



**Maryland Military Installation Council (MMIC)
Meeting Minutes
October 31, 2017**

Opening Comments –

Maryland Military Installation Council (MMIC) Executive Director BGen Mike Hayes, USMC (Ret.) commenced the Council meeting at 0900.

Lt. Governor Rutherford, Congressional Members, and Secretary of Commerce Mike Gill comments –

Senator VanHollen honored Mike Hayes for his service and presented him with congressional recognition. Senator VanHollen also discussed continuing resolution bill to avoid government shutdown and reviewed other congressional agenda items including Texas and Puerto Rico hurricane relief efforts and healthcare.

Lt. Gov. Boyd Rutherford introduced Rep. John Sarbanes. Rep Sarbanes gave an overview of the hearings in the House on cyber security, the threat of cyber attacks, and the need to meet that threat. Rep. Sarbanes also spoke of the threat of foreign disinformation infiltrating social media/the Internet, which is threatening the democracy. There is a need to fortify the country against these threats as it could affect voter tabulation. Using resources for disaster recovery to respond to events like Texas and Puerto Rico. New discussions are happening about the use of military force; 2001 AUMF is expiring, need to discuss the mission and armed forces. Lastly, Rep. Sarbanes honored Mike Hayes for his service to the State of Maryland and to the country – he gave an overview of his military service and his leadership in state government. He presented Mike Hayes with congressional recognition.

Maryland Secretary of Commerce, Mike Gill, acknowledged Lisa Swoboda as the Acting Director of the Office of Military and Federal Affairs. Secretary Gill then presented Mike Hayes with a certificate of recognition. He acknowledged APG's centennial celebration, the impact of BRAC on jobs (30,000 jobs), and that Maryland is #2 in job growth in the private sector over the past 12 months. He acknowledged Mike Hayes's service and presented him with a Pirate award. OMFA then presented a cake to Mike Hayes to thank him for his leadership and the Lt. Gov. presented Governor's citation to Mike Hayes.

Commander Updates –

Captain Jones, Naval Support Bethesda, spoke about building a temporary medical facility near Walter Reed. MD355 building will have a high speed elevator for metro riders. Mike Hayes credited to Senator VanHollen and VA legislators.

The U.S. Naval Academy's Copper Hall will be completed in 2020 for USNA students. The USNA is also working with the city of Annapolis on a cyber project and participating with the National Guard on cyber exercises.

Admiral Jackson and the Lt. Gov. have visited Indian Head and recognize that the reliability of infrastructure in the region is very important to base operations. The area is also looking forward to the completion of the Nice Bridge project.

At Carderock, Jack Templeton, spoke about how the base is focused on sustaining facility and workforce and will be taking advantage of 219 funding. They struggle with the age demographics of the workforce and the need to transition knowledge and knowledge management. The Office of Naval Research (ONR) has a summer intern program and would like to encourage people to learn about the program. ONR currently has 9 active CRADAs with Maryland organizations and 5 EPAs with Maryland educational institutions.

At Naval Air Station (NAS) Patuxent River (Pax River), the runway improvement project will begin in 2 – 3 years. The Advance Prototype Facility is in Phase 2 and finishing up. 2018 is the 70th anniversary of the base and the Blue Angles will be coming to the base in June to celebrate.

At Ft. Detrick there are worries about infrastructure sustainment and they have signed an intergovernmental support agreement with Frederick County.

At Aberdeen Proving Ground, they are in the process of implementing JLUS activities and revitalization efforts and are ready to be a lead on the state JLUS effort. They are reshaping the workforce of APG for infrastructure and emergency service readiness and will be reaching out to non-profits and volunteers for family services.

At Ft. Meade, cyber command will become a combatant command, which sends out a demand and signals that they will be looking for talent in the region. They are a front-line fort – fighting and operating on the front lines. The region has the opportunity to create diversity in the region for cyber talent and they are looking toward the future.

At JBA they are celebrating the Air Force's 70th birthday week. The POTUS and FLOTUS came to the Air and Space Expo held at JBA. They are in the process of implementing \$6 million in facility upgrades and they are looking to spend another \$1 billion dollars.

The Corps of Engineers – Baltimore District are conducting renovations. They support Maryland military installations, and much of their work is happening at Ft. Meade.

The Adelphi Lab center described their locations and that they are transferring to be a part of APG. They just had a security assessment and it showed that there needs to be a second exit to Adelphi. They are supporting JLUS activities across Maryland.

