



NORTH CAROLINA MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMISSION

Minutes of the 3rd Quarter Meeting of the NC Military Affairs Commission (NCMAC)

Tuesday, August 18, 2020 via Microsoft Teams/Conference number

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MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Hon Grier Martin, Public Member
Rep. George Cleveland, NCGA
Col. Frank Bottorff, USMC Retired, Cherry Point
Julie Daniels, Seymour Johnson AFB
SgtMaj William Hatcher, USMC Retired, Camp Lejeune
David "Crockett" Long, Public Member
Etteinne Mitchell, Cherry Point
MG Rodney Anderson, USA Retired, Fort Bragg
Timothy McClain, Public Member (by phone)
COL Kirk Warner, USA, Retired, Fort Bragg
MG Gerald A. Rudisill, Jr, USA Retired, National Guard
Patricia Harris, USA Ret., Public Member
COL David Hayden, USA Retired, Public Member
BG Arnold Gordon-Bray, USA Retired, Public Member (phone)
Paul Friday, Camp Lejeune
MG Edward Reeder, USA, Retired, Fort Bragg
Dr. Scott LaFevers, Seymour Johnson AFB
Col. David Myers, USMC Retired, Camp Lejeune
Sally Ann Gupta, A/R for Sen. Harry Brown

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Hon Will Lewis, Cherry Point
Wesley Meredith, Fort Bragg
Sen Harry Brown, NCGA
Hon Chuck Allen, Seymour Johnson AFB
Sen Norman Sanderson, NCGA (Non-voting)
Rep John Bell, NCGA (Non-voting)

EXOFFICIO MEMBERS:

Larry Hall, Secretary DMVA
Will Best, Commerce (DOC)
Kelly Jackson, DMVA
Ariel Aponte, DMVA

NCCC:

Mike Scalise, MCI-East
Bryan Ayers, MCI-East

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES:

Ron Massey, City of Jacksonville
Chad Sydnor, Cassidy & Associates
Ed Turlington, Brooks Pierce
Matt Bales, Brooks Pierce
Larry Coleman, NCNG Association
Laura Rogers, NCMBC
Manley James, Selective Service
Doug Taggart, DPI
BG Jeff Copeland, NC National Guard
Iris Pierce, Fort Bragg CYS/SLO
Valerie Nasser, Craven Cty Schools
Jamie Livengood, Goldsboro
Jamie Norment, ACT
Bob Coats, OSBM
Rollie Sampson, Moore County
Shevelle Godwin, Fort Bragg CYS/SLO
Keith Wheeler, East Carolina University
Brittany Norman, Onslow County
Cristy Barnes-Williams, SJAFB
Dennis Goodson, Seymour Johnson AFB
William Herrold, DANC
Kevin Burch, Military & Family Policy
Denny Lewis, EDPNC
Gregg Fambrough, SJAFB
Siobhan Norris, UNC System
Julie Fulton, Camp Lejeune
Wes Kyatt, DMVA
Greg Bethea, DMVA
Paul Berry, DMVA

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CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME REMARKS:

Chairman Grier Martin called the meeting to order at 12:32 pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were 18 voting/non-voting members via Microsoft Teams/phone for a quorum.

CONSENT AGENDA AND MINUTES:

Chairman Martin asked for a motion to approve the 2nd Quarter 2020 NCMAC meeting minutes dated May 19, 2020. A motion was made by ET Mitchell, seconded by David Hayden, and passed unanimously without discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/OPEN ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chairman Martin called for public comments and announcements. Laura Rogers from NC Military Business Center (NCMBC) said that she wanted to give an update on their activities. The federal government continues to purchase goods and services. Their business professionals are working double the opportunities pre-COVID. They are continuing with their web-conferences. Coming up in the next couple of months they will have a four part Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Aviation series, a six part Cybersecurity series. They are working with the Department of Commerce and NC Works on hosting a two part series on Transitioning Military for federal contractors. The Southeast federal construction and infrastructure summit that we usually hold in Wilmington will be virtual this year. It will include energy and environmental roundtable. The NCMBC is also leading the interagency cybersecurity coordinating committee to help companies in NC with compliance to Department of Defense (DoD) and cybersecurity regulations. The committee is made up of agency partners multiple education institutions and industry partners. We are happy to provide a briefing to the Military Affairs Commission at any time.

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS (DMVA) UPDATE: SECRETARY LARRY HALL

Secretary Larry Hall gave an update on the DMVA. He said that he appreciated this time to give an update on the Department. Some of the issues that people may be aware of are the home schools impacts and the start of the school year for the different counties around our military bases. They all have different schedules, so the bases are contending with all of that. There is also information about the base hospitals to report to the state so there can be an accurate strategy and data developed around the COVID-19 pandemic. You may have heard more about this information at the NC Commander's Council (NCCC). There is also the coordination with the DoD and their schools at Camp Lejeune and Marine Corps Installation-East (MCI-East). Fort Bragg also has the same challenges with their DoD schools and the surrounding communities. We all know that having broadband affects that around the bases. It is very important that we pay attention to that. We are doing somethings in the Department to try to facilitate transitioning for our members and create transitioning counselors with the major military installations in the state. That work is ongoing. Also, trying to ensure that their family services or family care plan challenges are met. Suicide continues to be a big issue for us to deal with and we continue to deal with those issues. The questions of domestic violence and drug abuse are key components that affect the welfare and readiness of our service members. We are working with the bases on these issues. Finally, one of the things that also affects that are the family care plan challenges. They have been highlighted by Camp Lejeune today during the NC Commander's Council meeting. The issues of our deployed service members and what they have to do in case of a single parent and having their child stay with designated people and the COVID-19 has had an impact on that as well.

NORTH CAROLINA COMMANDER'S COUNCIL (NCCC) Report: MIKE SCALISE

Mike Scalise from Marine Corps Installation - East (MCI-East) gave the members an update from the North Carolina Commander's Council (NCCC). He said that he would jump on some of the comments from Sec Hall and the discussions they had this morning. They had a number of briefing that ranged from the Encroachment briefing to many other briefings. But the main topic was COVID-19. They had a unique briefing today due to the fact that most of the Commander's that were on the call were new. They gave them some of the base briefings such as the Encroachment briefing and NC partnerships. Then as fellow installations Commanders and information that they could share with them reference COVID. Many of them are experiencing the same things on the base and base services. Then over the last few months they have done some rigorous closing to now opening those facilities under tight conditions. The challenges that the installations in support of their operational forces and their fleet forces over the past few months. Now the abilities for those operational forces to train and continue to deploy. At the beginning of this we were all just feeling out in the dark. They are back to focusing on their job which is doing the nation's business.

Schools were a big topic for everyone. Based on their Force Protection Condition (FPCON) that will determine what they can do. For Camp Lejeune, their FPCON is Bravo and Fort Bragg their FPCON is Charlie. With their Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) schools, they have been able to offer in school classes but the FPCON Charlie will have to start with virtual classes. It is a mirror of what you see outside of the wire. For the Marine Corps, 70% of the children are outside of the bases. We have had some success and we have had somethings to slow us down for the schools or other services. We also had a hurricane Isaias and that was another discussion. There was minor damage that was done to each installation but not a big impact on their ability to train. At Camp Lejeune they had about \$4M of damage and some of that was the left over Florence ruffing that they had not gotten to yet. Isaias did not slow down the operational capabilities of the installations.

Military Construction (MILCON) is going well, and they have \$3.6 Billion. They have 7 packages that had to be awarded by the end of the fiscal year, September 31, 2020. Two of the packages have been awarded. The remainders are very close, and they range from mid-August to the end of August. It looks like only 2 of the 7 packages will be awarded in September. We have no reason to believe that we will not be able to pursue and begin the reconstruction in the next fiscal year. They did provide to the NCMAC a copy of the Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot Program (DCIP) list and the City of Jacksonville was awarded \$1M for a recreational center. The project is a \$5M project. He said that they are excited about all of the new commanders and getting the meetings back in Raleigh and in person. Chairman Martin said that he agreed with Mike Scalise's comments and that the in person meetings have a lot of value.

BASE SUSTAINABILITY AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS (BS&CA): FRANK BOTTORFF

Frank Bottorff reported on the 3rd Quarter Base Sustainability and Community Affairs Committee meeting that met on July 21, 2020. A couple items on the list that we received updates on were Sentinel Landscapes and they gave a tremendous update at the NCCC this morning. We will try to wrap that into our next meeting based on the fact that it is time for the NCMAC to look at the Sentinel Landscape program from the contracting side. We also received an update from the Department of Commerce and the highlight there was that the Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) implementation that they have been having

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some contractual problems and getting it approved. The company that was selected, Matrix Design Group has finally made it through the state approval process. That project is on-going which is for the Dare County Bombing Range. That is good news. We also had a briefing from the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the only highlight there was DEQ has been working with MCI-East on express permitting. Permitting is something that both the installations and communities struggle with. This is a good news story. They have a good program and whatever the military needs, they try to get the paperwork completed in a timely manner. We got an update on the NCCC from Mike Scalise.

