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President, Maryland Senate
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991

The Honorable Michael E. Busch
Speaker, Maryland House of Delegates
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RE: Maryland Military Installation Council Annual Report

Dear President Miller and Speaker Busch:

In accordance with the Economic Development Article §11-207(a), the Department of Commerce is pleased to submit the Maryland Military Installation Council Annual Report.

I look forward to your review of this report and will be available to furnish any additional information that is needed. If my staff or I can be of further assistance, or if you have any questions regarding this report, please contact me at 410-767-6301.

Sincerely,

R. Michael Gill
Secretary

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Maryland Military Installation Council

2015 Annual Report

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Maryland Military Installation Council Annual Report for 2015

Overview

In accordance with the Economic Development Article §11-207, this constitutes the annual report of the Maryland Military Installation Council (MMIC). The MMIC met two times during 2015: May 11 and September 25. Both of the meetings were held on base at Fort George G. Meade (Ft. Meade). Meetings were chaired by the Maryland Department of Commerce (Commerce) Secretary, Mike Gill, and directed by MMIC Executive Director, BG Mike Hayes, USMC (ret.) who is also Commerce's Managing Director for the Office of Military and Federal Affairs (OMFA). OMFA continues to provide direct support and coordinates all actions associated with the MMIC.

MMIC continues to be a forum for community, military installation, business, State agency and elected official dialogue on issues associated with Maryland's bases. The nation is in a very turbulent Defense spending environment. After 14 years of war, the transition out of theater and associated budget reductions and the effect of the 2014 sequestration and threat of another in 2015 was of great concern. The Council focused on the Department of Defense (DoD) budget impacts and potential Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) activity. The Council received command briefs from Major General Bruce Crawford, Commander of the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command (CECOM); Major General Sarah Zabel, Vice Director of the Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA); and Dr. Thomas Russell, Director of the U.S. Army Research Laboratory (ARL).

In addition to the aforementioned command briefs, at the May meeting the National Security Agency (NSA) East Campus Program Manager Ron Talarico gave a status report as to the Agency's East Campus expansion on Ft. Meade, Garrison Commander Colonel Brian Foley provided an overview of the state of Ft. Meade and Maryland State Senator John Astle provided a recap of the 2015 Maryland Legislative Session. In September, Fred Shinbur of the Maryland Public Television shared with the Council their work on a memorial event and documentary in honor of the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War and specifically those Maryland veterans and their families who served. In addition, George Schlossberg, Chair of the Kutak Rock LLP Federal Practice and also an MMIC Member, discussed the history and current application of the BRAC process and Lisa Swoboda, OMFA Deputy Director, provided an overview of the State's Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) federal grant award to support economic diversification within Maryland's defense industry.

As a result of Member resignations, vacancies and a new gubernatorial administration, new MMIC members in 2015 include Maryland Delegate Sally Jameson, Planning Secretary David Craig, Transportation Secretary Pete Rahn, Environment Secretary Benjamin Grumbles, State Adjutant General Major General Linda Singh, Ft. Meade Alliance President Steve Tiller, Charles County Chamber Military Affairs Committee Chair Brian Klaas and George Schlossberg.

Findings and Recommendations:

In light of preliminary BRAC actions taken throughout the year and a stronger urging by DoD to Congress for BRAC authorization, it is strongly recommended to continue to support the growing needs of Maryland's top economic driver through increased focus on advocacy, alliance

grant support, public-private partnership facilitation and technology commercialization assistance to further support industry diversification.

Summaries of the two 2015 meetings are provided below. For further information, contact Commerce's Office of Military and Federal Affairs at 410-767-0595.

Maryland Military Installation Council (MMIC)
11 May 2015

The Conference Center at Fort Meade
6800 Taylor Avenue, Fort Meade, MD

Meeting Minutes

MMIC Executive Director BGen Mike Hayes, USMC (ret.) called the meeting to order at 0900. Introductions of Council Members were made for the new MMIC Cabinet Members. MMIC Chairman Mike Gill, Maryland Department of Business & Economic Development (DBED) Secretary, provided welcoming remarks and congratulated the audience and Council Members for their work in supporting Maryland's significant defense community.

BGen Hayes discussed the new economic impact study of Maryland's Military Installations. The report used Federal FY 2012 data to measure the economic impact of 15 installation payroll and purchases. The new report draws comparisons to the previous study conducted in 2010 using federal FY2008 data. Over the four year period, the new report reflects an economic impact growth from \$36B to \$51.2B and a job growth from a total of 268,000 jobs to over 350,000 supported by these 15 military facilities.

