

Meeting Minutes
North Carolina Committee Military Affairs Commission
Quality of Life Committee

DATE: 09 January 2014
SUBJECT: Quarterly Committee Meeting
LOCATION: Raleigh, North Carolina

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I. Call to Order: LTC Robert Anderson - Committee Chair : 1130/GMT

Voting Members Present:

- * Hon. George Breece (Fort Bragg)
- * John C. Matthews (At-Large)
- * LTC Robert Anderson, USA Retired (Fort Bragg)
- * Cindi Basenspiller (At-Large)

II. Committee Mission / Focus: Statewide concerns for morale, welfare and well-being of active service members and their families stationed at installations throughout North Carolina

III. Action Item Registry

A. Restoration of the MWR

- * state allocation of \$1mm to benefit all installations in NC
- * instituted in the budget 6 years ago
- * paid first 4 years
- * removed from the budget by the State House 2 years ago

Next Steps:

- * Appointed to Legislative Affairs Committee as Action Committee
- * Engage George Cleveland and Senator Brown to develop initial coalition
- * Promote the establishment a stakeholder working matrix on the issue for lobbying activities
- * Work with Legislative Affairs to Draft / staff language of legislation for reinstatement
- * Assist in the presentation to stakeholders for support

B. Status of In-State Tuition

- * Assigned to Legislative Affairs Committee to Carry Forward

C. DPI QoL Issues

* Change this action item to "Research and Develop a Position Paper on the Need for an Ombudsman / Family Support Manager within DPI for military families"

* Assigned to Quality of Life (Matthews / Taggart)

* STATUS: IN-PROGRESS

D. Voted to ADD to MAC action item registry: "Service Member Spouse Appointment to NC DPI Parent Advisory Council" ----

* Assigned to Quality of Life (Matthews / Taggart) ----

* STATUS: COMPLETED

E. Voted to ADD to MAC action item registry: "Research / Promote Service Member / Spouse Permanent Voting Seats on Select School Boards : Appointed not elected.

* Appointed by Installation Commanding Officer, Garrison Commander or Designee"

* STATUS: IN-PROGRESS

*** Motion made by the Hon. George Breece to add the Last two items (D, E) to the MAC Action Item Registry. Motion was seconded by John Matthews. Committee vote approved.*

IV. Quality of Life Representative: Commander's Council

*** Motion made by John Matthews to appoint Cindi Basenspiller to serve as the committee representative to the Commander's Council. Motion was seconded by the Hon. George Breece. Committee vote approved.*

V. Adjournment - 1400/GMT

**** Minutes recorded and prepared by John Matthews, committee and NCMAC Commission member.*