Then we went into installations updates. The highlight from these updates was that there are two subjects that need more attention that was brought up by Seymour Johnson AFB. The topics were Intergovernmental Support Agreements (IGSA) and the school scheduling issue too. The IGSA issue was something that Goldsboro and Seymour Johnson wanted to bring up. As they are going through the possibility of doing some partnerships, they felt that there are somethings lacking in the State authority from the General Assembly to conduct some of these. We are looking at some type of modification to some laws to help them be more comfortable with the authority. We also talked about the budget and strategic communications. He will wait to talk about those later. The last item was that the Air Force was doing a study which is focused on basing decisions. It was on the local support on education and the support for military related family and spouse licensure issues. The Air Force has looked at all of its installations throughout the United States and ranked them in both the quality of local education and licensure. The study has come out and was sent to the Executive Steering Group and needs to go to all of the members. It will take time to do an analysis that we can take the lessons learned out of that to see and focus on how that impacts NC and what we can do to continue to improve on those things in this state. The other services that do not have a formal process yet will be looking at the information that was gleaned from this study and potentially be looking at something formal or informal for their own services. He thinks it will be worth the time to review this study and start to figure out if there is anything we can use to do a better job in NC. We also talked about the DCIP program and like Mike Scalise said, the selections are out, and NC received one grant for this year. As we look at that program and determine the sweet spot and what types of programs they are looking at to help influence our efforts for the next round in the next year. There was \$50M for this year and another \$50M next year. Hopefully, this will be ongoing.

Dr. LaFevers said that they had two main talking points. Talking Point #1 – School Plan A – They request the State, and in turn, the local school district move to Plan A for School Operations as soon as possible. Their Wing Commander reiterated the need in an interview published in the weekend News Arbus. Talking Point #2 – Public Enterprise General Statute Adjustment – N.C. General Statute 160A-311 and 160A 312 requires adjustment to allow mutually beneficial community and DoD installation partnerships. Specifically, the following proposed legislative changes (shown in red font) would allow local municipalities to participate in mutually beneficial partnership agreements with DoD installations.

§ 160A-311. Public enterprise defined.

As used in this Article, the term "public enterprise" includes:

- (1) Electric power generation, transmission, and distribution systems.
- (2) Water supply and distribution systems.

- (3) Wastewater collection, treatment, and disposal systems of all types, including septic tank systems or other on-site collection or disposal facilities or systems.
- (4) Gas production, storage, transmission, and distribution systems, where systems shall also include the purchase or lease of natural gas fields and natural gas reserves, the purchase of natural gas supplies, and the surveying, drilling and any other activities related to the exploration for natural gas, whether within the State or without.
- (5) Public transportation systems.
- (6) Solid waste collection and disposal systems and facilities.
- (7) Cable television systems.
- (8) Off-street parking facilities and systems.
- (9) Airports.
- (10) Stormwater management programs designed to protect water quality by controlling the level of pollutants in, and the quantity and flow of, stormwater and structural and natural stormwater and drainage systems of all types.

(11) Department of Defense Installation facilities and systems.

(1971, c. 698, s. 1; 1975, c. 549, s. 2; c. 821, s. 3; 1977, c. 514, s. 2; 1979, c. 619, s. 2; 1989, c. 643, s. 5; 1991 (Reg. Sess., 1992), c. 944, s. 14; 2000-70, s. 3.)

§ 160A-312. Authority to operate public enterprises.

- (a) A city shall have authority to acquire, construct, establish, enlarge, improve, maintain, own, operate, and contract for the operation of any or all of the public enterprises as defined in this Article to furnish services to the city and its citizens. Subject to Part 2 of this Article, a city may acquire, construct, establish, enlarge, improve, maintain, own, and operate any public enterprise outside its corporate limits, within reasonable limitations, but in no case shall a city be held liable for damages to those outside the corporate limits for failure to furnish any public enterprise service.
- (b) A city shall have full authority to protect and regulate any public enterprise system belonging to or operated by it by adequate and reasonable rules. The rules shall be adopted by ordinance, shall apply to the public enterprise system both within and outside the corporate limits of the city, and may be enforced with the remedies available under any provision of law.
- (c) A city may operate that part of a gas system involving the purchase and/or lease of natural gas fields, natural gas reserves and natural gas supplies and the surveying, drilling or any other activities related to the exploration for natural gas, in a partnership or joint venture arrangement with natural gas utilities and private enterprise.

(d) A city shall have authority to enter into agreements with Department of Defense entities to acquire, construct, establish, enlarge, improve, repair, supply, maintain, own, operate, and contract for the operation of any or all public enterprises that are mutually beneficial to both parties.

(1971, c. 698, s. 1; 1973, c. 426, s. 51; 1975, c. 821, s. 5; 1979, 2nd Sess., c. 1247, s. 29; 1991 (Reg. Sess., 1992), c. 836, s. 1.)

Frank Bottorff said that the next step was to hand this over to the Legislative Affairs committee to look at this and he will be standing by to assist. He knows that the Goldsboro contingent will also help and work with the legislative committee the best way and appropriate language to achieve the goals that are desired.

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Kevin Burch said that he wanted to make a comment about the Air Force report. He said that there (Defense Liaison Team) had met with those folks last week for about an hour. They found out that their criteria are different than the criteria for the Defense Liaison Team. He and his team are all getting a lot of calls from many different states on why their data is different. This will be an annual study that they do, and they are now going to coordinate and move the study from Installations to M&R. They will be working with them to try and see if they cannot get on the same page. If you look at the report and have any questions you are welcome to call his office. The other Services, such as the Army, are working with his office to develop a similar criteria. Once they have more information they will keep the Commission updated.

ET Mitchell asked for those that have not seen the study, what are the differences in the metrics. How far apart are we? Kevin Burch said that his office is trying to get a copy of the exact criteria that was used. There are several differences. His office looks at all military spouses and their occupations. The Air Force criteria concentrated on 9 specific occupations for spouses. His office works interstate compacts with the states. They have a different scale that they are using. They will be discussing this topic on Friday and hopefully they will find out what criteria was used for the study. His office will be conducting a virtual workshop in September and they will attend the virtual workshop. We can then try to work out any differences that we have, and we are all on the same page.

QUALITY OF LIFE (QOL): KIRK WARNER

Kirk Warner reported on the 3rd Quarter Quality of Life Committee meeting that met on July 16, 2020. He talked about the DCIP program and it eludes to Secretary Esper's making military families and quality of life the number one priority. We should take advantage of that. The services mandate this and we beat this horse so that it is almost dead. This all came from the fiscal year National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) 2021 requirements. They were looking at Service Secretaries and further basing decisions.. This survey came out and it is the Air Force Military Family Community assessment. This shows that there are two areas and an overall assessment. It is sporadic throughout the states on who is green, yellow or red. It is hard to read but they have a graph and a bell curve for each of these. This is a guidepost to tell us where we are at and to figure out how we get better. We need to use this as a positive and this information will be used as factors for further basing decisions. You can see the variety of things that are on there, such as academic performance criteria, school climate criteria and service offering criteria. The other half is the licensure portability. Then they have a district map. The two locations in NC are Pope Field and Seymour Johnson Air Force Base. Both of these are reflective of what is going on in NC. This gives us something to strive for.

During our 3rd quarter meeting we had 22 attendees. We talked about the following topics. K-12 education and the Purple Star program. The Purple Star banners have been delivered to the schools who were awarded the Purple Star. The Department of Defense (DoD) schools are now eligible to be participants in this program. We had a lot of discussion on the stop movement order and the effects on school registration and enrollment. Also, the impact on the stop movement orders on the commanders. We always want to hear feedback from the installations on items like this. He had received an email from Doug Taggart before this meeting from Chole Gossage. Doug has been leading an informal group to discuss the stop movement order which came out of the QOL meeting. Chole Gossage, DPI has said

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“While the State Board of Education does not have the authority to waive statutes on attendance, the State Board’s legal counsel has identified existing statutory authority to permit local school districts, in their discretion, to both enroll and allow military students to attend classes prior to their physical relocation to North Carolina. This guidance is being provided to local education agencies in North Carolina”

G.S. 115C-366(a9) directs that LEAs permit the remote enrollment of the children of parents with orders to North Carolina prior to their physical arrival in North Carolina.

G.S. 115C-366.1 gives LEAs the authority to enroll and allow attendance of out-of-state students. They may (but are not required to) charge out-of-state students tuition. There is an Attorney General opinion referenced on this subject: While this section does not expressly provide that local boards of education may enroll students domiciled outside the State, the authority to charge tuition for such students is necessarily dependent upon the authority, in the first instance, to enroll such students. This discretionary authority to enroll students domiciled outside the State, with or without the payment of tuition, carries with it the authority to establish additional terms and conditions for enrollment (e.g., that an adult within the system, through a guardianship or otherwise, agree to assume responsibility for the student). See opinion of Attorney General to Mr. C. Wade Mobley, Superintendent, Rowan County Schools, 55 N.C.A.G. 61 (1985).

We will share this information and get it out. The big issue that came up was can a student that is not living in NC enroll and participate in on-line courses from a remote location. Thank you for Doug Taggart, Chole Gossage and others at DPI for their assistance. Doug Taggart said that it is really about local discretion for the school systems. The email that you are talking about does give statutory authority for that, it is really up to the school systems to decide to allow the attendance or not. There is also the possibility that they could charge tuition under the current statute. It will be a local decision. Kirk Warner said that we need to ensure that the Local Education Agency (LEA) is in tune to this issue and we can support the local LEA’s to grant that waiver. Doug Taggart said that one more point is that the way this is written is exclusive of Charter schools. They did not have the ability to allow remote enrollment whether it is a military student or not. We may need to work on this one.

Then we talked about the legislative concerns about the Modernized Debt Settlement Prohibition. It is more of a consumer issues but also a quality of life issue as to whether a lawyer should be doing this or whether a third party can do it, which can be a problem.