The Coast Guard Yard is focused on recruiting and building their workforce. They have two new internship programs funded by Under Armor. They are replacing their dry dock from 1942 with a dry dock donated by the Navy. They look forward to the visit from the Lt. Gov.

Veteran Trust Fund –

Secretary Owens introduced the Veterans Trust Fund speaker Mark Hendrix. The Veterans Trust Fund was created in 2009 by State legislation. It has been a 501c3 since 2013 and is connected to the

Maryland Veterans Affairs office. This program helps widows of veterans but they do go by poverty guidelines for eligibility (200%) and they have to be eligible for burial (2 year official state of Maryland resident, 24 active duty, honorable discharge, etc). Mr. Hendrix shared stories of veterans they have served through the program.

SMART PROC update –

Bob Carullo of SMART gave an overview of the program and Mike Hayes's history with SMART PROC. In FY18 they are focused on all aspects of infrastructure with touches on all focus groups. Curacao Center is a tech transfer office. The USAF is on site and involved with the center. Free forward tech transfer. They are now going on 15 years of SMART Proc and Mr. Carullo introduced Debbie as the contact and that there would also be an international component this year. Commerce is a gold sponsor of SMART Proc. Mr. Carullo introduced the SMART STEM Education & Workforce Development chairs and stated Co-Chair Barbara Ives (CSM) is focused on community college education. SMART PROC is also involved in the Rosie the Riveter initiative, real world design initiative, the 100 year centennial event at AG and acquisition reform.

Cyber Asset Mapping –

Julie Woepke from the Maryland Department of Commerce spoke about cyber asset mapping and analyzing cyber assets within the state including tech transfer assets, military alliances, cyber security qualified businesses, all of which will be included in the mapping effort. Maryland will be the first to do this in the nation; it will be a sales tool and Maryland plans to expand the asset mapping to other industries as well.

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US Cyber Command Overview/Update –

Mitch Myers from the Capabilities Development Group, a cyber mission force that protects the DoD's mission spoke about CDG's function. They will have full operational capabilities by 2018. The US Cyber Command mission is to defend DoD networks and defend US interests. The cyber protection networks protect the DoD with cyber support teams. There are five divisions within the CDG, including applied research, J6 and acquisitions. They use partnerships within the industry and academia to support the mission and protect US interests. Maryland is the cyber capital of America and is a cyber center of excellence. Maryland has the talents to support the cyber needs. They will be doing outreach to find this talent by attending trade shows and companies are reaching out to CDG. To engage with their office, their email address is engage-with-cybercom@cybercom.mil. There was a Q&A with the attendees where a question was asked about the procurement thresholds changing. CDG is focused on rapid acquisition of development authorities. They were awarded their first contract last week after holding an industry day last Friday. They are contractors who are technical authorities that look for interesting technologies that the DoD might want. They will be providing services update and development at quarterly meetings. Another question was what securities do the vendors have to have and the answer is that they do not require any securities to work with CDG (unclassified work). Another question was whether they have any international activities and the answer was not at this time. The last question was whether they are aware of any workforce shortages in cyber and the answer was that CDG is not

aware but believes that Mike Hayes addressed this as a Commerce initiative and that we need to leverage our cyber assets at Ft. Meade.

Walter Reed National Military Center Overview –

Captain Rotruck with the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center spoke next about the Walter Reed of 2017. They opened in 1942 with the intention of creating a military health center in the nation's capital; post BRAC this landscape has changed. Parking is still an ongoing issue at Walter Reed. There is ongoing construction at the medical center costing half a billion dollars and expected to be complete in 2022. New infrastructure is being stood up and there is a temporary medical facility in a parking lot until the new construction is finished. Space constraints have limited how they can develop the site. Walter Reed has 7,000 staff, of which there is 3,000 uniformed staff – with a fairly even split between Army & Navy - and over 4,000 civilian and contract staff. On Wisconsin Avenue, there is the military health school and NIH is across the street, which is an asset to Walter Reed. Veterans Affairs locations are also within the general vicinity. There are 40,000 people being treated at Walter Reed as their primary health provider. Half of all military health research occurs at Walter Reed. It is a DoD Center for Excellence for cancer care, advanced treatment/amputation care, transplant center, brain injury care, and a level 2 trauma center. Maryland has not approved their level 1 trauma designation. The question arose as to why Maryland won't approve level 1 status and Captain Rotruck was unsure and could not give a reason. Barbara Ives echoed Mike Hayes comments about Walter Reed and how impressive the new campus is and Jill McClune also echoed the impact of Walter Reed and their support of wounded warriors. The question was also asked what the Maryland community can do to get Walter Reed the trauma 1 designation and the answer was that it is up to MINS (?) the state authority on these designations. Lastly, someone asked if they are accepted as a trauma 1 center, can they accept civilian insurance and the answer was that yes they can support these civilian patients.

