

**JCACC Military Affairs Council (MAC)
Advisory Committee Meeting
Notice of Meeting
4:00 p.m. Thursday, December 13, 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

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 – October & November 2018**
 - IV. Financial Reports – October & November 2018**
 - V. Public Comments**
 - VI. Chairperson Remarks**
 - VII. Old 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
 - VIII. New Business**
 - A.** January MAC Breakfast Speaker – Craig Bender
 - B.** Donations Discussion
 - Approved Organizations
 - What amount needs approval
 - C.** Home Away From Home Reception Report
- Action Item**
- IX. Director Report**
 - X. Other Discussion**
 - XI. Adjourn – Next meeting Thursday, January 10 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 Christine Benne, Mark Edwards, John Montgomery, Tom Hollis, David Wild, Scott Stuckey, Mickey Fornaro-Dean, Perry Wiggins, Tim Livsey and Theresa Bramlage were absent. Others in attendance were LTC Jeremy O'Donnell; FR DIV G-9, Michael Sellman; Daily Union, SFC Bryan Ferguson; Operations Santa Claus, Phil Mattox; Operation Santa Claus, Steve Springer; Owner, Wildwood Outdoor Adventure Park and Sean Flanagan; JCACC MAC Admin.

II. Approval of Agenda:

No quorum present.

III. Approval of Minutes:

No quorum present. Will approve at Decembers MAC Meeting.

IV. Financial Reports - August 2018:

No quorum present. Will approve at Decembers MAC Meeting.

V. Public Comments:

Phyllis Fitzgerald presented SFC Bryan Ferguson and Phil Mattox of Operation Santa Claus with a \$500.00 one-time check donation from the Military Affairs Council.

Phil Mattox informed the group; Operation Santa Claus has been going strong for 34 years. He encouraged people to stop by Operation Santa Claus HQ's at Camp Funston Motor pool on Fort Riley. He stated the first issuing of toys will be Wednesday, November 28th. Toys will be issued to E5's and below. Operation Santa Claus chooses families to donate to by receiving lists from each Brigade of Soldiers in need.

Phyllis introduced Steve Springer, Owner of Wildwood outdoor Adventure Park in Manhattan. Steve Springer educated the group on the outdoor adventure park. He also told the group that he is interested in working with Soldiers and their families and he has some ideas that he is working on. He is also looking at getting a survey of what the dependents and Soldiers would be

interested in doing and coming up with some plans. LTC O'Donnell has his card and will be reaching back out to him.

VI. Chairperson Remarks:

Phyllis informed the group she would be presenting Veterans Day speeches and assisting in the presentation of service medals to veterans at the Valley View and Brookdale Senior Centers on Friday November 9th. Acord Hospice organizes this and recognizes veterans every year.

VII. Old Business:

A. Review of AUSA Convention:

None

B. Meeting the New MAC Director:

None

C. MAC Breakfast Topics:

None.

VIII. New Business:

A. Operation Santa Claus:

See public comments.

B. Identify any conflicts with upcoming Holiday schedule:

LTC O'Donnell informed the group of block leave dates, December 15 – January 2. Tree lighting Ceremony will be Thursday, December 6 (look on Fort Riley's holiday schedule for full details)

C. Kansas Military Alliance Meeting Monday December 3, 2018, 1130-1430, Topeka:

Both Craig Bender; MAC Director and Sean Flanagan; MAC Admin, will be attending the Kansas Military Alliance meeting on Monday, December 3 in Topeka.

IX. Action Items:

None

X. Director Report:

None

XI. Other Discussion:

Paula Dinkel let the group know that Lady Troopers would be providing finger food at the upcoming FRSC Gala on Friday, November 16 and will also be providing cookies and Hot Chocolate at the upcoming December 7 Home Town Christmas in Junction City.

LTC O'Donnell presented the Lady Troopers with the Humanitarian Service Award.

Michele Stimatze let the group know CVB was winding down for the year but has started planning for next year's events.

Phyllis updated the group on Home Away From Home Adopt A Soldier Program. There are currently 50 host families and 108 Soldiers participating in the program.

XII. Adjourn – Next meeting will be Thursday, December 13, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. at the Chamber offices.

With no further business, Phyllis Fitzgerald adjourned the September meeting at 4:47 p.m.