We had other educational items such as enrollment for college and grandfathering. We had a robust discussion because of all of the things going on reference Sexual Harassment/Assault Response & Prevention (SHARP). We have a sub-group being led by Patricia Harris and looking at this program. We know that the NDAA is requiring the Secretary of Defense to have a policy to allow the victims to be able to report the assault with being disciplined for minor misconduct that was collateral to the sexual assault. This has been going on for the past 13 years as far as heightened emphasis on these programs, but things do not always work like they are supposed to. So, this is a relook from this sub-group to look at solutions and to work with the commands to see what they are doing so we can determine how we can best help and assist. He knows that DoD is front and center on this matter.

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Chairman Martin asked Kirk Warner, when it comes to the legislative items, what is the timetable? Kirk Warner said that for Remote Enrollment, he assumes that DPI will make that request, but he and Doug Taggart can look at that and talk to Chole Gossage and see if there is anything to get over to the Legislative Affairs Committee. He thinks that this is pretty urgent. Chairman Martin said that he wanted to ensure that this topic was on the radar screen for the Legislative Affairs Committee. Then maybe Chairman Martin and Sally-Ann Gupta can talk about this in the next few days. Kirk Warner said that he would forward her the email from Doug Taggart and the notes from Chloe Gossage. The email explains the two legislative authorities. There could be some other things that could be done.

Arnold Gordon-Bray said that he was not sure if anyone knew this but when someone is diagnosed with cancer and they have been awarded money. The moment the doctor says that they think that the cancer has gone away they will immediately start the process of taking the money. There is a person that lives in Apex, NC and they immediately cut him off. The symptoms have not gone away but it was taken away. This is clearly a quality of life issue. He has not talked to Kirk Warner or anyone else on this matter. This clearly has some clear legislative concerns. He will give us some more details later but wanted everyone to be aware of this. We do not say that cancer is clear for 5 years, but we are willing to make a decision and a monetary decision on a person's life this quickly. This incident bothered him a lot. This is part of this person's life, the caregiver and everything else associated with this. He is a veterans and it is crazy that we would make a decision about something like this. He wanted to highlight this and let everyone hear about this. He wanted it discussed under this umbrella. He will talk to Kirk Warner about this later in greater deal. We need to be clear about things like this and talk to people up and down the chain about this. Kirk Warner said that he was not sure if this was Tri-Care or the Veterans Administration (VA). Arnold Gordon-Bray said that it is a VA issue.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: DAVID HAYDEN

David Hayden reported for the 3rd Quarter Economic Development Committee meeting that met on July 14, 2020. We have gotten very active on a couple of fronts. We received a great briefing from the Eastern part of the state as we always do from Jamie Norment. His briefing in from the Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, and the Fleet Readiness Center. Everyone still has some impact from COVID-19 We also received an update from Fort Bragg from Arnold Gordon-Bray. He talked about the detailed DOT Build Grant application he had received from Fort Bragg. Fort Bragg's roads are a top priority. We received updates from Scott Dorney from North Carolina Military Business Center and Will Best from the Department of Commerce.

We then had a long discussion with Denny Lewis from Economic Development Partnership for North Carolina (EDPNC). The COVID-19 pandemic has had a dramatic impact on the number of networking events. As many of you know, the NC Military Affairs Commission has an agreement through Commerce with EDPNC to fund a position and pay \$120,000 annually to focus on building the defense economy and bringing defense contractors to NC among other things that are part of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). We then had a following meeting with Chris Chung on Friday, August 14, 2020. He will give the commission members an update on that meeting later during this meeting. Kimberly Williams from NC4ME gave the committee a presentations from NC4ME. She also introduced Shaun Cox, their new Chief of Staff and retired marine. The Military Affairs Commission also supports NC4ME annually to work will service members leaving the service and civilian employment

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opportunities. We also talked about the military tax exemption topic and we will talk about that later. He has a new recommendation related to how we want to move forward with trying to get the NC Legislature to pass legislation to grant an exemption for military retiree pay in NC. We also discussed the strategic priorities.

David Hayden said that he wanted to talk about the military taxation issue. We originally thought this was easy. We have over 30 states in the United States do not tax military retiree pay yet we hold ourselves out as a military friendly state. We have been looking at how we can move that legislation along. There seems to be a lot of support for granting the military tax exemption but also some of that support is for all state employees and federal employees, exemptions on their retired pay. There is an idea that if you give it only to the military retiree then you are inviting a lawsuit. He will not go into the Bailey Act at this time. The issue is that if the military retirees pay exemption is granted, are you inviting litigation for discrimination for the other retirees (State and Federal employees) whose retirement pay is still taxed. We were originally focused on working with some researcher from Fayetteville State University (FSU) and East Carolina University (ECU) to look at the impact financially of granting the exemption. They both have come forward with proposal on how to do this for a certain amount of money. He has several discussion with State Representative John Szoka who is a big proponent of this. He also knows that Representative Cleveland is a big proponent of an exemption for retiree pay but it is a little broader than what Rep John Szoka is pursuing. Rep Szoka who he thought wanted to have this research to support the legislatures efforts said that we are dead in the water. Nothing is going to happen this year due to COVID-19 and the impact on the budget. But if we do not solve the issue related to the discriminating taxation issue, we will still be dead in the water regardless of what the research shows. Instead of us (NCMAC) considering or requesting research from a university to take on this research and provide us with a product, we may need to focus our efforts on coming up with a definitive interpretation of legislation that would avoid a discrimination claim. You can always be sued no matter what you do. Maybe we need to get offers from a tax expert in the legal field who can come to us with a strong legal argument or an opinion on how this legislation can be passed to grant an exemption and minimize the risk of a discrimination claim by other plaintiffs. He is putting this out for discussion. Until we have a firm basis going forward, and whether we fund it, or the legislature funds it, He thinks that needs to be done before we get any additional research. He has been told that there is a lot of support in the Legislature, so if we can answer that question, we may not need any research or spend money on this topic. We need to address the legal issue.

Kirk Warner had a question. Do all of the other 30 states exemption their state and federal employees? That could be 30 examples of they do not. David Hayden said that some do, and some do not. Kirk Warner asked if the states that do not exempt the state and federal employees, have they had any litigation and how did they handle it? David Hayden said that he did not have the answer to either of those questions. Kirk Warner said that would be the easiest way to look at this. Sally-Ann Gupta asked a question for Representative Martin and Representative Cleveland. Would that legal question be something that bill drafting could look into and give an opinion on? Chairman Martin said that it would be appropriate to ask them to do that if we are contemplating legislation. That would just be another legal opinion. Sally-Ann Gupta said that rather than committing NCMAC resources to an outside legal opinion, it seems like someone from bill drafting could look into that at the request of a bill sponsor either in the House or the Senate. Chairman Martin said that he thinks Sally-Ann Gupta is right and if

nothing else it gives them a start on the issues. He said that if it gives us the answer that we hope it would give us, then ideally it would eliminate that argument from the repertoire of anyone who opposes the legislation. Then we would see what the real obstacles out there might be. ET Mitchell said that she wanted to go back to something that David Hayden had said. She said that tax law is a very specialized field. She is not sure that we do not need both. Tax law is a specialized field for a reason, so we may need the bill drafters to compare our proposed legislation versus the other 30 states. But we may need some very specific taxing authority language. She likes the idea of looking at it from a different angle as David Hayden proposed. Arnold Gordon-Bray said that he knows that the law likes to use precedence and the precedence has already been that it would be inclusive of all forms of government. He thinks that if we got a position, it might be preemptive to have, and might come across as preemptive by using precedence. Because we are trying to establish something that is very different and isolate the military we may want to go with David Hayden's approach first. We may want to let that inform what goes forward. The reality is that if we start to let someone come back with a bill, then we have to go back to precedence. That is when someone will need to look at tax reform, look at the laws and start to isolate, it would be a literary search that they would be using to collect the existing data. As opposed to using precedence to keep us going. He would be inclined to say, let a tax guy be our lead so we come in with our position first before we let precedence come in and then build the foundation that gets us where we want to be. Rodney Anderson said that he was going to take the position that Arnold Gordon-Bray normally takes. This is all about veterans and we are all about veterans. There are some that are thinking about ways to stall this. We should not let one or two thoughts cause us to move away from the core of this which is to encourage veterans to settle into the State of NC. So, we do that by granting them an exemption for their federal retirement. You can add all kinds of other things to this and come up with all kinds of reasons, but he thinks we should hold firm on what we are trying to do. He thinks that it is important that we have research to back this up. Whether we think the research is going to be needed, it will be needed at some point. Not having the research will just be another excuse for a delay. He does not know about the legal, but he certainly believes that we need to proceed with shaping the research in the right way and to allow those involved to go ahead and get that done. He said that FSU had already done some initial research on this topic and he cannot think of a good reason to not examine that and continue to move it along. Paul Friday said that in the discussions that have been had over the past few weeks, if we are going to have the legislative services take a look at this, we continue to talk about the fact that over 30 states have taken measures and passed laws but we have not talked about, if we are going to do research, why are we not also looking at have any of these states passed that legislation for a long enough period of time to have some actual data on the economic impact of those legislative actions. Almost every study that he has seen in NC it is being very presumptive of what the impact will be. Surely you would like to think that some of these states that have passed this exemption would have some data by now. We need to ask that as part of the legislative services review.

