

**JCACC Military Affairs Council (MAC)
Advisory Committee Meeting
Notice of Meeting
4:00 p.m. Thursday, November 8, 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 – October 2018**
 - IV. Financial Reports – October 2018**
 - V. Public Comments**
 - VI. Chairperson Remarks**
 - VII. Old Business**
 - A. Review of AUSA Convention
 - B. Meeting new MAC Director
 - C. MAC Breakfast Topics/Speakers for 2019
 - VIII. New Business**
 - A. Operation Santa Claus – Ideas on how to solicit more donations
 - B. Identify any conflicts with upcoming Holiday schedule
 - C. Kansas Military Alliance Meeting Monday Dec 3, 2018, 1130 to 1430, Topeka
- Action Item**
- IX. Director Report**
 - X. Other Discussion**
 - XI. Adjourn – Next meeting Thursday, December 13 at 4:00p.m.**

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4:00 p.m. Thursday, October 18, 2018
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 Terry Heldstab, Mark Edwards and Ex-Officio members Mickey Fornaro-Dean, Michele Stimatze, Theresa Bramlage and Perry Wiggins were absent. Others in attendance were LTC Jeremy O'Donnell, Michael Sellman, Dewey Terrell and Sean Flanagan; JCACC MAC Admin.

II. Approval of Agenda:

Scott Stuckey moved, and Paula Dinkel seconded to approve the agenda for the September meeting. Motion carried 8/0.

III. Approval of Minutes:

Paula Dinkel moved, and Scott Stuckey seconded to approve the minutes of the August meeting. Motion carried 8/0.

IV. Financial Reports - August 2018:

Phyllis asked how the cost for Logo Bags was split between the Divisions. The \$6778.76 was a 75/25 split between MAC and Membership for the purchase of 7,000 bags with the Chamber logo with all three divisions listed.

Dick Young made a suggestion that the next time we purchase bags, maybe we could get some sponsorship and have the sponsors logos on one side of the bag.

David Wild moved, Scott Stuckey seconded to accept the August 2018 financial statements. Motion carried 8/0.

V. Public Comments:

None

VI. Chairperson Remarks:

Phyllis asked LTC O'Donnell how the upcoming deployment will affect the number of Soldiers coming to Fort Riley. LTC O'Donnell informed the group that the upcoming 2019 deployment will not affect the number of incoming Soldiers to Fort Riley.

Phyllis suggested sharing a table with CVB at the victory welcomes. MAC used to hand out CVB products; guide book, maps, and pocket guide, until CVB recently started attending the victory welcomes themselves. MAC now focuses on supplying Soldiers with information on entrepreneur and veteran owned business opportunities along with upcoming events, networking opportunities and education information specific to active military, veterans, spouses and transitioning Soldiers.

VII. Old Business:

A. Introduce Dawn Stevens, MED Administrative Assistant:

None

B. NCO/SOY invited to MAC Breakfast in September:

NCO/SOY will be present at the October Breakfast.

C. October MAC Breakfast Speaker Katie Goerl, GECO Historical Society Museum Director:

Katie will be giving presentation on the Fort Riley Buffalo Soldiers. When new MAC Director comes on board we will discuss the path to take in organizing future topics and speakers for 2019 MAC Breakfasts.

D. Meet new MAC Director at AUSA Convention:

When new MAC Director arrives, his roles will expand to Economic Development among other things.

E. Draft MAC Action Plan:

Provided plan to those at the meeting. There was good discussion last meeting over how the draft plan should look. The Action Plan will change with the arrival of the new MAC Director.

Dick Young asked when there would be a shift from Vietnam pins to Desert Storm pins. Phyllis will find out how much longer the Vietnam pins will be in circulation.

By presidential proclamation on May 25, 2012, the Commemoration extends from Memorial Day 2012 through Veteran's Day 2025.

David Wild asked to add "Promote USD 475 as school district of choice" to the action plan objectives.

VIII. New Business:

A. Review of AUSA Convention:

Phyllis thought both the AUSA and EDC receptions were a success. *See other discussion for AUSA President Christine Benne comments.*

B. Meeting New MAC Director:

Phyllis met the new MAC Director at the AUSA Convention. Looking forward to him coming on board and sitting down with him, but there is no set date for his arrival.

C. MAC Breakfast Topics/Speakers for 2019:

Phyllis said that ultimately it will be the new MAC Directors decision on topics and speakers, but the MAC Board owes him their suggestions.

Ben Bennett commented that there aren't as many military personnel at MAC Breakfasts if there is no military speaker.

John Montgomery suggested alternating civilian and military speakers for the breakfasts.

Scott Stuckey said MAC needs to work closer with Mike Heldstab and Senator Moran's office to coordinate speakers for the MAC Breakfasts.

Christine Benne has the connections to bring speakers from Washington, DC for AUSA related topics for MAC Breakfasts.

Tom Hollis suggested coordinating with the S.A.V.E. program, a Soldiers to farmers program.

David Wild suggested a presentation on the High Schools Gemini Project. The end state of the Gemini Project is to have High School student's graduation with an Associate's degree from a community college or technical certificate.

D. Operation Santa Claus (Alibi Agenda Item):

Phil Maddox from Operation Santa Claus has asked for MACs help this year in collecting toys and any financial contributions. One of the main benefactors for Operation Santa Claus has moved out of the area and will no longer be able to contribute like in the past, asking for money contributions as much as toy contributions this year.

Operation Santa Clause ribbon cutting will be Monday, November 5th at 3:00 pm at 1828 1st Street, Camp Funston FROM 2600 Trooper Dr, Fort Riley.

There was a motion to make a onetime contribution of \$500.00 to Operation Santa Claus for the 2018 Holiday Season.

Dick Young moved, John Montgomery seconded to approve the one-time donation of \$500.00 to Operation Santa Claus to be presented and approved by the JCACC Board of Directors. Motion carried 7/1 with Scott Stuckey opposing.

IX. Action Items:

None

X. Director Report:

None

XI. Other Discussion:

Benn Bennett applauded Christine Benne and her work with AUSA this year. Thought having two receptions with AUSA and EDC was an excellent idea and appreciated the engagement with Senator Moran.

John Montgomery thought it was an excellent year for AUSA as well.

Paula Dinkel informed the group about 80 people attended their event on September 30th, 50% of which were military. On December 7th Lady Troopers will be selling baked goods at the Opera House for the Home Town Christmas.

LTC O'Donnell told the group an additional 54 Soldiers will be coming to Fort Riley with the relocation of EOD HQ. 1 ABCT, 1CAB, 1 SB representing more than 5,000 Soldiers will deploy to Europe and Afghanistan beginning in 2019 for 9 months.

Tim Livsey commented he thought families would be less likely to pull their kids out of school if deployments are scheduled after Christmas and not in fall as they had been in previous years.

Christine Benne stated they are working their After Action Review (AAR) for AUSA, still need input from JC for their portion. Thought the event went well with both EDC and AUSA receptions. Will be having AUSA reception on Tuesday, October 30th from 5:30 - 7:30 pm.

David Wild wanted to thank everyone that was able to make it out to the ground breaking for the new High School. Thanked COL Shrader, Fort Riley Garrison Commander for stepping in for Senator Moran when he couldn't make the ceremony. The joint City, County, District meeting will be held the 29th of October at the Opera House at 5pm. The subject of the meeting will be shared cost between the city and the district in regard to infrastructure development for the new high school.

XII. Adjourn - Next meeting will be Thursday, November 8, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. at the Chamber offices.

With no further business, Phyllis Fitzgerald adjourned the September meeting at 5:05 p.m.