

MMIC Minutes – May 15, 2017

MMIC Executive Director BGen Mike Hayes (Ret.) called the meeting to order at 0835. Opening remarks were provided by MMIC Chair Mike Gill, Commerce Secretary. BGen Hayes then introduced U.S. Senator Benjamin Cardin who then addressed the Council.

Senator Cardin reflected on the success of Maryland's military installations in the previous Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) and stated the State again must be prepared as a future round of BRAC is eminent. The Senator spoke to the importance of mitigating encroachment issues on military bases and in the installation community. Senator Cardin addressed concern over increases in our troops while there are decreases in military readiness. He discussed federal programs that had been zeroed out in the President's budget that Congress strategically worked together to place back in such as fully funding the Chesapeake Bay Watershed and NASA research programs. He stressed the need for adoption of a federal FY18 budget. Senator Cardin is working closely with Maryland's Congressional delegation to see this happen. He stated Maryland is fortunate to have a delegation with Members serving in strategic locations on importance committees such as the Senate Appropriations, House Armed Services and Senate Armed Services to support the State's military community.

Lieutenant Governor Boyd Rutherford next addressed the Council. He stated the State is in BRAC preparation. With a bill in each Congressional house proposing a BRAC, he emphasized now is the time to prepare. The Lt. Governor stated the State will defend military missions and programs already in the State but will also look for more programmatic opportunities for potential growth. He has been visiting with military bases to gain awareness of where support may be needed and meeting with Alliances making sure we have a strategy in place. The Lt. Governor provided an overview of the More Jobs for Marylanders Act that passed in the last legislative session that will help the State's economy and help defense assets. He also briefly discussed the new ethics reform legislation that recently passed – 1st reform in decades.

Capt. Matt Scassero (Ret.), Director of the University of Maryland Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Test Site, provided a program update as to the center's recent activity. As one of six UAS test sites nationally, Capt. Scassero has been actively promoting the facility and region's capabilities and assets to include traveling to and hosting a 30' x 50' booth at the AUSVI Conference in Texas. One of the goals of the Center is to advance testing beyond the line of sight in using bigger, better, heavier air craft. Exciting and unique projects include exploring ways to help prison systems in Maryland by use of UAS. He closed with mentioning of the funding for the third building of the Southern Maryland Higher Education Center to support Autonomy Research enabling federal government, local business and academic collaboration.

State Senator John Astle, MMIC Member, provided a legislative session wrap-up. He stated that this past session saw greater partisan divide than before making it more difficult to hear

and vote on the several bills that took up much of the session's time. However far apart on the political aisles, a great show of non-partisan efforts was the on-time passing of the Maryland budget.

A panel representing the various armed services was called forward. The first panelist to address the Council was Major General Randy Taylor, Commanding General of the US Army Communications-Electronics Command (CECOM) and Installation Commanding General of Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG). Recognizing the growing national opioid crisis, MG Taylor thanked the State for their efforts to address the heroin epidemic. He also thanked Senator Cardin for his support of military and their families and of the environment especially the Chesapeake Bay which is an integral part of APG with 140 miles of shoreline. APG prides itself on being good stewards of the Bay. MG Taylor reinforced that readiness is the Army's number one priority. US supremacy is being challenged at all levels as adversaries have become more innovative including on the battle field on the ground. APG is home to 90 technical commands and boasts a \$6 ½ M economic impact on the state of Maryland. The Army's only cyber range in the US is being built on APG. And just down the road, the Navy is building their cyber range at NAS Patuxent River. These will be two great assets and provide opportunity for collaboration. The Army is spending half of their budget on modernization of equipment. Funding has proven to be problematic. APG is in its centennial year and has been hosting many events throughout the year to celebrate this milestone. There will be a live fire demonstration on May 20, 2017.

Rear Admiral Charles Rock, US Navy, spoke next about his responsibilities as Commandant of Naval District Washington, the need to conserve funds, the need for public-private-partnerships (P3s), the ease of doing public-public-private-partnerships (P4s), and a potential Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) round.

Admiral Charles 'Chip' Rock, started by providing a description of his responsibilities as Commandant of Naval District Washington. He said Naval Support Activity Washington encompasses the Washington Navy Yard, the oldest Navy installation in the U.S.; Naval Support Facility Naval Research Laboratory; Naval Support Facility Suitland; Naval Support Facility Naval Observatory; Naval Support Facility Arlington; and Naval Support Facility Carderock. He is also responsible for Camp David near Thurmont, Maryland.

He explained he is the mayor/landlord of all those facilities and has able bodied captains on site to assist him. Consequently his officers get the calls when something goes wrong like a broken water pipe or clogged sewer line. If these sites were just apartment houses it wouldn't be a big issue but these sites are home to thousands of research and development scientists that are working with hundreds of different technologies from unmanned airplanes to unmanned submarines and everything in between. When something needs attention, it needs it now.

The Admiral talked about the urgent need to rebuild the US navy fleet from 275 ships to the 350 ship target, and the urgent need of updating the fleet and performing major repairs. He

also spoke about the drastic need to repair the Navy and Marine Corps fighter jets with approximately 50% out of commission.

On the plus side Admiral Rock said that one way the Navy could economize was doing Public Private Partnerships. This would save the Navy dollars by having the community perform the more social tasks like providing access to recreation, libraries, and car pools. He said Congress has made it easier to do by passing Section 331 of the FY 2015 Defense Authorization Act. The law that allows a partnership with the local public sector without competition.