Military Corps Core Connect Program Overview –

Shauna Donahue with the Military Corps Core Connect and Tim O'Farrell spoke next about how the Anne Arundel Workforce Development office received a grant to support military workforce. They serve the military throughout Maryland, transition service members, active duty spouses and veterans (recently separated or 4 years out or less). This way the service member does not have to use the GI bill and can instead use these grant monies. They just graduated their 1st class the previous Thursday, which included 11 people and reached all three groups being served, and they have already had 3 hires. There is a project management course on the following Tuesday in partnership with Leidos which helps the students get their PMP certification. 97 people have been served through the 1st quarter, of which 70% of completed training, of which, 90% have been hired. They have a 89% placement rate. Tim O'Farrell spoke of how the Ft. Meade alliance is involved in this grant and will be involving the business community in this initiative. They need the commanders' support of this program so they can talk to their service members. They need connections to educators as well and asks that MMIC support this initiative. They need to encourage STEM careers and address cyber workforce shortage- this program can help meet that need. Communicating job openings available to service members is important as well. Internship component I available to service members while uniformed (Army only) and active duty spouses. There is real world solution learning happening at CCBC. The Statewide Advisory council will support this program and asks that the alliance presidents stand up local industry and other representatives too. A question was asked whether this is a US Department of Labor grant, and the

answer was yes this is a national dislocated workers grant; \$4.3 million went to AA workforce development. Another question was whether they work with the State to make sure service members do not have to be re-certified. The answer was no they do not but they will look into it; they can get credit for their military training. Sally Jamison recognizes that Secretary Schultz has worked on improving the certification process for veterans.

Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) DIA Grant Update –

Lisa Swoboda, from OMFA, gave an update on the Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) Defense Industry Adjustment (DIA) grant that included a recap of the Phase 1 activities both statewide and regionally. The purpose of the DIA grant is to lessen DoD dependency in Maryland; over 57 billion from DoD installations, not including all DoD contracting impact. This is an 18 month program. Statewide, the focus is not to take business away from the DoD but to strengthen the defense supply chain by lessening the constraint on small/mid-sized contractors. Ms. Swoboda gave the URL for the Maryland Defense Network tool (Marylanddefensenetwork.org) and mentioned that it is a free tool to connect contractors to teaming arrangements, commercial opportunities, and discussed all of the Phase 2 enhancements to the tool including an overview of the 3 user groups (economic development, contractors, and the DoD/feds). Ms. Swoboda also discussed the interest from the PEO at Pax River in the MDN as a tool to identify local companies for their capabilities. Ms. Swoboda also reviewed the Maryland Defense Diversification Assistance (MDDA) program which defense dependent businesses can apply to for defense diversification activities. She reviewed the eligibility requirements and the various phases a company will go through including assessment, training, and consulting assistance to identify and pursue a diversification track (international markets, new domestic markets, or technology transfer). The goal is to train up to 100 companies. Lastly, Ms. Swoboda reviewed the Phase 2 regional efforts which includes a strategic planning initiative in Southern Maryland, patent analysis of Army patents and an expansion of the IP database to include patents at APG, expanding tech transfer and commercialization through partnerships with Harford and Cecil counties through the establishment of the DefTech Center (Harford County is providing in-kind space) which will be a space for APG employees to meet with members from the business community off-base to develop these technologies into a commercial product. Ms. Swoboda acknowledged academic, industry, and economic development partners and stakeholders under this initiative and Mike Hayes acknowledged that they want the grant activities to last beyond the grant period. The DefTech Center in particular will live on as will the IP database and the Maryland Defense Network.

State Agency Updates –

Mark Crampton from MDOT mentioned completed projects at MDOT and soon to be completed highway projects at APG, Ft. Meade, JBA, NSA Bethesda, and more. Mike Hayes commented that they will send to those specific projects out to the MMIC membership.

