

Junction City-Geary County Military Affairs Council

March 7, 2018

Agenda

4:00 p.m. Call to Order-

- I. Approval of Agenda
- II. Approval of February 22 Minutes
- III. Acceptance of February 2018 Financial Report
- IV. Old Business
 - a. MAC Activity Report
 - b. MAC Director Search Status Update by Mickey Dean
 - c. February MAC Breakfast Speaker- Home Away From Home Program
 - d. Perry Wiggins – 16th ABCT Update
 - e. MAC Webpage Review
 - f. HAFH program discussion regarding MAC working closely with this private organization.
 - g. Junction City 4th of July Event
- V. New Business
 - a. Synch Calendar
 - b. March MAC Breakfast Speaker Search
 - c. April MAC Breakfast Speaker Search
 - d. MAC Director Search Update
 - e. Adopt/Support Home Away From Program
- VI. Other Discussion
 - a. Other Reports (As Required)

*The next meeting will be held
at the Chamber of Commerce
Thursday, April 12th, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.*

Junction City Area Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Advisory Committee

February 8, 2018 Minutes

Board Members Present: Phyllis Fitzgerald, Terry Heldstab, Tom Hollis, Tim Livsey, Mark Edwards, Perry Wiggins, Ben Bennet, Scott Stuckey, David Wilde, Scott Payne, Betsy Young, and Ferrell Miller.

Additional Attendees: Sean Flanagan, Mickey Dean and Dewey Terrell.

Call To Order: With a quorum being present, Vice Mayor Phyllis Fitzgerald called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

Approval of the Agenda for November 9, 2017 was moved by Scott Stuckey and seconded by Terry Heldstab. The motion carried 9-0.

Approval of the Minutes from the December 14, 2017 Meeting: A motion by Perry Wiggins and seconded by Scott Payne. The motion carried 9-0.

Acceptance of the Financial Report: There were questions regarding the January finances. Katrina Higby, the finance manager for the Chamber, was brought in to clarify the information in the financial report. The motion was made by Betsy Young and seconded by Scott Payne. The motion carried 9-0. The question was payment from the County to the MAC (2nd payment) had not been received (Ben Bennett said it would be taken care of and to include him in the payment request emails in the future). *Tom Hollis* asked why the payroll tax went up when payroll went down. *Katrina Higby* explained, 1st quarter payroll taxes are always higher.

Old Business

- A. Consolidated Chamber Status Update:** Mickey Dean, the interim CEO/President of the Junction City Area Chamber of Commerce, explained to the group, all agreements have been signed between the city, county and the chamber making way for the restructuring of the organization.
- B. Home Away From Home:** Phyllis Fitzgerald shared how the Home Away From Home Program continues to grow and be successful with 18 host families and 31 Soldiers signed up so far. There was discussion between the board members regarding making appropriate matches between host families and Soldiers in order to keep the program thriving and growing for many years to come.
- C. Director Search:** Discussion saved for New Business Topic B.

New Business

- A. Activities Report:** *Sean Flanagan* shared the events she attended and upcoming events. (see the Activities Report)
There was discussion between the group on ways to add more value to the activities report and how to grow MACs involvement with different organizations in the area to enhance its effectiveness in the community. There was discussion over bringing outside organizations (VFW, American Legion, AUSA, etc.) to MAC meetings and how MAC could add value to these organizations in the future.
The conversation switched to synchronizing organizational calendars to avoid event "fratricide", in the hopes of increasing the effectiveness of all organizations activities. *Phyllis Fitzgerald* noted she and Sean Flanagan would work on getting outside organization involvement for the next MAC meeting.
- B. MAC Director Search Status Update by Mickey Dean:** *Mickey Dean* began by explaining the process in which she and Chamber Board of Director Chair, Rich Jankovich, were taking to begin the search for a new MAC Director. The process is as follows:
 - Collecting input from the Fort Riley Leadership who would be working most directly with the MAC Director on what they would like to see in a candidate.

