

Junction City-Geary County Military Affairs Council

February 8, 2018

Agenda

4:00 p.m. Call to Order-

- I. Approval of Agenda
- II. Approval of December 14th Minutes
- III. Acceptance of December 2017 and January 2018 Financial Report
- IV. Old Business
 - a. Consolidated Chamber Status Update
 - b. Home Away From Home Program
 - c. Director Search
- V. New 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
- VI. Other Discussion
 - a. Other Reports (As Required)

*The next meeting will be held
at the Chamber of Commerce
Thursday, March 8th, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.*

Junction City Area Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Advisory Committee
December 14, 2017 Minutes

Board Members Present: Phyllis Fitzgerald, Terry Heldstab, Tom Hollis, Tim Livsey, Mark Edwards, Perry Wiggins, Ben Bennet, Scott Stuckey, David Wilde. **Additional Attendees:** Sean Flanagan.

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

Approval of the Agenda for November 9, 2017 was moved by Perry Wiggins and seconded by David Wilde. The motion carried 9-0.

Approval of the Minutes from the October 12, 2017 Meeting: A motion by Perry Wiggins and seconded by David Wilde. Perry Wiggins questioned who John Seitz's replacement was going to be and discussed that the MAC board needs to be in the picture for the hiring of a new Director because the MAC Director reports to the MAC Board. Sean Flanagan explained she would be taking over Johns duties until a new MAC Director was hired. Ben Bennet explained the MAC hiring process to the council. The motion carried 9-0.

Acceptance of the Financial Report: The motion was made by Ben Bennet and seconded by Terry Heldstab. Ben Bennet asked if the City and the County contributions were both paid in full to the Chamber. Tom Hollis asked why Conventions and Professional Development was under budget. (UPDATE on Convention and Professional Development Budget: One event that John went to was local and airfare and lodging was not needed, John did not attend one event because it conflicted with AUSA) Motion carried 9-0.

Old Business

- A. Home Away From Home:** Phyllis Fitzgerald explained to the Council the Home Away From Home program. Phyllis Fitzgerald said the program kicked off Wednesday, December 6th and said 8 host families were already signed up along with 4 applications from Soldiers. Phyllis Fitzgerald explained the program would not be possible without the Junction City – Geary County MAC and Manhattan MRC and thanked both for their future efforts and asked the program to be shared on their websites and Facebook pages. Tom Hollis noted he would be sharing the program on the Society of the 1st Infantry Divisions Facebook page as well. Scott Stuckey suggested the program hosted a mixer for the host families and Soldiers on post.
- B. MAC Breakfast Speaker for 2018:** There was a group discussion over potential future Speakers for 2018 MAC Breakfasts. There was conversation on our MAC breakfasts and how topics should be different that Manhattan MRCs so as to duplicate the same topics in case someone attends both. *Ideas that were suggested:

*January MAC/MRC Breakfast: Senator Jerry Moran is supposed to be a speaker for January as a joint meeting with Manhattan. MAC/MRC, it could be a luncheon versus breakfast and it may be on a different day than the normal Thursday Breakfast day. Location is usually Riley's Conference Center. (UPDATE on January breakfast: MAC/MRC Breakfast is tentatively scheduled for Thursday January 25th, 0730-0900 at Riley's Conference Center. Senator Moran will no longer be speaking. The tentative plan is to hold a "Day in The Life of a Soldier" panel discussion with junior enlisted, NCO, LT, and

CPT representatives. These Soldiers will be asked to talk about their typical day, what it's like to be deployed, is the Army what they expected, what is the best thing about the Army, about their job? Etc. Janet Nichols will prepare questions, with Divisions approval, for people in the audience to ask and for the Soldiers to talk about.)

*Perry Wiggins, Executive Director Governors Military Council

*2nd Brigade Commander - briefing on Poland Deployment

*1st ID Museum Director – Mr. Livsey mentioned the museum was undergoing renovation and was waiting on funds, so might not be a good time, it was suggested later that our Geary County Historical Society might be a good choice and/or a good topic being the historic relationship between Junction City and Fort Riley.

*Conventions and Visitors Bureau

*Chamber of Commerce

*General Martin (Garrison Commander)

*Emergency Services

*USD 475 / Economic Development Commission - to discuss current footprint and long-term vision plan.

*Work Force Development, Quality of Life Issues, Flint Hills Metropolitan Planning Organization - suggested to tie all these together

*Gemini Project (two-year associated degree program offered in Grade Schools and High Schools in the area)

*State Governor

*Representatives from Department of the Army at Fort Leavenworth

*Alex Tyson's "Geared Up Dads" – possibly in conjunction with Quality of Life

*Farming Education, COL(R) Gary LaGrange (Soldier Agricultural Vocation)

*AUSA

New Business

A. Director's Report: Sean Flanagan shared the events she attended and upcoming events. (see the Director's Report) Scott Stuckey added the Flint Hills Regional Leaders Retreat 19-20 January to upcoming activities.

B. Director Search: There was discussion over the hiring process of the MAC Director and who the MAC director reports to. The council agreed the Military Affairs Board needed to be included in the Director hiring process. It was discussed that the MAC needed to go to the next level in developing an action plan to fix Fort Riley issues.

Tim Livsey – Stated the tempo of on post training would be increasing and it will be loud, along with massive turnover in 2018 summer. "Be Flexible"

C. Consolidated Chamber Status Update: Ben Bennet stated the Convention and Visitors Bureau will be staying in the building and all other entities will be staying with the Chamber. He stated the county would be voting on this issue at their Monday Dec 18 commission meeting. Phyllis stated the MOU would be coming to City Commission on Dec 19.

Other Discussion:

A. Other Reports:

David Wilde – Stated plans for the new High School are on track and moving forward.

Mark Edwards – Expressed his thanks for all the great support from MAC, City, County and Fort Riley for the recent CASA convention.

Scott Stuckey – Expressed his thanks to all those who came and supported the OTR Dinner.

Perry Wiggins – Mentioned he would like to talk about the fielding of 16th Armored Brigade Combat Team for the next MAC Board Meeting and he shared a success issue: Licensure for Kansas nurse's reimbursement is approved for military families up to \$500. He also stated that the MVA to include all of acreage available for Fort Riley issue did not pass and that Fort Riley is still around number 9 on the list.

Phyllis Fitzgerald – Will invite surrounding partners to future MAC meetings.

The Junction City Area Chamber of Commerce will be hosting its Jingle Mingle on Wednesday, December 20th 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. at the Chamber Office. Be sure to be there at 4:00 p.m. for John Seitz's farewell.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 PM

The next meeting will be held at the Chamber of Commerce on January 11th 2018 at 4:00 PM.