Chairman Martin said that it is hard for him to take off his Legislative hat completely. He asked if Rep Cleveland was on the call? He said that Rep Cleveland and himself came into the General Assembly (GA) together in 2005 and have been there together under both parties and part of this legislation in the GA. Rep Cleveland has been the one most recently tried to get this done. He asked Rep Cleveland what the top barriers are in the GA to getting this legislation passed? Rep Cleveland said that because of the pandemic we will be told that they cannot financially afford to do this. Prior to the pandemic we were financially able to do this, but he could not get the leadership to move this. He is all for the military but

a lot of the people that we are talking about have had second careers in local, state, and federal governments. They also get retirements from them. This is really a duo project. If you isolate it to just the military, particularly with the Bailey Act, you are asking for trouble. He has asked David Hayden to contact the 4th Branch because they have been working on this since the Bailey Act came into existence. They have done two studies and they include everybody. The studies were done through the University of North Carolina and are very good studies. The study from FSU was not very well done and there were some errors in the study. He is going to stick with his position on this going forward and that we include all government retirees. Financially it will not make that much of a difference to the state. Chairman Martin said that one of the barriers that Rep Cleveland has identified is certainly the budget crunch that we are now facing with the pandemic. But he also mentioned that they had problems with this in the decade prior to the pandemic. He asked Rep Cleveland what are the other barriers that he sees? Rep Cleveland said the Bailey Act became in existence because of animosity in the Senate and the House over the court case. He thinks that a lot of the animosity is still there. He does not think that the leadership see this as a benefit to them. If you get them convinced that it is good for them, the legislature, and the state, he thinks it will move. Chairman Martin said that he agrees with Rep Cleveland and he has identified in the end the desired affect that we need to have on whoever the powers that be are in the legislature in the next Biennium. Edward Reeder said that he wanted to pile on with Rodney Anderson. If the precedence has already been set by thirty states, he does not know why we cannot figure this out. He is sure that the research has already been done. People do take a second job when they retire but ultimately the people that he knows are heading to Florida or Texas when it is all over. They do not want to continue to pay NC state taxes on their retirement. He thinks that it is pretty sad that we cannot figure this out. Chairman Martin said that he thinks both he and Rep Cleveland are both in an agreement with that. He asked Sally-Ann Gupta if she had anything to add on the political angle. Sally-Ann Gupta said that she thought this had already been mentioned but the discussions that she has had in that past, the focus seems to be on how much is the state going to lose in terms of tax revenue by passing something like this. The conversation needs to be turned around and supplemented with reliable data. Turned around to how much does the state have to gain. That is where we need to go with the discussion. If this commission wants to see this legislation passed, then we need to do what has been done previous sessions., where we have been the weight of the Commission behind a resolution. That resolution is brought to the members office in the House, Senate or both through sponsoring legislation that will support this. Then it needs to be pushed from there. When it goes to committee, there needs to be voices heard from the Commission. That would be anyone that the Commission thinks would be an articulate advocate for the passage of this. This needs to be followed and tracked at every turn. That is her advice. You will have to stick with this process. Chairman Martin said that tracks with his experience and he would add that one of the biggest strengths of the Commission is the geographic diversity. Going back to Rep Cleveland's point that we need to make this legislation in the interest of the leadership. Any leader in the GA that wants to stay in that position they need to have the support of their members. Those members are throughout the state just like the members of the NCMAC. So, in addition to what Sally-Ann Gupta has proposed, any effort by the NCMAC to have a tangible effect on the passage of this legislation has to involve the members going back to our hometowns and spreading the word there. So, that it gets back to the GA members for both parties. Then it will bubble up as part of the democratic process. We are going to need good evidence. The more we can convince the legislative staff, when the time comes, that there would be a tangible financial benefit or a mitigation of the financial loss in the two year budget cycle that it would

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be passed. If there is research that can get done to address that issue he does think that would be helpful. We are required when we are crafting a budget to have a balanced budget (State Constitution). The internal procedures require us to have a fiscal note prepared by a legislative staff that will show how much this will cost the state. The important horizon is that two year period in which we are required to deliver a balanced budget. So, the more we can show that the reduction in taxes over the next biennium will be offset by X number of dollars that accrue to the state, the easier it is to get legislation passed.

Chairman Martin asked David Hayden what he thought the decision point for him as the Economic Development committee chairman? David Hayden said the original marching orders was to look at the veteran's groups that could go to their legislative leadership and advocate for this. They are doing that and said that they would do that. The next approach was to look at potential studies to create additional support of the passage of the legislature. We have two proposals that are out there right now from ECU which is more expensive and the second from FSU. As you heard Rep Cleveland say that he had a couple issues with the FSU study. The FSU study was a bare bones analysis using past data and the ECU study is to collect new data and then do an analysis. He thinks the Economic Development Committee needs to look at those two proposals and come back with a recommendation. He said that Frank Bottorff recommended that we write up a generic paragraph that would constitute the intent. To clarify what we are looking for to support this. That is what prompted him to talk to Rep Szoka who said whether we get this data to support the topic or not, we do not have a good legal basis to go forward. So, it could be dead in the legislature anyway. No one wants to automatically invite a discriminatory lawsuit, if you only favor one group of federal retirees (military retirees) over federal and state retirees. So if you all are telling me that we don't need to worry about that and to drive forward with gather the research, then we will go down that path and meet with FSU and ECU and come back with a recommendation to the commission. Both of the studies involve collecting additional data and then doing analysis on that. If we are going to let the State legislature bill drafting staff pursue a legal opinion, he is not sure how qualified they are on unique aspects and specialization related to tax questions. He thinks that was done a long time ago. This legislation has been toyed with for a number of years and thought that would have already been looked at in the past. It would be cheaper to use the bill drafting staff but sometimes having an outside expert can provide additional support for their approach withing the bill drafting section when they are doing their legal opinion. He will move forward and review the 2 proposals and come back with a recommendation.

Chairman Martin said that if we believe that the GA is where this effort has stalled in the past, and research does need to be tailored to overcome that obstacle. He asked if David Hayden and Sally-Ann Gupta could get together offline and using her capacity as Legislation Committee chair and figure out what research is needed to overcome the objections from the Legislature. Then see if you can come to a consensus on what the best way to get that research done. If you think it is the legal issue out that for discrimination there are a couple directions you could go on that. If it is more of a data thing then and we think the GA just needs more evidence of the benefits of this, then that is more of an academic study. He thinks it is more legislative, but he worries that it is his legislative biases. He would like to have some outside thinking on that. Are you two willing to get together offline and if there are things that do not require NCMAC action, then proceed and drive on to try to find the solution. Do not wait until the next quarterly meeting unless you have to.

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David Hayden said that he appreciated everyone's input and patience on this topic. He did not want to go down a path and use funding for research if we have a big elephant in the room such as a discriminatory lawsuit that would oppose that if this legislation is ever passed. He will get with Sally-Ann Gupta and they will identify what needs to be included and that is what they will provide to the folks to get a final proposal. Sally-Ann Gupta said that she would be happy to help with this and she has some thoughts that she will be happy to share with David Hayden and get the ball rolling on this. Primarily, she wants to go straight to the most recent Senate sponsor on this to see if he or his office has any research that they completed on this topic. She said that if Senator Burgin attempts to reintroduce this bill in some form next session, she is sure that he would be appreciative of that research and the only thing the research would do is to strengthen his arguments and his position. Chairman Martin said if you are both clear on the way forward then please move forward with this matter.

David Hayden said that he had one more item from his committee meeting. There will be a presentation from Bill Herrold from Defense Alliance of North Carolina later during this meeting. The presentation is about taking the Cluster study. We need to do something with the study that was paid for this commission. He hopes that everyone will listen to what they have to say.

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS: SALLY-ANN GUPTA

Sally-Ann Gupta said that the Legislative Affairs Committee met on July 23, 2020. At the meeting she delivered an update on what passed in the most recent session and what has been signed into law by the Governor. We have had some successes.

House Bill 1053/Senate Bill 717 signed into law on July 2, 2020.

Entitled Program Evaluation Division (PED) which is a division of the General Assembly.

PED/Military Occupational Licensure (OL) & Audiology Interstate Compact

This bill will implement recommendations for Program Evaluation Division regarding ways to improve the occupational licensure process for military trained applicants and military spouses. This makes North Carolina a member of the Interstate Compact for Audiology and Speech Pathology. The PED, when they studied the issue they made several recommendations in order to ease the burdens on military trained applicants and military spouses in obtaining their occupational licensure. There recommendations included requiring the Occupational Licensing Board (OLB) to implement an expedited application process for military spouses. Requiring OLBs to promote military licensure provisions so that military trained applicants and their spouses are availed opportunities that the legislation provides and requiring the OLBs to annually report on the number of military trained applicants and the military spouses licensed pursuant to NC General Statute 93B-15.1 and the number of military trained applicants and military spouses who were denied licensure. It further does the following. It would require an OLB to issue a license certification or registration no later than (NLT) 15 days to a military trained applicant or military spouse that has satisfied their requirement for licensure. It would shorten the time period for a board to provide notice to an applicant from 30 days to 15 days if that applicants training or experience does not satisfy the requirement for licensure or if they have a pending complaint in another jurisdiction which would constitute grounds for denial of licensure in the State. It would also require that NLT 15 days a temporary practice permit to an applicant who is licensed, certified or registered in another jurisdiction while they are satisfying their requirement for

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licensure. So, at least they would have a temporary provision license. It would expand existing licensing provisions for military trained applicants and military spouses to OLBs to include state agency licensing boards. It would also require the DMVA to publish information on its website related to veterans and military spouses and require the OLBs to submit electronically every year relevant data on the number of applicant, license granted and reasons for denial in an annual report. This should be very helpful legislation. The second section of that bill, the Audiology and Interstate Compact it would also provide active duty military personnel or their spouse, allowing them to designate a home state where the individual has a current license and is in good standing and the individual may retain that home state designation during the period in which the service member is on active duty. It is also effective when at least 10 states have enacted the Interstate Compact for Audiology and Speech Pathology.

