will include a regional JLUS.
- Pending bills affecting the military have been reviewed.
- Additional:
  - Kim Rhinehardt of the UNC System advised that passing of legislation with authorizing language is needed by June 15 to be able to certify a veteran for in-state tuition\*;
  - Iberdrola wind turbine projects have been grandfathered in with certain restrictions.

\*Vice Chairman Paul Dordal made a motion that the NCMAC prepare a letter to the Governor requesting his support in ensuring that authorization is in place by June 15, which passed unanimously with discussion.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairman Martin.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Chairman Martin made a motion to approve minutes of the March full Commission meeting, which passed unanimously without further discussion.

### **Public Comments/Announcements**

Mr. Scott Dorney of NCMBC announced the organization's upcoming events (see NCMBC website). Ms. Cindi Basenspiller announced a pilot program in Charlotte to commemorate veterans. Chairman Martin reminded all of the upcoming Thomasville Memorial Day Parade.

### **Committee Reports**

Base Sustainability & Community Affairs: MGen Bob Dickerson provided an update to the Commission on matters before his Committee who met on April 15.

- Mr. Montagne advised that DOT will provide a list of projects affecting military installations and communities
- Mr. Hosford updated the Committee on the status of the REPI Challenge proposal
- Mr. Bottorff discussed the letter of support for retention of PEDRO being worked by Sen. Tillis and Rep. Jones
- EMS/Firefighter certification issue is in progress
- Census will be a matter undertaken by the Committee

Quality of Life: Col. Robert Anderson provided an update to the Commission on matters before his Committee who met on April 23.

- Children's Crisis Stabilization Unit - The need for bed space for adolescents with psychiatric needs in Cumberland County is a matter before the Committee. Sen. Meredith and Rep. Szoka will meet with the CEO of Cape Fear Valley Medical Center, the results of which will be shared with the Commission.
- 911 PSAPs - made contact with DoD general counsel about the differences in Section 331 of the 2013 NDAA. General Counsel will not provide opinions to the State but will to the Services. In the alternative, a motion was made to work with the 911 Board to set up a public-private partnership and establish a uniform approach. The motion passed unanimously without additional discussion.
- Child Care Facilities Certification (Recognition by State of Federal Standards) – Sen. Brown is assisting with this.

Economic Development: Lt. Gen. Gary McKissock provided an update to the Commission on matters before his Committee who met on April 21.

- Pipeline hiring initiatives were briefed by Kimberly Lindsay
- Status of Credentialing efforts was briefed by NC Community Colleges System
- Endorsement of hiring a subject matter expert to oversee the F-35 program with Chris Chung of EDPNC
- Committee supports a feasibility study to determine how the rail line to Camp Lejeune and Jacksonville can be leveraged, a potential economic development opportunity; Rep. Shepherd is crafting legislation. The Metro Planning Organization may have the funding for the study.

Legislative Affairs Committee: Senator Sanderson provided an update to the Commission on behalf of Sen. Brown on matters before his Committee who met on April 21.

- Senator Brown is sponsoring SB 105, 106, 250, 368 and is working on a joint military resolution. (bills can be reviewed at ncleg.net.)
- There are more than 30 pieces of military-related legislation, a list of which will be itemized with the status of each and projected date
- Sen. Sanderson will discuss with Sen. Brown getting ahead of the deadline for in-state tuition legislation

### **NCMAC Top Ten Priorities**

Commission Vice Chairman Paul Dordal reviewed the updated priorities (see power point presentation on NC MAC website).

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### **NC Commanders Council**

Mr. Paul Friday reported on matters discussed in today's meeting, including:

- Military Mission Footprint Map
- Electromagnetic spectrum is an encroachment item
- Provide support for REPI initiative
- In receipt of Vice Chairman Dordal's request for gains/losses data from Bases
- Military provides estimated \$66 billion dollar economic impact

### **Host Cities' Report**

Mr. Ron Massey of Jacksonville presented on behalf of the Group.