Deputy Secretary from MDE.

Alliance Presidents –

Jill McClune spoke on behalf of Tom Albro and Sue Nappi who were at an APG JLUS meeting and reviewed the ongoing JLUS activities. There was a centennial reception event held and over 800 people attended the reception; over 100 events were held over the year/last 10 months. They opened a time

capsule and buried a new one. November 28th is their annual breakfast. The Annual Spirit of Thanks tour with community leadership and enlisted. NCOs are thanking service members and honoring them by visiting patriotic memorials/sites. Ongoing legislative issues include restoring funding for CECAC (?). They are starting the legislative session with demolition as the #1 issue and biggest priority for demo is a Ft. Detrick building. Government has earmarked funds for demo at APG. Other priorities include improving USAjobs.gov and the JROTC program in Harford County. Maryland needs to make better progress with addressing veteran's retirement benefits issue and mentions that the study is moving forward to help recruitment. John Astle mentions that passing the retirement exemption would keep security clearance personnel in the state. A comment was made that maybe expanding the 1st responders bill to exempt the retirement benefits to military veterans would also be helpful.

Tim O'Farrell discussed Kuhn Hall and the Ft. Meade Resiliency & Education Center at Ft. Meade. The facility will serve DoD at Ft. Meade and service members can get assistance and information on educational opportunities available to them and get support for their mission. They have a half a million dollar grant from the state and a half a million grant from the State Lottery for a C3 program. Tapestry grant at Anne Arundel county schools educating teachers, counselors, and administrators about the challenges that military families face. November 20th is the signing of the community covenant, the fourth one that has been signed thus far. The President-Elect Steve Tiller will serve through June 30th, 2018 at which time Doreen from Leidos will be the new president on July 1, 2018.

Amanda Johnston from Ft. Detrick, the new alliance executive director, talked about how a new membership forum is being launched which will draw new members. 200 people attended a recently held tech showcase. The alliance met with Colonel Halter and staff to strategize support. Held a networking breakfast the week prior with at least 80 people. They are participating in the Brunswick Veterans Day parade, holding a membership event in December, and the new alliance president will be starting in January.

Representative from Southern Maryland Naval Alliance (SMNA) spoke about how they are working with Bennett Wilson to diversify business in Southern Maryland which includes the diversification of manufacturing businesses. Working with Naval Air and ships to link Pax River to Wallops Island with fiber.

Mike Hayes mentioned that Brian Klaas is the outgoing president, running for Charles County Commissioner. Sue Greer from the MAC talked about the Lt. Governor's tour of Indian Head and gave an update on the Mallows Bay issue, which has been resolved; the designation is limited and will not threaten military assets. Regarding the demo going on outside the base and renovation activities in Indian Head, the demo was completed this week. Businesses are relocating to Indian Head on base and off base because of this demo project. The velocity lab outside of Indian Head's gates is launching in partnership with CSM. This is a partnering tech transfer initiative and thanked Mike Hayes for his support.

Ivan Caplan at MTA gave an update on the ship design & innovation center. Integrated systems since engineers are spread throughout the country. Reviewed the MILCOM project at Carderock. A Maritime analysis of STEM education culminated in Let's Go Boys & Girls; the creation of a STEM workforce manual, and a 3 year study of the out of school and in school STEM activity.

George Schlossberg BRAC update –

NDDA is in conference, no BRAC language was included in the House or Senate bills. All 5 BRAC rounds were included in NDDA conference report, not bills. However, no indication of BRAC this year. 3 of the 4 members of conference have introduced their own BRAC bills, which are not voted on by either body of Congress. An overview of BRAC was given; it is a bi-partisan, transparent initiative that the community has the opportunity to engage with. The POTUS has the opportunity to sign or veto. Mr. Smith in the House of Representatives introduced 2021 single round BRAC which is an all or nothing package voted up or down by a commission. It would commence in 2 years and complete in 5 years. In the Senate, McCain and Reid introduced a BRAC Proposal without a commission. No public testimony would be included by there would be a GAO analysis. Additionally, there would be no vote of disapproval. Congress can amend the list and vote affirmatively on the list. It is a waiting game to see what happens.

Close-out –

Sally Jamison acknowledged Mike Hayes's support of the delegation. Mike Hayes thanked MMIC members for their support and the OMFA team and dismissed the meeting at 12:04 pm.