Senate Bill 681, signed into law on July 1, 2020.

Agency Policy Directives For the 2019 – 2020

An act enacting policy directives for the 2019 – 2021 Fiscal Biennium. It also clarifies that parties to an intergovernmental support agreement with a major military installation that operates a Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) and uses 911 funds for the next generation 911 system compatibility. This was a lengthy bill. She extracted what was germane to this Commission or of interest to this Commission.

One of the things that it now does is creates a searchable database of military credit equivalencies for the UNC system. Part III. Section 3.2, The University of North Carolina System in collaboration with the North Carolina Community College System through the Military Credit Advisory Council shall create a searchable database of military credit equivalencies to better serve military affiliated students and to complete the initial phase of military credit evaluations. She recalls that in the past there has been some delay in processing people who have prior military experience and getting the credit equivalencies once they are trying to credit through the UNC system. Hopefully, this searchable database will make it easy for the people who are processing that training and awarding those equivalencies.

It also establishes in Part III-A University/Education Assistance Authority need based scholarships for private institutions/dependents of veterans and active duty military. This applies to private universities in the state and calls for individuals who are a dependent relative of a veteran who is abiding in NC while sharing an abode with that veteran and the dependent relative provides that the eligible post-secondary institution, a letter of intent to establish residence in NC. Individuals who meet that criteria would qualify for need-based scholarships at private universities. Also, if they are the dependent relative of an active duty member of the armed forces who are abiding in NC incident to active military duty while they share an abode or residence with that active member. This is new language. Individuals who meet those criteria now qualify for need-based scholarships at private institutions in NC.

The Public System Answering Point (PSAP): The distributions received by PSAPs may be used to pay for the following. This is new language, Section 12.4.(a). Any cost incurred by a city or county that operates a PSAP to comply with the terms of an Intergovernmental Support Agreement (IGSA) and if all of the following apply. (a) A city or county or both have an IGSA under federal law 10 US Code Section 2679, with a major military installation as defined in GS 143-215.115 that operates a PSAP. (b) The IGSA permits the parties to serve as a backup PSAP or secondary PSAP for each other's 911 system. (c) The costs aid the PSAP operated by the city or county to establish and maintain the maximum amount of

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Next Generation 911 system compatibility with the PSAP operated by the major military installation. Application to Major Military Installations: If a PSAP is a party to the IGSA under 10 US Code Section 2679 which includes a PSAP operated by a major military installation, as defined in GS 143-215.115, the 911 board shall treat the IGSA under 10 US Code Section 2679 as an interlocal agreement under subdivision (a)(3)e. of this section for purposes of funding any city or county that is a party to the IGSA under the funding formula under subdivision (a)(3) of this section.

Also, in this legislation it provided the authorizing language for the Military Presence Stabilization Fund which is authorizing language for the funding for the NC Military Affairs Commission. This also included the funding of up to two hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$225,000) to provide grants to local communities or military installations for actual project expenses. The Military Presence Stabilization Fund is the name for the funding for the Military Affairs Commission.

Senate Bill 801 Appropriate funds to the Military Presence Stabilization Fund signed into law on June 19, 2020. Senators Brown, Harrington and Jackson sponsored the bill

Section 1: By August 15, 2020, the Department of Commerce shall transfer the sum of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) in nonrecurring funds from the cash balance in the Film and Entertainment Grant Fund (Budget Code: 24609; Fund Code: 2590) to the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (Budget Code: 13050; Fund Code: 1400) for deposit in the Military Presence Stabilization Fund established in G.S. 143B-1217. The funds transferred in this act are appropriated for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and shall be used to sustain and maintain the State's military installations, updates to strategic planning, federal advocacy, and identification of measures to increase the military value of installations. This is the full funding for the NC Military Affairs Commission for the next 2 years.

Senate Bill 188 and titled Military State Income Tax Relief and sponsored by Senator Burgin. It passed the first reading and then went to Senate Rules, March 6, 2019 and that is where it remains. Perhaps in the next long session, it is something that can be reintroduced. To ensure that it does not get bogged down and gets through all of the wickets. It did include provisions stating that calculating NC taxable income, that a taxpayer may deduct from their adjusted gross income money received from the United State government as retirement pay as a retired member of the armed forces. Or the survivorship benefits for survivor of active duty. We just need to ensure that this is adopted as a priority of the NC Military Affairs Commission and gets passed next session by working with the legislators who show an interest in getting this passed..

Scholarships for Children of Wartime Veterans signed into law on January 16, 2020

It gave the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs the sum of \$2,400,000 recurring funds for each year of the 2019-2021 biennium for students receiving a NC scholarship for children of wartime veterans.

Senate Bill 706 and companion bill House Bill 1047 Educational Changes for Military Connected Students

This bill started out as the bill that incorporated some of the resolutions that the NC Military Affairs Commission passed. This was the bill that authorized student attendance in a local school administrative unit for children of active duty military due to military orders of the parent. It clarified

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continues enrollment for high school students who are dependents of military personnel once they are admitted to a state university. We had a good piece of legislation here. There was a House Committee Substitute (PCS) that was adopted in June. It took the bill and transformed it into a vehicle for other unrelated legislative changes or technical changes. That does happen sometimes with bills. She is confident that if this bill were re-introduced next session with the same language, that it would pass. She is not aware of any heavy objection to this bill. There were some objections initially, but they worked through those objections. She thinks it could be successful if it were re-introduced next session. We need to look for a member to re-introduce it and committee to its passing.

Doug Taggart asked Sally-Ann Gupta what was the bill number for the Audiology and OLB? Sally-Ann Gupta said House Bill 1053 and Senate Bill 717.

BYLAWS WORKING GROUP: KIRK WARNER

Kirk Warner had no update for the Bylaws working group.

FINANCE AND BUDGET WORKING GROUP: FRANK BOTTORFF

Vice Chairman Frank Bottorff updated the Commission members on the budget. This will be our budget for the next year and Sally-Ann Gupta talked about the \$2M from the state. He thanked Senator Brown and the other Legislative members of the Commission for supporting this funding.

NC Military Affairs Commission FY 20-21 Budget Approval and Contract Review Schedule

	20-21 Budget	20-21 Expenses	21-22 Budget
Appropriations	\$2,000,000.00		
Brought forward	\$ 893,665.88		
Budgeted		\$ 1,200,000.00	\$ 1,200,000.00
<u>Expenses:</u>			
Administration	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 50,500.00	\$ 40,000.00
Conferences	\$ 40,000.00		\$ 40,000.00
Lobbying Contract	\$ 330,000.00		\$ 330,000.00
Minor contracted Svc	\$ 15,000.00		\$ 15,000.00
Marketing/STRATCOM	\$ 200,000.00		
Other Stab initiatives	\$ 40,000.00		\$ 40,000.00
NC4ME	\$ 40,000.00		\$ 40,000.00
MOU EDPNC	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 120,000.00
MOU Sent Landscape	\$ 150,000.00		\$ 150,000.00
Community Grant	\$ 225,000.00		\$ 225,000.00
Annual Total	\$ 1,200,000.00		\$ 1,000,000.00
Total Expense		\$ 80,500.00	
YTD remaining		\$ 1,119,500.00	
Fund Balance	\$ 1,693,665.88		

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Recurring Partnerships and Initiatives Schedule of Review:

Sentinel Landscapes	\$150,000 - Aug review, expires 13 Nov
EDPNC	\$120,000 - Expires Dec 2021
NC4ME	\$ 40,000 – Nov review, Jan renewal
Cassidy & Associates Lobbying	\$ 40,000 – Feb review, expires 31 March
Community Grants* Biennial	\$225,000 – October review

Budget Approvals:

Motion and second to approve the following:

- Annual Budget as presented on Slide 2 of this brief for \$1,200,000
- Specific expenditures from the annual budget.
 - Lobbying July- March (current contract) \$253,500
(\$306,000 (\$25,500 mthly) + \$24,000 additional travel with approval)
 - EDPNC (July, October, January, April) \$ 90,000
 - Administration \$ 40,000
 - Conferences \$ 40,000

Note: All contacts that reach their expiration or renewal dates must be approve/re-approved by the NCMAC before additional expenditures from the annual budget can take place.

