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North Carolina Committee Military Affairs Commission
Quality of Life Committee
MEETING MINUTES

DATE: 27 AUGUST 2014
TIME: 1000
SUBJECT: Quarterly Committee Meeting - DRAFT AGENDA
LOCATION: NC Legislative Office Building, ROOM 300-B
300 N Salisbury Street, Raleigh, NC 27603

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

Voting Members:

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

Introduction of Non-Voting Members present / on call:

- Heather Willier (NC Heroes Fund)
- Illario Pantano (NC Veterans Affairs)
- Sebastian Montanya (NC Department of Transportation)
- Bryan Ayers (MCB Lejuene)
- Paul Dordal (NC Military Affairs Commission)
- Cornell Wilson (NC Military Affairs Office)
- Doug Taggart (NC Department of Instruction (DPI))
- Major Bobby Lumsden (NC National Guard / NCMA Office)

II. Review of Prior Meeting Minutes

- Minutes from 09 April 2014 Meeting Approved
 - o Motion to Approve: (Breece)
 - o Second: (Matthews)
 - o Vote : APPROVED (Unanimous)

III. Action Item Registry

A. Presentation - North Carolina Heroes Fund (Charlotte)

- * Provide financial support for service members and families to
- * Serve as a bridge to pending receipt of VA benefits
- * 89% of every dollar raised funds direct programs activity
- * Help approximately 21 families annually
- * 12 member board of directors

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- * Legislative advocates as well
- * One major annual fundraising event

Actively seeking assistance to expand name recognition and resource awareness. Very intentional on finding new funding and support services to expand available resources. Primary challenge is awareness and fundraising - with a goal of raising \$100,000 in 2015.

Request: Speak to full board at next appropriate MCMAC full commission meeting.

- o Motion: (Breece): Quality of Life Committee to request time for the NC Heroes fund to speak to the full commission. This request will be made to the NCMAC Steering Committee during their meeting on 02 SEPTEMBER 2014. Response to follow.
- o Second: (Matthews)
- o VOTE: Approved (Unanimous)

B. Priority Issue: 911 CALL CENTER: Discussion

• REPORT:

- o CITY of JACKSONVILLE / MCB Lejeune - Desire and integrated call center - share responsibility in acquiring required equipment for use by MCB Lejeune facilities.
- o FORT BRAGG - Desires the funds available to continue to operated their own 911 Call Center and receive revenues / fees derived from the activities of the 911 Call Center. Fort Bragg does not have an interest in integrating their call center with the City of Fayetteville as they had an active, operating call center prior to legislation. SS 62A-46 limits the ability of Fort Bragg to receive 911 Call Center distributions. The following amendment proposals are being discussed:

- S 62A-46(d): states ...The fiscal officer of a PSAP to whom a distribution is made under this section must deposit the funds in a special revenue fund, as defined in G.S. 159-26(b)(2), designated as the Emergency Telephone System Fund - - PROPOSED AMENDMENT: add "or to be deposited into DoD service specific OMA accounts for strict use by military PSAP's in accordance with applicable NC law".
- S 62A-46(3): states ... A PSAP must be included in its governing entity's annual audit required under the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act. The Local Government Commission must provide a copy of each audit of a local government entity with a participating PSAP to the 911 Board - - PROPOSED AMENDMENT: amend to allow DoD annual audit with results submission to 911 Board.

- S 62A-46(a): states ... A PSAP is not eligible for a distribution under this section unless it provides enhanced 911 service and received distributions from the 911 Board in the 2008-2009 fiscal year - PROPOSED AMENDMENT: amend to allow currently existing military PSAPs to be eligible in addition to the 2008-2009 baseline.
- CITY of FAYETTEVILLE - has demonstrated some interest in establishing an integrated call center with Fort Bragg; however, understands the position of Fort Bragg at this time and the efforts that have already been placed into Fort Bragg's stand-alone center.

C. Installation Commanders Priority List Items

- NC National Guard
 - Armory System: Reviewing the possibility of updating / consolidating the Armory facilities throughout the state. Facilities are aging and there exists and emerging interest in consolidating such facilities into fewer, larger distribution centers. Upgrades and maintenance issues have become a growing concern.
 - Tuition Assistance: Due to operating tempo and budget constraints, they state has reduced the funds available for NCNG tuition assistance program. With operational and economic environment changing, the NCNG is working on a proposal to request consideration of increase in funding to this program
 - Apprenticeship Programs: There exists a growing need for returning forces to have active assistance with job skills training and placement.

D. NCMAC Top 10 Action Item List Review

- 911 Call Center continues to be priority issue for committee

E. New Business / Issues

- Child Care Centers: There have been discussions concerning required licensure for the facilities with appropriate departments of health and human services
- Fire Fighting Certification Issues
 - MOTION: BREECE: Motion made to pass the state / federal child care licensing and fire-fighting annual certification issues on to NCMAC Steering Committee for review and committee assignment.
 - SECOND: MATTHEWS
 - VOTE: APPROVED (Unanimous)

- DPI PowerSchool Pending Data Fields: Doug Taggart (DPI) will be presenting to the Legislative Affairs committee on 27 AUGUST 2014 on the proposed addition of data fields to PowerSchool that would allow DPI to collect / capture basic data on military connected students in DPI programs.
- NC Veterans Affairs: Illario Pantano:
 - VA Medical Locations: Developing a plan to have representatives from veterans affairs located within facilities
 - Installation Representatives: Developing a plan to increase the number of representatives located and actively supporting transitioning service members and veterans
 - Database Management: Initiating the use of coordinated CRM for veterans via Salesforce.com software
 - Outreach: Increasing positive messaging and outreach for veterans issues - still challenged by available resources
- Bailey Act: Retirement Pay Taxation: this issue may be re-emerging as an issue for legislative consideration to offer this retirement pay as free of NC taxes - there exist numerous issues on both sides of this issue.

V. Adjournment - 1126