- Creating a job description to be approved by the Chamber MAC Director Hiring Committee followed by Job AD distribution.
- Review of initial candidates by the MAC Hiring Committee followed by review from the Chamber Board of Directors.
- MAC Board to review the list of narrowed down candidates to submit their input to the Chamber Board of Directors and the CEO/President, Mickey Dean. The MAC board would have a chance to meet the final candidates.
- Step five will involve final approval and hiring of the new MAC Director, by Chamber CEO/President, Mickey Dean.

Mickey Dean explained MAC budget issues and how it would affect the quality of the potential MAC Director candidate. The question of exactly how much the MAC director would make was answered with, \$40,000. She specified there was only \$90,000 in the MAC budget, leaving little room for a quality salary. She then explained, she and the Chamber Board of Directors were exploring different avenues of funding from the city and the county to remedy the budget issue.

Scott Stuckey expressed his disappointment in the hiring process, stating there should be more involvement from the MAC Board in choosing who is the next MAC Director. *Mickey Dean* then clarified that all hiring processes were being followed in accordance with the current Chamber agreement and the MAC Board was more as an advisory committee to the Chamber.

Tom Hollis voiced there should be a proper duties, goals, mission, and end-state before starting the hiring process.

- C. February MAC Breakfast Speakers-Home Away From Home Program:** *Phyllis Fitzgerald* briefed on the success the Home Away From Program was having with 17 host families signed up along with 27 Soldiers. She encouraged all host families to share photos of their adopted Soldiers on Facebook. She also stated, Fort Bliss has been asking about the program and is interested in creating something like it of their own. There was a group discussion over how important the matching Soldiers to host families process was. Without good matching the program will not endure.
- D. Perry Wiggins – 16th ABCT Update:** Perry Wiggins explained to the group what an added benefit of implementing additional force structure to Fort Riley would bring. He expressed the importance of the joint training capability with the Smokey Hills Training Area. Explaining, the additional 33,000 [acreage](#) from the Smokey Hill Training Area increase Fort Riley’s MVA rating from 9th to 4th on the list making Fort Riley more capable of training an additional 20,000+ Soldiers. He expressed the importance of getting everyone on board in the community and government surrounding Fort Riley. He stated the number one priority for Kansas is adding additional force structure to Fort Riley because it is 1. Good for national security 2. Good for the surrounding economy and 3. Will alleviate operational stress because borrowed military manpower (BMM) disrupts deployment training.
- E. MAC Webpage Review:** The group reviewed the MAC Webpage and noted updates that needed to be made. Members of the MAC Board will send webpage update requests to Sean Flanagan for updating.
- F. HAFH Program discussion regarding MAC working closely with this private organization:** Tabled to a vote for next meeting to endorse need to mitigate liability.
- G. Junction City 4th of July Event:** *Phyllis Fitzgerald* requested to get more information from LTC Janette Kautzman for more detailed discussion for the next MAC meeting.

Other Discussion:

- A. Other Reports:**

Mark Edwards – Congratulated David Wilde on his mothers, Pat Wilde, lead story in the newspaper.

Tim Livsey – Reminded the group about the increased noise coming from the warfighting exercise. Identified the success of relocating old houses and playground equipment on Fort Riley to the Kickapoo Tribe. Believes the project will catch a lot of attention. Stated Fort Riley is still needing security guards, pay of 30,000 a year.

Ben Bennett – Informed the group the county would be helping to fund hiring a quality MAC Director (looking at ways to provide more money).

Perry Wiggins – Informed the group 23-24 February Congressman Cartman will be visiting Fort Riley. Expects there will be a social for the visit. Confirmed as the guest speaker for March MAC Breakfast.

David Wilde - Stated everything is on track for the new high school.

Betsy Young – She would send Sean upcoming Lady Trooper events for inclusion on MAC Webpage.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

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