Other Potential Expenditures:

- Marketing/Strategic Communications \$200,000

New Considerations (October – November Meeting consideration)

- UNC TV Partnership \$ 197,000
- Defense Alliance/NCMAC Partnership Grant \$ 50,000
- ECU Research Study Proposal \$ 43,000
- Exempt Military Retirement pay from Taxation
- FSU Research Study
- Exempt Military Retirement pay from Taxation

Frank Bottorff said the 20-21 Budget is the proposed budget for this year and our plan We will talk about the specific expenditures in a moment. The second column called 20-21 Expenses are the expenditures that have accrued this year. We will need a motion to approve the proposed budget for 20-21. Are there any questions on the 20-21 Budget line items? Frank Bottorff asked the commission members if they want to put our contracts on a schedule for when they come due? Because we have a fund balance right now, crossing fiscal years has not been a problem. Do we want to process all contracts and new starts at a specific time of the year? Would that be in the 4th quarter of the fiscal year or the 1st quarter of the next fiscal year, after we have an approved budget. Then we will not have to worry if we have the funds for a contract. It is not an issue since we have a fund balance of \$893,665.88. Any questions at this time? He said that the Commission has two things before us and one of them is to approve the actual annual budget, which we looked at on the second slide for \$1,2M. There would be a motion and a second to approve the budget as presented. The second item which did approve the expenditures to get us through the quarter. This motion would be for lobbying, through the end of the contract (\$253,000); EDPNC (\$90,000) for the remainder of that contract; funds

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not to exceed what is on the budget for administration and conferences. Any questions on this slide? He would like to see if anyone has a motion to approve the actual annual budget. Kirk Warner made a motion to approve the 20-21 actual annual budget as presented and seconded by Paul Friday. Chairman Martin asked if there was any discussion on the motion? He asked for all in favor of the motion say yea. Any opposed say no. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Frank Bottorff said for a motion on the specific expenditures. ET Mitchell made a motion to approve the specific expenditures such as lobbying service (\$253,000); EDPNC (\$90,000) for the remainder of that contract; funds not to exceed what is on the budget for administration and conferences (\$40,000 each) and seconded by Kirk Warner. Chairman Martin asked if there was any discussion on the motion? He asked for all in favor of the motion say yea. Any opposed say no. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

There are certain things on the last slide that have been discussed today but just as a review he wanted to review this slide. We can expect in the next quarter to discuss marketing and strategic communications. The funding has been approved so the sub-committee will need to get together and to discuss options in that area. There are a couple of new considerations that have been presented to the board in the past and we will need to decide if it is appropriate to hear from them and at what time. On that list was UNC-TV and Defense Alliance which will be heard today. Also, the ECU and FSU research studies. Rudy asked if all of this had been synchronized with the strategic plan? Frank Bottorff said that these partnership had been done prior to the strategic plan but he thinks they all fall under the goals that we are trying to achieve but they have not been specifically matched.

CENSUS UPDATE: BOB COATS, OFFICE OF STATE BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT (OSBM)

Bob Coats gave an update on the Census process for North Carolina.

Making NC Count Everyone Counts:

2020 Census Self Response Rate – August 11, 2020:

- North Carolina – 59.4%
- United States – 64.3%

Non-Response Risk Impact:

Based on August 5, 2020 Response Rates

- Over 40% of NC Households have not responded to the 2020 Census
- 1.6 million nonresponse households
- Over 4 million uncounted NC residents
- \$7.4 billion in annual funding are at risk.

Presidential Memo:

- “Memorandum to Exclude Illegal Aliens from the Apportionment Base Following the 2020 Census” July 1, 2020
- Injunction case filed in US District Court 21 States including North Carolina July 24, 2020
- Hearing scheduled for August 13, 2020

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Coronavirus: Census and Corona Safety:

- Census is Happening: Timelines have changed, but the importance and the process remain the same.
- Respond Safely from Home: Internet, phone, and paper response options are available
- Complete Your Form: Reduces the chances of a Census worker visit and maintains social distance.

Adjusted Timeline:

- Self-Response: March 12 – September 30
- Mobile Questionnaire Assistance Under Review
- Update Leave (stateside) June 13 – July 9
- Non-Response Follow up (NRFU) August 11 – September 30

Group Quarters Adjusted Timeline:

Group Quarters are long term residency situations where a person usually resides somewhere else – college dorms, military barracks, prisons, nursing homes, shelters, etc.

- GQ Enumeration (eResponse and Paper) April 2 – September 3
- In-Person GQ Enumeration July 1 – September 3
- Service Based Enumeration September 22-24
- Enumeration of Transitory Locations September 3 – September 28 (Tentative)

How To Recognize A Census Worker:

- ID Badge that includes their photograph, the Department of Commerce watermark, and an expiration date.
- Laptop and/or bag with a Census Bureau logo, the field representative will provide the following:
 - Supervisor's contact information and/or the regional office phone number for verification, if asked.
 - A letter from the Director of the Census Bureau on U.S. Census Bureau letterhead.
- If in doubt, call the U.S. Census Bureau, Atlanta Regional Office at 1 800 424 6974.

Everyone Counts!

Avoiding Scams and Fraud:

The 2020 Census will ask 9 questions about:

- Housing tenure (i.e. owning/renting)
- Name, age, race, sex, Hispanic Origin, and relationship of EACH person in the household.

Census Bureau will never ask for:

- Social Security numbers
- Bank or credit card account numbers

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- Money or donations
- Anything on behalf of a political party

Data Delivery Adjusted Timeline:

Recognizing the COVID-19 impacting on operations, the US Census Bureau extended data collection and required a delay in delivering data products.

- 2020 Census Apportionment December 31, 2020
- 2020 Census Redistricting April 1, 2021

Count Question Resolution:

- Process allowing tribal and governmental entities to challenge Census count based on geocoding or procedural issues.
- Feder Register Notice posted August 4, 2020
- Challenge of housing unit count only due to applications of DAS.

Differential Privacy:

- New Strategy that will better protect confidentiality.
- Introduces privacy-loss budget (or epsilon) that will decrease data accuracy to protect confidentiality.
- Data tables for small population groups or geographies may not be produced at least initially
- Differential Privacy will be used on the 2020 Census and on other Census surveys later
- Planned invariants – state total populations, census block total housing unit and group quarters counts.

You can help!

Complete your Census form!

- Complete your Census form safely in our home.
- Challenge friends, family, neighbors, and complete strangers to do the same.
- Join the social media Census party at #MakeNCCOunt and @NCCensus

Complete Your Census Form by Phone!

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CASSIDY & ASSOCIATES: CHAD SYDNOR

Chad Sydnor gave a presentation for Cassidy and Associates.

COVID-19 Update:

- The White House, House and Senate are currently negotiating a “Phase 5” COVID package.
- The House of Representatives passed the HEROES Act on May 15th.

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- The Senate introduced the HEALS Act in July and it is a combination of 8 pieces of legislation. It has not passed the Senate at this time.
- Negotiations continue.
- HEALS includes \$29 billion in defense spending. Among the items the proposal would fund are additional C-130J aircraft (\$720 million), additional F-35A (\$686 million), a space sensor laser (\$290 million), and ground-based midcourse defense (\$200 million).
- HEROES contain no defense funding.
- A major difference between the proposal concerns state and local governments. The HEALS Act provides no additional funding, while the HEROES Act allocates \$1 trillion in additional aid to state and local governments.

Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot Program (DCIP) Update:

- The Secretary of Defense on August 10, 2020, instructed the Office of Economic Adjustment to invite grant applications to 16 Tier 1 proposals based upon their ranking by the Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot Programs Review Panel to obligate the full amount of the \$50 million FY 2020 appropriations.
- DCIP is a 10-year pilot program that will continue through 2029.
- FY20 is the first year that Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) has made awards.
- The House has appropriated an additional \$50 million for FY21. Awaiting Senate action.
- North Carolina had one proposal accepted.
 - City of Jacksonville
 - Reconstruction of the Jack Amyette Recreation Center
 - \$1 million
- Secretary Esper made military family quality of life the #1 priority in FY20.
- The priority may change in future rounds of DCIP funding.
- Communities should not get discouraged if their project was not accepted this FY

FY21 NDAA:

- Both the House and Senate have completed their versions of the FY21 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA)
- Conference negotiations are beginning at the staff level this week.
- Both bills contain language to create a commission to rename bases that are named after Confederate Generals.
- President Trump has vowed to veto the final bill if it contains provisions to rename bases.
- Expect final passage after the November election.
- Important provisions for NC.
- Senate version includes an amendment to provide authority to the Air Force to extend the lease of the Bryan Multi-Sports Complex in Goldsboro, NC.
- Senate version authorizes \$51.9 M military construction to build a new fitness center and pool at Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Cherry Point.
- Senate version affirms that the Navy is responsible for programming and funding all military construction at Fleet Readiness Centers.

United States Marine Corps (USMC) Force Design:

- The Marine Corps announced a new force design concept on March 23, 2020..
- In late July, the Marine Corps began the process of deactivating all their tank battalions.
- Congress has shown little interest in impeding the Marine Corps' plans as it pertains to ground units
- However, the Senate NDAA has asked for studies on the force structure of Marine Corps Aviation.
- Section 1063 of the Senate NDAA mandates 3 separate studies on the force structure of Marine Corps aviation through 2030.
- The Navy and Marine Corps will perform one study, a federally funded research and development center will perform one and nonprofit research institute will perform the third.
- The intent is to gather independent analysis to determine whether the Marine Corps' justification is valid.

FY21 Appropriations:

- Only the House has marked up and passed appropriations bills.
- The House has passed 10/12 appropriations bills.
- They have passed defense and military construction appropriations.
- They have not passed homeland security appropriations.
- North Carolina had 3 projects pulled forward from unfunded requirements lists and 2 projects received additional funding to complete.