- While the Governor's census staff is tracking, the US Census will publish information in the Federal Register that includes a count of deployed personnel
- NCMAC may want to consider commenting on the published notice sooner rather than later, otherwise the data remains as is for the 2020 Census.

### **REPI Challenge**

Robert Hosford of NC Department of Agriculture briefed the Commission on this year's REPI Challenge.

- On 3/13 the DoD put up \$8 million dollars for application by May 29 for which DoD prefers a 3:1 match
- Agencies and their respective dollar commitments to the Challenge were noted
- Col. McCarthy along with other agencies have agreed to send a letter of support

Chairman Martin requested a motion for the MAC to endorse the effort by way of Mr. Hosford's letter to OSD and the NCGA stressing the importance of getting a proposal into the Challenge. The motion passed unanimously without discussion.

### **Consultant Update**

Mr. Terry Yonkers and Mr. John Simmons provided an update brief to the Commission by power point, highlighting the effect of the budget resolution on NDA, FY16 milcon appropriations, what the Secretary of Defense is looking at in relation to BRAC, KC46 A basing strategy and planned actions.

### **Transportation Update**

Sebastian Montagne provided an NC DOT update by power point – see "Military Connections" webpage.

### **Employment Initiatives**

Kimberly Lindsay reported to the Commission on developments to hiring initiatives.

- Candidate matching in advance of hiring event
- Career laticing
- Leadership summits (educating employers on the benefits of hiring vets)

- NC4ME.org (NC for Military Employment) a new public-private partnership designed to make North Carolina the number one state for military employment

### **Credentialing Update**

Ms. Barbara Boyce of the NC Community Colleges System updated the Commission on implementation of SB 761.

- NCCC has set up a Military Credit Advisory Council who have met two times
- They are performing a policy audit for purposes of standardizing
- Working on a single POC for each institution
- Using ACE to train faculty and staff in evaluation of military transcripts
- UNC has a training activity on how to give credit for prior learning called “Getting a Degree Faster”
- BLET: working with criminal justice to shorten training from 616 hours to 474 hours

### **Education Summit**

Doug Taggart of DPI discussed the recent education summit.

- Requests NCMAC’s support by way of a letter for school calendar flexibility for military-connected children
- A state-level advocate is needed, and NCMAC’s support is requested to this end
- 4 military liaison counselors are funded through recurring funds that need to be protected through legislation
- Federal impact aid should be studied between fiscal researchers and military liaisons
- Interstate Compact booklet has been distributed
- Military student identifier will be implemented next year

### **Other Business**

- KC46 bed down letter – Chairman Martin made a motion to address letter to Debra Lee James, which was passed unanimously without discussion.
- Mayor’s Council has requested \$1 million dollars from the General Assembly; \$300,000 request through NCMAC budget. Funds would be by application and request would be matched by half the total of the amount needed. Chairman Martin will distribute proposed language for that request.
- Chairman Martin thanked all for coming together on SB 679.

### **New Business**

- Please check ADC’s website for their upcoming regional event.
- Mr. Bottorff made a motion that MAC ask the Governor to sign letter in support of retaining the PEDRO mission, which passed unanimously with no discussion.
- Discussion about fee waivers for firefighters requesting that retraining is at no cost.
- EMS does annual training
- Sen. Brown has been sent information with a request for \$661,000 to cover NCCC fees.
- Ask legislators for their support on the bond referendum.
- Show support for the new Department.
- Consider a breakfast meeting to get legislators together to bring awareness.

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- Information about Nurse Family Partnership, a non-profit organization that helps pregnant military wives was given to Robert Anderson for the Quality of Life committee to review.

**Future Business**

Next ESG Meeting takes place on August 4.

Next Full Commission meeting takes place on August 18. Locations to be announced.

**Adjournment**

Following a request for any additional questions or comments, Chairman Martin adjourned the meeting at 4:43 PM.