

**JCACC Military Affairs Council (MAC)
Advisory Committee Meeting
Notice of Meeting
4:00 p.m. Thursday, October 18, 2018**

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

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 – September 2018**
 - IV. Financial Reports – September 2018**
 - V. Public Comments**
 - VI. Chairperson Remarks**
 - VII. Old Business**
 - A. Introduce Dawn Stephens, MED Administrative Assistant
 - B. NCO/SOY invited to MAC Breakfast in September
 - C. October MAC Breakfast Speaker (Katie GECO Historical Society Museum Director)
 - D. Meet New MAC Director at AUSA Convention
 - E. Draft MAC Action Plan
 - VIII. New Business**
 - A. Review of AUSA Convention
 - B. Meeting new MAC Director
 - C. MAC Breakfast Topics/Speakers for 2019
- Action Item**
- IX. Director Report**
 - X. Other Discussion**
 - XI. Adjourn – Next meeting Thursday, November 8th 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 member Mark Edwards and Ex-Officio members Mickey Fornaro-Dean, Michele Stimatze, and Perry Wiggins were absent. Others in attendance were LTC Jeremy O'Donnell, Michael Sellman, Katrina Higby; Finance Director, and Dawn Stephens; JCACC Admin.

II. Approval of Agenda:

Scott Stuckey moved and David Wild seconded to approve the agenda for the September meeting. Motion carried 9/0.

III. Approval of Minutes:

Tom Hollis moved and Terry Heldstab seconded to approve the minutes of the August meeting. Motion carried 9/0.

IV. Financial Reports - August 2018:

Tom Hollis moved, Scott Stuckey seconded to accept the August 2018 financial statements. Motion carried 9/0.

V. Public Comments:

None

VI. Chairperson Remarks:

Phyllis recognized Katrina Higby's hard work over the last few weeks; she has carried a heavy load of work encompassing the MED, EDC, and MAC with the MED Admin position open and Sean out of the office, as well as her own Finance duties.

VII. Old Business:

A. Business Expo:

Phyllis reviewed and Katrina confirmed that 86 vendors were in attendance.

Paula Dinkel thought it was a good event for the Lady Troopers and that community connections were made.

Theresa Bramlage suggested that it should be a Welcome to Junction City event for soldiers and new community members.

B. Interim Action Plan:

This is a working plan until new director arrives.

Tom Hollis made the comment that the objectives look like events and that adding objectives to the events would be helpful.

John Montgomery pointed out that Rock Creek needs to be updated to Rock Springs.

Paula specified that the Spring Lady Trooper event has a different theme each year. Their Fall event is a combined effort with the Old Troopers, but that may not happen every year.

Theresa suggested an Annual Welcome event for our new Ft. Riley residents.

Scott Stuckey explained that the Old Troopers have a Spring and Winter Hail & Farewell event each year. He also asked that the Leadership KS event be removed from the document.

VIII. New Business:

A. Introduce Dawn Stephens, MED Administrative Assistant

Dawn introduced herself to the group.

B. NCO/SOY invited to MAC Breakfast in September

Phyllis has emailed SGM Engelhorn to invite the winners to the September 27, 2018 MAC Breakfast and each be presented with a \$100.00 check and coin. LTC O'Donnell stated he will follow up with SGM Engelhorn.

Christine Benne said that AUSA would like to discuss sponsoring a future Breakfast by bringing in a speaker with a national platform.

C. October MAC Breakfast Speaker:

Guest speaker for October is Katie Goerl, GECO Historical Society & Museum Executive Director.

D. Meet new MAC Director at AUSA Conference

Phyllis informed all in attendance that the new MAC Director, Craig Bender, will be attending the AUSA Conference.

IX. Action Items:

None

X. Director Report:

None

XI. Other Discussion:

Tom discussed the 5th St. Park project and asked where the info is being pushed out. Tom pointed out that the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS) program is interested in helping with this project, as soldiers are often looking for volunteer hours.