Other North Carolina Matters:

- Camp Lejeune: The House MILCON/VA appropriations bill provides \$20M for the IIMEF Operations Center and Replacement. There is also an additional \$30.3M of funding to cover the costs to complete the Hadnot Point Water Treatment Plant Replacement. It is expected that Senate appropriations will fund both these projects as well.
- Fort Bragg: The installation is receiving an additional \$6.1M that was not requested in the President's Budget. This is for the Special Operations Task Force (SOTF) Chilled Water upgrade. This was on the Army's unfunded requirements list and is contained in the House MILCON/VA appropriations bill. The House and Senate NDAA also authorize it.
- Army Reserve Asheville: \$25M is provided in all the bills for an Army Reserve Center in Asheville, NC.
- MCAS Cherry Point: 4 important provisions:
 - Senate NDAA authorized \$51.9M in military construction funding for a new fitness center and training pool.
 - House MILCON/VA appropriations bill contains funding for the project.
 - Section 2801 of the Senate NDAA is important to Cherry Point as it makes clear that the Navy is responsible for military construction at Fleet Readiness Center, regardless of whether they are on a USMC base or not.
 - Additional \$7M in HAC+M to complete vertical life fan facility.

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- Seymour Johnson AFB-SJA received its first KC-46A on June 12th. The Senate NDAA included an amendment to provide authority to the Air Force to extend the lease of the Bryan Multi-Sports Complex in Goldsboro. The provision allows the Air Force to extent the lease for 30 years at no cost to the City of Goldsboro.
- Elizabeth City CGB House Homeland Security Appropriations subcommittee, which Representative David Price is a member of, included \$25M for the refurbishment of Runway 1/19. Senate Tillis also requested that the project be funded in the Senate, but we have yet to see the Senate version of the legislation.

Continuing Resolution (CR):

- Fiscal Year 2021 begins on October 1, 2020.
- Considering the Senate has not introduced appropriations bills, marked up appropriations bills, or otherwise made any progress on FY21 appropriations, there is high probability that FY21 will begin with a continuing resolution (CR).
- The House does not come back into session until September 15th which leaves limited legislative time to pass a CR.
- If Congress were to fail to pass a CR by September 30th, it would trigger a government shutdown.

Bipartisan Budget Act of 2019:

- August 2, 2019 – President Trump signed H.R. 3877 – Bipartisan Budget Act of 2019.
- This legislation effectively ends sequestration – Budget Control Act of 2011.
- Resolves Department of Defense (DoD) funding dispute by setting defense spending for FY21.
 - FY20 - \$738 Billion
 - FY21 - \$740.5 Billion

	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Prior BCA Budget Cap for National Defense (050) Base Budget	\$647B*	\$576.2B	\$590.2B
Budget Cap Increase in BBA 2019	-	+\$90.3B	+\$81.3B
Newly Revised Budget Caps for National Defense (050) Base Budget	\$647B	\$666.5B	\$671.5B
Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO) / Emergency Funding**	\$69B	\$71.5B	\$69B
TOTAL National Defense (050)	\$716B	\$738B	\$740.5B

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FY21 Budget Request:

- The requested Operations & Maintenance (O&M) levels for the services vary as compared to FY20 enacted levels.
- The Army and Navy have requested small increase while the Air Force and USMC have requested decreased levels.

- Adding MILCON Projects is problematic because of the earmark ban.
- We will evaluate the services' unfunded requirement (UFR) lists when they are made available.
- FY21 MILCON Requests:
 - Army Reserve – Asheville Readiness Center: \$24,000,000
 - Camp Lejeune – II MEF HQ: \$20,000,000
 - Fort Bragg – Special Operations Force (SOF) Group HQ: \$53,100,000 Special Operations Command (SOCOM)
 - SOF Military Working Dog Facility: \$17,700,000 (SOCOM)
 - SOF Operations Facility: \$43,000,000 (SOCOM)
 - Total: \$157,800,000 M
- On February 10th President Trump released his FY21 budget request.
- Remember that this is just a request and Congress will adjust funding levels as they see fit.
- Within the DoD budget request, the most notable aspect for installations was the overall decreased in military construction funding that is available.
- All the services took substantial cuts from FY20 levels.
- Amongst the active components, the MILCON accounts were cut as follows:
 - Army Military Construction: -\$739,631,000
 - Navy/USMC Military Construction: -\$4,455,125,000
 - Air Force Military Construction: -\$4,225,486,000
 - Defense-Wide Military Construction: -\$525,064,000

Budget Update:

- On December 21, 2019, President Trump signed a pair of consolidated appropriations bills to fully fund the federal government for fiscal year 2020.
- The two bills include all twelve appropriations bills and fund the federal government for the entirety of the fiscal year which ends on September 30, 2020.
- Expect a CR from October to December, at a minimum.
- Final FY20 Budget Figures:
 - Disaster Military Construction: \$1,183,133,000
 - Camp Lejeune & MCAS Cherry Point
 - Military Construction for NC: \$554,183,000
 - Lejeune: \$217,180,000
 - Cherry Point: \$240,400,000
 - Bragg: \$96,603,000
 - Disaster O&M and Procurement: \$461,000,000
 - Camp Lejeune & Cherry Point
 - Total for NC: \$2,198,316,000

Military Health System Realignment:

- On February 19, DoD release a report summarizing changes to military health system (MHS) facilities.
- This realignment changes who can access certain facilities and what type of care each facility will provide.
- 3 facilities in North Carolina are impacted:
 - Joel Clinic – Fort Bragg
 - Robinson Clinic – Fort Bragg
 - Navy Medical Center (NMC) Camp Lejeune- Camp Lejeune
- Fort Bragg – The Joel and Robinson Clinics will now only see active duty military personnel. Retirees and dependents will no longer be allowed to receive care there. All retirees and dependents will have to go to Clark Clinic or Womack AMC, but they will still be able to receive care on Fort Bragg.
- Camp Lejeune – Navy Medical Center Camp Lejeune is upgrading to a level II trauma center. They will have the ability to initiate definitive care for all injured patients and provide 24-hour immediate coverage by general surgeons, as well as coverage by the specialties of orthopedic surgery, neurosurgery, anesthesiology, emergency medicine, radiology, and critical care.

Border Wall Impact on NC:

- On February 15, 2019, President Trump took Executive Action to dedicate resources to his border wall plan. This includes the following:
 - NC Projects Impacted:
 - Camp Lejeune – 2nd Radio Battalion Complex, Phase 2 (April 2020 award date) - \$25.65M
 - Camp Lejeune – Ambulatory Care Center Addition/Alteration (January 2020) \$15.3M (Deleted)
 - Seymour Johnson AFB – KC-46 ADAL for Alt Mission Storage (April 2020) \$6.4M (Deleted)
 - 10 U.S.C. 2808 is the legal authority used to execute the reprogramming.
- The border wall issue continues to impact DoD budgets.
- Most recently, on February 14th DoD announced that they were transferring \$3.8 B to the Department of Homeland Security for border wall construction.
- The \$3.8B that DoD transferred came from the counter-narcotics account.
- DoD also announced that they were executing a reprogramming of \$3.8B from various procurement accounts to refill the counter-narcotics account.
- This is notable because all the procurement funding that was reprogrammed came from Congressional increases.
- The following procurement accounts were impacted:
 - \$392 million from C-130 procurement (4 aircraft).
 - \$223 million from F-35B (2 aircraft).
 - \$156 million from F-35B advanced procurement.
 - \$180 million from Light Attack Aircraft.

- \$911 million from Navy Shipbuilding.
 - \$155 million from V-22 (2 aircraft).
 - \$180 million from P-8A (1 aircraft).
 - \$160 million from MQ-9 (8 aircraft).
- Procurement Accounts Continued:
 - \$100 million from Army National Guard HMMWV modernization.
 - \$1.3 million of National Guard and Reserve Equipment Account (NGREA).
 - \$101 million from heavy truck service extension.
- Thus far, DoD has not reprogrammed any additional military construction funding, but it remains a possibility.
- The North Carolina National Guard will be impacted by the loss of NGREA. Funding.
- All the states and Title 10 Reserve Components will be impacted to some degree.
- The loss of two F-35B aircraft has the potential to impact MCAS Cherry Point but still unclear.
- While none of the platforms that lost funding in reprogramming are manufactured in North Carolina, it will impact industry in the state who are suppliers to those programs.

USMC Force Design – NC Impact:

- Personnel Decreases:
 - 2nd Law Enforcement Battalion at Camp Lejeune (-496).
 - 1 Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron (VMM -264) at MCAS New River (-224).
 - 3rd Battalion 8th Marines (3/8) at Camp Lejeune (-896).
 - Headquarters Company, 8th Marines at Camp Lejeune (-243).
 - Bridge Company, 8th Engineer Support Battalion at Camp Lejeune (-82).
 - 2nd Tank Battalion from Camp Lejeune (-548).
 - Marine Wing Support Group 27 at MCAS Cherry Point (-46).
 - **Total: Decrease: -2,535.**
- Personnel Increases:
 - 10th Marines at Camp Lejeune: 10th Marines gains two HIMARS Batteries (+290).
 - The activation of 5th Battalion 10th Marines would be canceled, but its assigned batteries would realign under existing 10th Marines structure.
 - Base and Station Military Police increase at Camp Lejeune (+243) Cherry Point (+5)
 - **Total: Increase +538**
- **Total NC Impact: -1,997**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR NORTH CAROLINA (EDPNC) UPDATE: DAVID HAYDEN

David Hayden said that following the Executive Steering Group meeting on August 6, 2020 there had been some review and discussion of Economic Development Partnership for North Carolina (EDPNC) and their Executive Director Chris Chung regarding how the funding of \$120,000 is being spent. They are proposing a couple of different ways to use that funding due to COVID and the restrictions due to COVID-19. They have proposed taking that funding and putting it towards marketing. The Economic Development Committee agreed with what they had to propose, and it was within the 4 corners of the

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Memorandum of Agreement (MOU) that the NC Military Affairs Commission has with Commerce for EDPNC. The Economic Development committee did meet again on August 14, 2020 with Chris Chung and did provide feedback to him about his proposed changes. We asked them in addition to the marketing outside and inside of NC to large defense contractors, to look internally at NC to a number of businesses that are capable of engaging in government contracting but are not doing that currently because they are not aware of it or have not been exposed to what the opportunities are. They will be taking the savings and using it on a direct marketing plan both externally and internally to large, medium, and small businesses that have the ability to increase defense spending in NC. As he said before this change is within the parameters of the current MOU. None of the Economic Development members had any objection to the proposal and supported this. Chairman Martin asked David Hayden if he thought there was any action needed from the Commission members? David Hayden said since the changes was within the parameters for the MOU, he did not see any action needed from the Commission members. Chairman Martin asked if there were any questions for the Economic Development committee? He thanked David Hayden and the committee for their hard work on this matter.

