

QUARTERLY MEETING
Friday, March 27, 2015 | 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM
HOSTED BY SSMCP/JBLM

LOCATION: Joint Base Lewis McChord, Eagles Pride Golf Course **CALL IN:** (360) 407-3780, **PIN:** 554694 #

MINUTES

Attendance

In attendance were, Steve Gerritson, EDC Seattle-King County; Andrea Spencer, City of Bremerton; John Powers, Kitsap Economic Development Alliance; Brian Garrett, Office of U.S. Congressman Adam Smith; Joe Dacca, Office of U.S. Congressman Derek Kilmer; Ryan Hart, Office of U.S. Congressman Jamie Herrera; Glenn Coil, Economic Alliance Snohomish County; Dave Hunt, Pacific Northwest Defense Coalition; Suzanne Dale-Estey, EDC Seattle-King County; Mike Schanche, Office of U.S. Congressman Rick Larsen; Kierra Phifer, Office of U.S. Senator Patty Murray; Rosa McLeod, Office of U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell; Becky Newton, City of Lakewood; Mark Brown, Joint Base Lewis McChord; Tiffany Scroggs, WA PTAC; Mark Lauzier, City of Tacoma; Mary Forbes, WDVA; Ryan Eddy, PNNL; Scott Spence, City of Lacey; Tiffany Speir, SSMCP; COL William Martin, SSMCP; Cliff Moore, Thurston County/SSMCP; Rich Hadley, GSI/AWB; Maj. Eric Armstrong, WA National Guard; Gent Welsh, WA National Guard; Kevin Dayton, WSDOT; Sarah Lee, Puget Sound Regional Council; Sierra McWilliams, SSMCP; Pat Chiarelli, Rep. Adam Smith; Kevin Phelps, Pierce County; Lon Wyrick, TRPC; Alfie Avarado, WDVA; John Caulfield, City of Lakewood; Shelly Badger, City of Yelm; Gary Brackett, TPC Chamber; Roel Van Der Lugt, Office of U.S. Congressman Denny Heck; Kelvin Ceasar, United Way of Pierce County; Larry Sanchez, Nisqually Indian Tribe; Robin Toth, GSI; John Dogero, PNDC; Anthony Chen, TPCHD; Kristiné Reeves, Dept. of Commerce; James Evans, Dept. of Commerce; Vanessa Langston, Dept. of Commerce; Sierra Hutton, Dept. of Commerce.

Introduction – Kristine Reeves

Welcome and JBLM Orientation – COL Chuck Hodges

See attached PowerPoint Presentation

South Sound Military and Communities Partnership – Tiffany Speir

Introductions – Tiffany Speir

Congressional Update – Brian Garrett
See attached PowerPoint Presentation

Discussion/Questions:



- *Will Joint Basing be different this time?* There has been some discussion, but the problem is how to capture success or failure of Joint Basing in a BRAC
- *There is some dissatisfaction with Joint Basing, can it be unwound?* There is not much discussion around unwinding Joint Basing, the message the DOD is sending is that Joint Basing works.
- *Is there an update on projected Force Structure?* There is still uncertainty, but the army will announce this summer. The question is how much infrastructure is needed for the Force Structure.
- *Are local voices (e.g. through listening sessions) in this force structure process?* Yes. The army finds listening sessions very valuable.