Theresa added that information can be found at PlayJC.org and added that the park is being built in five phases: Equipment, Shelters, Performance Pavilion, Parking, Basketball Court and Volleyball Court. Ground breaking for the I.C.A.R.E. equipment is Sat., Sept. 15th and the Grand Opening for 5th St Park is scheduled for Oct. 12, 2018.

Tom inquired about funding for the River Park Trail. There is a concern by soldiers and family members that the trail is being used by horses. Due to the excrement left behind, this is a sanitary issue for other users of the trail. Signage stating that no horses are allowed on the trail may be helpful.

Tim Livsey informed that there is no Ft. Riley funding for any trails at this time, as not "mission essential". Phyllis said the city could be approached with this endeavor and may be able to help.

Paula reviewed upcoming Lady Trooper events. They are hosting Rock Springs event on Sept. 30th. They will also be serving hot cocoa on Dec. 7th at JC Hometown Christmas.

Christine reminded everyone that AUSA Conference is Oct. 8-10, 2018, with the Chapter Luncheon on Mon. Oct. 8th. There will be 43 representatives (5 active duty) from the Ft. Riley, Junction City, Manhattan area.

Tim informed that all of the playground equipment that has been removed from demolished housing areas on post has been donated, most of it going to the Kickapoo Tribe here in KS and also to the city of Wakefield. Many housing items (stoves, refrigerators, etc...) have been donated to Habitat for Humanity.

Tim briefed on the FRKS Town Hall meeting that was held on Wed., Sept. 12th. The lead paint issue in old military housing was discussed at length. Ft. Riley has 1,041 homes that were built prior to 1978 and Irwin Army Community Hospital (IACH) reported on blood testing results of children on post. Lead paint in housing did not produce any positive results for the children that were tested. Only one child that lived on post tested positive and it was due to the father smelting ammunition in the home. LTC O'Donnell added that Kansas already has laws in place that are stricter than most.

Tim also discussed the following:

- Retiree Appreciation Day is Sat., October 20th this year. First time for a Saturday, at retirees' request.

- Trusted Traveler is working well.

- Ft. Riley currently has 3,728 quarters available to soldiers and their family members.

- Security guards are needed for gates and at IACH. Still recruiting and looking at incentives/retention.

- Pet Policy for housing is changing Army wide to a two-pet limit.

- New IMCOM Commander is LG Bradley Becker.

- Over 100 soldiers and family members were impacted by the flooding of Wildcat Creek. Recovery is going well and the outpouring of community support was great.

LTC O'Donnell stated that there are currently 4,500 soldiers deployed. NTC will be complete tomorrow, Sept. 14th, and soldiers will start trickling back to Ft. Riley over the next 30 days. He explained that the BOSS program is a program designed to get single soldiers out of the barracks and plugged into their community. He reminded all that Apple Day is Sat., Sept. 22nd from 9 AM - 4 PM.

Theresa shared that the Ft. Riley Spouses Club is holding their next event, "Blood, Sweat, and Cheers" at the Athletic Training Center in Junction City.

Paula added that their November event is their annual Christmas Auction fundraiser and is scheduled for Nov. 16th.

David Wild reported that the search for a new Superintendent for Geary County Schools USD 475 has officially started this week and that the first graphic visual for the new high school will be shared at the Board of Education meeting on Mon., Sept. 17th. The groundbreaking for the new high school is scheduled for Fri.,

Oct. 5th at 2:30 PM, which also happens to be Homecoming for JCHS. He shared that they are waiting on final approval, but that there is a plan in place to decommission both Jefferson Elementary and Morris Hill Elementary on Ft. Riley and build one new elementary school to replace them. They are currently going through a grant application process to help with this project.

Phyllis announced that the USO was not represented at today's meeting because Scott Payne has accepted a new position with Garrison, Ft. Riley. She also provided that the current Flint Hills Regional Leadership Program (FHRLP) Class 2017-2018 will be spending Friday Sept 14th, in Junction City and Geary County. Phyllis also mentioned that the Home Away From Home program is going well and is believed to be beneficial to the single soldiers involved.

XII. Adjourn - Next meeting will be Thursday, October 11, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. at the Chamber offices.

With no further business, Phyllis Fitzgerald adjourned the September meeting at 5:03 p.m.