DEFENSE ALLIANCE OF NORTH CAROLINA (DANC): Bill HERROLD

Herrold gave a presentation for Defense Alliance of North Carolina.

Defense Alliance of North Carolina (DANC)/NCMAC Partnership Grant

What is DANC?

- Forged in the merger of North Carolina Military Foundation (NCMF) and North Carolina Defense Business Association (NCDBA) in August 2019
- Executive Board of senior retired Military Officers and Business Leaders
- More than 150 member organizations spanning Business, Academia, Research and Economic Development throughout North Carolina.

DANC/NCMAC Partnership Grant:

What is the Partnership DANC is Proposing?

- A Collaborative Review of NCMAC Goals and Objectives
- Outreach Campaigns to promulgate and refine NCMAC Goals and Strategies
- Benchmarking Surveys to assess the effectiveness of the Partnership efforts
- Forums to foster tighter collaboration between NCMAC and crucial stakeholders
- A Database characterizing the products and services of the NC Defense Sector
- A Formal Evaluation of the effectiveness of the Partnership effort

What are the benefits to NCMAC of the Partnership?

- A more informed and detailed understanding of NC's Defense Sector.
- Real-time, two-way communications with its private-sector defense constituency.
- Enhanced credibility and influence addressing emerging challenges and opportunities.
- Improved ability to champion North Carolina Defense Sector strengths and needs.

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Why DANC?

- The only broad-based, membership-driven trade association representing the larger North Carolina Defense Economy.
- A proven track record of conducting forums, developing recommendations, building coalitions, and leading initiatives supporting North Carolina's Defense Sector.
- Strong collaborative partnerships with NCMBC other critical NC Defense Sector support providers.

Summary

- DANC annually conducts a network of meetings, forums, and conferences to build coalitions and strengthen the North Carolinas Defense Sector.
- DANC has a proven record of conducting analyses and developing advocacy tools to support and build the NC Defense Industry.
- DANC provides NCMAC a direct link to Defense Industry Practitioners throughout North Carolina.

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Discussion: Chairman Martin asked Frank Bottorff to give the commission a summary of the proposal. The original request was for \$50,000 which would achieve 6 tasks in their proposal. Kelly Jackson said that this would be processed as a Sole Source proposal as the Commission did for the Cluster Analysis. Chairman Martin said that the reason he wanted this on the agenda was that we have had this in our inbox for a while. If the NCMAC wants to fulfill its mission we need to have strong partners. David Hayden said that the Commission had spent a lot of money on the Defense Cluster Analysis updated last fall. It was completed in December and just gathering dust. When we were asked what is the state of the defense industry in NC when we were being looked at for the Army Future's Command, we were left caught flat footed. As the Chairman of the Economic Development committee, he advocated for the update of the Defense Cluster Analysis. We have to take it to the next level and reach out to the different entities in NC that can contribute to the growth of the defense economy in NC. No one else has come forward with anything like this. His focus is that we need to do something with the Cluster Analysis and move it forward. Arnold Gordon-Bray said that it sounds like we need to partner with them, and he would like to make a motion. Arnold Gordon-Bray made the motion to approve the grant/proposal request from the Defense Alliance of North Carolina for \$50,000. ET Mitchell seconded the motion. David Hayden said that there were two Commission member that recused themselves from

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this vote which are David Hayden and Paul Friday. They both have a relation with DANC. Paul Friday is the Executive Director for DANC, and David Hayden has been associated with the organization for many years. Chairman Martin said the minutes would reflect that David Hayden and Paul Friday had been recused from this vote. Kirk Warner asked if this would be part of the community grants process like NC4ME or processed like the Cluster Analysis and Sole Source? Frank Bottorff said that it would come out of the NCMAC's fund balance and he would adjust the approved budget that was discussed and approved earlier in this meeting. This process would be similar to NC4ME and a contract. Kelly Jackson said that if this were approved by the commission, she would process it as a Sole Source contract just like the commission had done for NC4ME and the Cluster Study. This would not be part of the Community Grant application process. Chairman Martin asked if there was any other questions or comments about the motion before the Commission members? He asked for all in favor of the motion to say yea and opposed say no. The motion carried.

Frank Bottorff said that now we needed to adjust the approved budget. The budgeted amount of the approved budget will remain at \$1,200,000.

Revised Budget	20-21 Budget	20-21 Expenses	21-22 Budget
Appropriations	\$2,000,000.00		
Brought forward	\$ 893,665.88		
Budgeted		\$ 1,200,000.00	\$ 1,200,000.00
Expenses:			
Administration	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 50,500.00	\$ 40,000.00
Conferences	\$ 40,000.00		\$ 40,000.00
Lobbying Contract	\$ 330,000.00		\$ 330,000.00
Minor contracted Svc	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 15,000.00
Marketing/STRATCOM	\$ 200,000.00		
Other Stab initiatives	\$ 0.00		\$ 40,000.00
NC4ME	\$ 40,000.00		\$ 40,000.00
MOU EDPNC	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 120,000.00
MOU Sent Landscape	\$ 150,000.00		\$ 150,000.00
Community Grant	\$ 225,000.00		\$ 225,000.00
DANC	\$ 50,000.00		
Annual Total	\$ 1,200,000.00		\$ 1,000,000.00
Total Expense		\$ 80,500.00	
YTD remaining		\$ 1,119,500.00	
Fund Balance	\$ 1,693,665.88		

Kirk Warner made a motion to adjust the approved budget to add a \$50,000 new line description for DANC, eliminate \$40,000 from Other Stabilization initiatives and reduce Minor Contracted Services from \$15,000 to \$5,000 and seconded by ET Mitchell. Chairman Martin asked if everyone was clear on the

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motion. He asked if there was any discussion on the motion. All in favor of the motion say yea and opposed say no. The motion carried.

NCMAC STRATEGIC PLAN: FRANK BOTTORFF

Vice Chairman Bottorff talked about the NCMAC's strategic plan. He said that they are all aware of the requirement for the updated strategic plan and we have continued to adjust on the plan.

NC Military Affairs Commission Strategic Plan

Strategic Plan Guidance:

- General Assembly of North Carolina
 - Session 2017, Session Law 2017-64
 - An Act to require the Military Affairs Commission to adopt a comprehensive strategic plan to enhance NC military installations and their missions.
 - Update, Review and Report every 4 years.

Strategic Overview:

- NCMAC's Four Pillars
 - Installation and Military Sustainability
 - Economic Development
 - Quality of Life
 - Legislative & State Agency Coordination
 - Each Pillar includes:
 - 2020 Strategic Priorities
 - 2020 Implementation Recommendations

Next Steps:

- Approve the current Priorities
- Approve the current Implementation Recommendations
- Approve the Chair to coordinate minor changes as final input is received
- Include Introductory letter from NCMAC Chair
- Add pictures and arrange for publishing
- Provide Chair final approval authority for submission
 - NLT 1 November 2020

NCMAC Action:

- Motion and a Second to approve:
 - The Strategic Priorities and Implementation Recommendations
 - The Chair has final approval authority of the document
 - Chair has the authority to submit the final Document

We are waiting for a review of our strategic plan from the National Guard. Once we get that input we will send that out for final review. We need to approve the current priorities which we have all worked on. We also need to approve our implementation recommendations. He recommends that we also

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approve for the Chairman to make minor changes of input. We have all seen the document and it was sent out again with a couple changes. We plan to add the Commission Members and Ex-Officios. There will be an introductory letter from the Chairman. We will add some photos and other items. If we want to meet the deadline for the General Assembly, we need for the Chairman to have the authority to submit the final document. If not the document will be late to the General Assembly about 3-4 weeks. He recommends that we give the chairman the authority to submit the final document NLT 1 November. The Committee leads will continue to help with this process. Frank Bottorff asked for any questions.

Gerald Rudisill asked about getting the information from the National Guard Kelly Jackson said that she had sent the document to LTC Baker and given them 3 weeks for review of the document. BG Copeland asked for the document to be sent to him and he would get it reviewed and any comments or recommendations would be sent back within a couple of days. Gerald Rudisill made the motion to give Chairman Martin the authority to submit the NCMAC's Strategic Plan's final document and seconded by Kirk Warner. Chairman Martin asked if there was any discussion on the motion? He said, all in favor of the motion say yea, and opposed say no. The motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Chairman Martin asked if there was any other business to discuss. Chairman Martin welcomed BG Jeff Copeland to the NCMAC meeting and congratulated him on his promotion.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Martin thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He adjourned the meeting at 3:41 pm.