SSMCP Presentation to the WMA – Tiffany Speir
See attached PowerPoint Presentation

SSMCP Steering Committee Meeting – Tiffany Speir
See attached PowerPoint Presentation

WMA Quarterly Meeting – Kristine Reeves

WMA Partners Introductions/Updates

- Rich Hadley, GSI: New KC-49 Tankers, a future mission attempt. Water survival training mission moving from Florida to Spokane. Several encroachment issues.
- Steve Gerritson, EDC Seattle-King County: Just convened the 32nd annual meeting and published several reports. Working on strengthening the “Aerospace Kitsap Alliance”. Government counselling service led to \$60 million in contracts in the district.
- John Dogero, PNDC: Upcoming symposium may 27th-28th.
- Tiffany Scroggs, PTAC: Helping companies connect and contract increasing. Alliance Northwest went very well. Looking for opportunities to grow their footprint in Washington.
- COL Gent Welsh, WA Military Department: WA Youth Academy reaches 8,500 individuals. Upcoming Oso commemoration. The fire forecast is bleak this year. Looking ahead to sequestration this fall. Opportunities for improvement in accommodation for National Guard members.
- Alfie Alvarado-Ramos, WA DVA: Currently focused on legislative session. The transition council is very important. Recent transition event in Yakima was a success.
- Jim Baumgart, Governor’s Office: The operating budget will be released soon.
- Patrick Pierce, PSRC: Gave a shout out to the WMA for all it has accomplished.

Old Business

Implement the Executive Leadership Team

Introductions of Gary Brackett, John Powers, Rich Hadley and Tiffany Speir, the WMA Executive Leadership Team.

Interim Executive Director Position Description

An interim position description was created because the consultants will be formalizing the Executive Director’s position. This document will operate in the meantime. To be signed off on by the ELT.

Commander’s Council

Still an important issue, but the possible creation of a commander’s council will come from the recommendations of the consultants later this year.



New Business

Legislative Session Update

Government Budget Proviso, RE: Military Compatible Land Use Study. Commerce has been asked to do this. A person has been hired and a report should be available by November.

Rep. Parker Capital Budget Request for Fairchild. Kristine wrote a letter about this value. Opportunities like this are a good future value of the WMA

Jim Baumgart expressed the Governor's Office's support of growth of the WMA to respond to things like the capitol budget request.

Rich Hadley gave background on Fairchild Land Use Compatibility.

New OEA Grant Opportunities

Trade and Export Grant—is there interest, could we help PNDC, how can we help industry pivot to export? Suzanne Dale-Estey and Tiffany Scroggs commented about clutter in Trade and Export assistance, and how this grant could fit in. John Powers sees the value of this opportunity and expressed his support. Rich Hadley thinks this is a really good example of something a 'grown up' WMA could do well. There was general consensus to continue with this opportunity. Kristine will create a group to continue looking at it.

Statewide Joint Land Use Study. There was general consensus to continue with this opportunity. Continued discussion will move to the Executive Leadership Team.

ADC Report

There is an opportunity for a Pacific Northwest ADC Event. There was general consensus that the WMA should put together a plan.

Washington Military Transition Summit 2015.

General consensus to support this summit the same way as last year (host on website, etc.)

Open Agenda: Updates and Announcements

Installation Issues

Noise and Electronic Warfare Range (EWR) issues at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island. Mike Schanche updated the WMA on Congressman Larsen's response to these issues, including a "hush house" and additional noise monitoring. Joe Dacca expressed support from Congressman Kilmer on these issues as well.

Upcoming Events

ADC National Conference and nominations for 2015 Defense Community Awards. Want to be sure that communities are being highlighted. Let Kristine know if you would like to see anyone attend this conference, she can make nominations.

OEA Grant Update – James Evans

Introduction of OEA Team: Kristine Reeves, James Evans, Vanessa Langston and Sierra Hutton

Timeline, October 2015 – September 2016, we are currently on track.

Introduction of Contractors: TIP Strategies, Community Attributes Incorporated and Operation Military Family. Jeff Marcell gave an introduction to TIP Strategies, the consultant hired to formalize the WMA.

Defense Industry Adjustment – Vanessa Langston





Accomplishments: Alliance Northwest Sponsorship, increased one-on-one consulting, and workshops scheduled with PTAC

JBLM Presentation on Military Transition and Workforce Development – Mark Brown

See attached PowerPoint Presentation.

Meeting concluded at 12:21 PM



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