The Admiral spoke about the overall need for a BRAC in that there was a general feeling that the US military was 20 to 30% over capacity. And that the US Air Force and US Army were in favor of one but that the Navy was pretty much right sized. He said the key to any BRAC action is to demonstrate military value. He also warned about mission reassignment that can occur without a BRAC.

Brigadier General (BG) R. J. Staudenraus of the U.S. Air Force was the next panelist. BG Staudenraus announced that the President recently selected the first Secretary of the Armed Services which is for the Air Force (Secretary Heather Wilson). The Air Force is the smallest it's even been – need to grow from 317K-7 355K. Though the Guard is stabilized, there are only 4K in each the Guard & Reserves over the next five years. The Air Force needs a growth in manpower and training. There were 143 fighting squads. Now there are only 55. The F35s program and nuclear deterrence need to be fully funded but readiness remains the number one priority. New opportunity for Maryland includes the relocation of a cyber unit of the 24th Air Force Space Command which is coming to Maryland. The Guard has increased responsibilities in the communications network protection arena. There are 73 countries in the Guard State Partnership Program including two for MD – Estonia and Bosnia. In Estonia, there are 400 AF personnel including those working cyber operations. There are F22s moving on Joint Base Andrews which is recent and welcome news to the base.

Ms. Lisa Swoboda, Deputy Director of the Department of Commerce Office of Military and Federal Affairs, provided an update on the DoD Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) federally-funded defense industry diversification program. Ms. Swoboda recapped Phase 1 grant activity and focused more on the recently awarded Phase 2 diversification efforts. The program is aimed at mitigating defense dependencies by aiding in commercial diversification through the domestic or global markets and through technology transfer commercialization. Ms. Swoboda also directed Council members and meeting attendees to a live demonstration of the Maryland Defense Network at the back of the room. The Maryland Defense Network is a free, online searchable tool that identifies Maryland companies in the defense supply chain and offers contractors a means to connect with other potential new contracting opportunities or search for other industry partners in their field. The website is free to use and may be found at marylanddefensenetwork.com.

Installation Commanders provided the following updates:

Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG): COL Robert Phillips

- APG has seen an increase in demolition funding – thank you to the federal delegation, the State and Alliance for supporting
- JLUS implementation work is underway
- 5.4 m sqft excess capacity on post – lots of growth potential there

Ft. Detrick: COL Scott Halter

- Ft. Detrick is a joint – interagency post with several non-DoD tenants
- Garrison functions down to the bone; scarce resources; assess everyday how to provide programs and services to Army and their service members on post – public works, family support, etc...

US Army Corps of Engineers

- Lots of operations and maintenance work – renovation
- Doing work w/Army, Navy, AF (JBA) and the Coast Guard
- Working alongside NAVFAC on projects
- Working with the State on the Chesapeake Bay oyster restoration
- ASACE has a new survey vessel in the Maryland Port to commission
- Expanding Poplar Island by 500 acres
- USACE headquarters will be moving offices to 2 Hopkins Place (staying in Baltimore but moving out of leased space)

Adelphi Laboratory Center

- Opportunity to expand at Blossom Point and at Adelphi
- Forming a partnership with federal neighbors FDA and commercial developer for VIVA White Oak

NAS Patuxent River

- 2nd and 3rd phases of runaway construction funded and complete
- Will host an airshow in June with the Blue Angels
- Relationship with community outstanding and thank you for the support

Indian Head

- Auto fuel produced – only place in world – very unique things for nation
- Returned historic (Pre Lincoln) watch box to Navy Yard; recognized by historic trust and won award

- JLUS for Indian Head completed and looking forward to working with the community to move things forward
- NOAA to discuss Mallow's Bay to make sure impacts to Indian Head missions are understood; OSD will join Indian Head for a meeting in June

Walter Reed Bethesda

- 5 major MILCON projects ongoing including the tearing down and rebuild of the original hospital (5 year project); parking garage complete
- MD 355 Metro pedestrian tunnel – very excited about providing pedestrian safety to employees and to visitors
- \$320M MILCON to Uniformed Services University on base
- Freedom Live Concert Styx and Eddie Money – very successful

NSA Annapolis – Capt Baker

- Meeting with the Governor's office in June to discuss and share best practices on emergency preparedness

Carderock

- Rebuilding test pond
- Human powered submarine races event – Week of June 26

Joint Base Andrews (JBA): COL Teichert

- 70th birthday of the US Air Force
- Sept 15-17 Air Show
- Hosted successful JBA Small Business Summit – spent \$57M on small business contracts last year; Commerce was a partner in this effort
- FY16 crash – community response seamless – speaks to great partnership with community

Coast Guard Yard: CAPT Lake

- 2nd largest concentration of Coast Guard personnel
- Workforce grown by 10% to meet ship service demands
- Apprenticeship program – signed agreement with Baltimore City Public Schools and area trade schools to train and recruit
- Yard is expanding and replacing the dry dock - \$26M in FY16 appropriations – thanks to Maryland Congressional delegation

Maryland National Guard: BG Sean Casey

- Over 12,000 guardmen and reservists; 50 facilities in Maryland
- APG, Pax River, JBA and Meade all have a Guard presence

- Long term study to look at replacing and the reuse of headquarters building – over 100 years old

Following the Installation Commanders remarks, Secretary David Craig updated the Council on the State's World War I centennial events. Shauna Donahue with the Anne Arundel Workforce Development Corporation (AAWDC) then briefed on the Military Corps Career Connect program managed by the AAWDC on behalf of the State.

Alliance Presidents provided updates to their respective alliances and defense installation communities.

The meeting was adjourned at 1150.