

**JCACC Military Affairs Council (MAC)
Advisory Committee Meeting
Notice of Meeting
4:00 p.m. Thursday, January 10, 2019**

MAC Advisory Committee Members

Phyllis Fitzgerald, Chair
Christine Benne, AUSA
Mark Edwards, CASA
John Montgomery, CASA
Emeritus

Ben Bennett, Geary County
Paula Dinkel, Lady Troopers
Tom Hollis, Society of the 1st ID
David Wild, USD 475

Vacant, USO
Scott Stuckey, Old Troopers
Terry Heldstab, Community at
Large

Ex-Officio

Craig Bender – JCACC MAC Director
Mickey Fornaro-Dean - JCACC President & Director of Economic Development
Michele Stimatze – Geary County CVB
Perry Wiggins – GMAC
Tim Livsey – Garrison
Theresa Bramlage – Civic Organization

- I. 4:00 PM Call to Order**
- II. Approval of Agenda**
- III. Approval of Minutes – December 2018**
- IV. Financial Reports – December 2018**
- V. Public Comments**
- VI. Chairperson Remarks**
- VII. Old Business**
 - A.** January MAC Breakfast Speaker – Craig Bender
 - B.** Donations Discussion
 - Approved Organizations
 - What amount needs approval
 - C.** Home Away From Home Reception Report
- VIII. New Business**
 - A.** Annual 1st Infantry Division Officer Dinner – 27 April 2019
 - B.** MAC Breakfast Topics
 - C.** 2019 Calendar Events
 - D.** Future Military Affairs Council Sponsors
 - E.** Transient System for Soldiers
 - F.** Spouse Employment
 - G.** Entrepreneur Opportunities
- Action Item**
- IX. Director Report**
- X. Other Discussion**
- XI. Adjourn – Next meeting Thursday, February 14 at 4:00p.m.**

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Meeting Minutes

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I. Call the Meeting to Order:

4:00 p.m. Chair Phyllis Fitzgerald called the meeting to order. Board members John Montgomery, Paula Dinkel, Tom Hollis, Mickey Dean, Michele Stimatze, Perry Wiggins and Theresa Bramlage were absent. Others in attendance were Dick Young; Briggs Auto, Dewey Terrel; JC Post Katrina Higby; JCACC Finance Director and Sean Flanagan; JCACC MAC Admin.

II. Approval of Agenda – December 2018:

Scott Stuckey motioned, and David Wild seconded to approve the December Military Affairs Council meeting agenda.

III. Approval of Minutes – October & November 2018:

Scott Stuckey motioned, and Terry Heldstab seconded to approve the December Military Affairs Council meeting minutes.

IV. Financial Reports – October & November 2018:

Ben Bennett motioned, and Terry Heldstab seconded to approve the December Military Affairs Council meeting financial reports.

Tim Livsey asked what the chamber was going to do with the old computers after the purchase of the new computers because organizations on Fort Riley could use donated equipment. Katrina Higby stated the towers were destroyed because they contained confidential information, but the monitors could be donated.

V. Public Comments:

None.

VI. Chairperson Remarks:

None.

VII. Old Business:

A. Operation Santa Claus-Ideas on how to solicit more donations:

Tim Livsey informed the group Operation Santa Claus is doing well and thanked everyone for all their donations.

B. Identify conflicts with upcoming Holiday schedule:

Phyllis stated the newly hired MAC Director, Craig Bender, has started the new position, many have met with him and he will be at the January 2019 MAC meeting.

C. Kansas Military Alliance Meeting:

Sean briefly explained to the group what was discussed at the KMA Meeting. Those in attendance were Perry Wiggins (GMC), Art Degroat (Exec. Dir. K-State Military and Veterans Affairs), Rich Jankovich (MRC Chair), Vern Hopkins (Salina MAC Chair), Christine Benne (FR/CK AUSA President), Curtis Sneden (Exec. VP Topeka Chamber), Jenalea Randall (Topeka MAC Chair), Chris Bowers, Trent Williams, Craig Bender (JC MAC Director), Sean Flanagan (JC MAC Admin), Janet Nichols (MRC Director). The group discussed what their primary vision, mission, objects and strategic methods were going to be. There was also discussion over a comprehensive analysis conducted by Missouri to improve the quality of life for military servicemembers and their families. The group agreed similar studies needed to be done for the state of Kansas.

VIII. New Business:

A. January MAC Breakfast Speaker – Craig Bender:

The new MAC Director Craig Bender will be the speaker for the January MAC Breakfast. At the next meeting there will be discussion on booking MAC Breakfast speakers for 2019.

B. Donations Discussion:

Craig Bender has been receiving donations requests from outside organizations. Phyllis asked the group to think about what amount of money is acceptable for Craig to donate without having to ask for permission from the board and to what kind of organizations would be acceptable to donate to for discussion at the next MAC Meeting.

Dick Young suggested building a budget for donations and David Wild suggested waiting one year to see where money is needed the most and where money can be reallocated as necessary.

Ben Bennett suggested organizing a working retreat with the MAC Committee/Group to thoroughly discuss the MAC mission, budget, etc.

C. Home Away From Home Reception Report:

Phyllis let the group know the HAFH reception was successful. Many families and Soldiers showed up and shared their stories. Senator Moran was also in attendance. As of right now the program has 46 active families and 117 enrolled Soldiers.

IX. Action Items:

None

X. Director Report:

None

XI. Other Discussion:

Tim Livsey - February Fort Riley will be hosting a community partnership meeting. Need help in recruiting veterans for security positions on post. A lot of construction happening on post, those contractors are spending money in JC and Manhattan. Thanked David Wild for the demo he conducted at the Fort Riley middle School. Working on Campaign 230, draft should be completed by the end of January.

Ben Bennett- 492 pets have been adopted out through the Fort Riley animal shelter. Big problem with pets/dogs being turned loose in the community. A few people have been prosecuted for letting their pets loose.

Scott Stuckey- Old Trooper Regiment Ball had 76 in attendance and the JC Singers did a wonderful job and overall went very well.

Christine Benne- a lot of things planned for AUSA. February 5th there will be a combined event with young Professionals in Junction City. First part of May AUSA National will be coming to the area for a road show, will be working Army Reserves and national Guard. Thanked MAC for the fund's donation for the AUSA social in DC.

David Wild- District has been selected as 1 of 5 for a new Grade School on Fort Riley, if the grant is approved for the district, will replace Morris Hill and Jefferson Elementary, 24-36 months down the line, will include costs for decommission and demolition.

Mark Edwards- Senator Moran like being included in the home Away From Home Receptions. Perry Wiggins is working to get state involved in the Kansas Military Alliance, he is actively trying to include communities/organizations who have previously not been involved in the state's military agenda.

XII. Adjourn – Next meeting will be Thursday, January 10, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. at the Chamber offices.

With no further business, Phyllis Fitzgerald adjourned the September meeting at 4:59 p.m.