COL Brian Foley, Installation Garrison Commander of Fort Meade, provided a welcoming on behalf of the installation. He confirmed Fort Meade to be the Army's third largest fort and the Department of Defense (DoD) senior operational platform for cyber defense. COL Foley discussed the continued growth the installation is experiencing. COL Foley drew attention to the CYBERCOM operational center and data center under construction which could be seen from the Conference Center meeting room. The installation is home to five of the nation's top seven cyber commands. In addition, the National Security Agency (NSA), Defense Information systems Agency (DISA), Defense Information School (DINFOS), Defense Media Activity (DMA) and Defense Adjudication are headquartered on Fort Meade. 10 organizations on post recently briefed on their planned growth over the next five years. DoD hosted two Summits to date (one on Fort Meade) to address resourcing the nation's cyber platform. The next Summit will be hosted at Fort Belvoir in May of 2015.

Other new construction projects opening soon on Fort Meade include a new Commissary, a Candlewood Suites and Reece Crossings (the first junior enlisted apartment complex). Partnership with the state to support Fort Meade remains strong. Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) has fully funded Route 175 improvements including its widening which has been a top transportation priority off post to improve traffic flow on and off post. On post

road improvements are underway. The Army this week submitted Reece Road and Rockenbach Road (\$34M total for both projects) to the Senate Appropriations Committee for consideration. Maryland Congressional Delegation has been supportive and understands the critical need of these improvements to Fort Meade's mission.

Dr. Thomas Russell, Director of the Army Research Laboratory (ARL), delivered a presentation to the Council on the ARL Adelphi Laboratory Center's Open House which was introduced in spring 2014 and serves as a pilot for all federal labs nationally. This Open Campus concept, which was approved by the Army Chief of Staff, results from examining how to execute these priority missions differently - how does DoD move back to a more collaborative environment while addressing changing workforce needs (attraction and retention), lab management and fulfillment of missions. Benefits to potential partners include a leveraging of resources; shared facilities; and the ability to provide real-world, real-time data, create a greater awareness of science and technology problems to jointly solve and accelerate rapid innovation.

Under the Open Campus concept, potential partners would lease property to work side-by-side with DoD scientists and engineers. The Army Materiel Command (AMC) Commander General Via was briefed and supported the pilot program to then extend to the ARL Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG). Prior to the introduction of the Open House, ARL participated in 25 Cooperative Research and Development Agreements (CRADAS). Since its execution over 18 months, more than 200 active CRADAS have been established. SAFT and Texas A&M are two examples of those institutional organizations that have expressed intent to partner. Over 300 visitors representing 38 states attended the Open Campus Open House. Penn State University sent 16 students last summer to conduct cyber research. The challenges of recruiting in this field in the area are most recognized. After attending this past summer, a couple of the then-Penn State students are now government employees at ARL. Exposure gets them interested and draws them back to the lab to work in this collaborative environment. In addition to a number of colleges and universities participating as a partner, ARL at their Adelphi facility has over 30 international researchers working there. The Open Campus is not just seen as an ARL initiative but rather a transformation of DoD lab management. On the ARL website, there are over 300 opportunities identified for collaboration. ARL will continue to work with all interested parties to further the DoD mission.

Commander Updates:

APG - COL Gregory McClinton, Garrison Commander
BG Burton of 20th Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosives (CBRNE) Command is transitioning and will be replaced by BG King this summer; MG Utley, Army Test and Evaluation (ATEC) Commander, is also transitioning in June; power agreement with City of Aberdeen to support APG South goes offline in 2016 as a combined heat and power (CHP) technology will replace the current Harford County Waste to Energy Plant's municipal solid waste burning facility; renewable energy projects continue to pursue via solar; and US Army Soldier Show will be hosted at APG on September 16th.

Ft. Detrick - Gunnar Pederson, Deputy to Commander
Change of Command for Garrison this month; Bob O'Brien incoming; and groundbreaking on Area B for solar panels providing 10-15% of total requirement.

Adelphi Laboratory Center - Joe Watson, Garrison Manager
Few installations run by civilian; ARL is primary tenant; fully supportive of Open Campus initiative within a closed military facility; and working to make sure proper security is in place to implement successfully.

Joint Base Andrews – COL Brad Hoagland, 11th Wing Commander
Announced the recent award of the Air Force Commander-in-Chief Excellence Award which awarded the Base \$750,000 for quality of life improvements; construction update; and Joint Services Air Show Open House proudly returning on 9/19.

Naval Support Facility (NSF) Indian Head - COL Chris, Deputy Commander of South Potomac
Announced the last coal power plant closing and being replaced with a new steam plant; agile chemical (manufacture fuel for torpedoes); Joint Land Use (JLUS) underway; partnering with Town of Indian Head to improve conditions outside base; ferry landing discussion continues; and 9/25-26 Indian Head anniversary celebration.

Naval Support Activity (NSA) Bethesda - Captain David Bitonti, Commander
Installation houses approximately 40 tenants - Walter Reed Bethesda, Uniformed Services University, Navy Medical Research Center among the larger tenants; partnering with neighboring National Institutes of Health (NIH) and tenants to create a federal academic medical campus; 13,000 employees and over 1 million patient visits annually; transportation improvements being made through Defense Access Road program, Office of Economic Adjustment and State to minimize traffic impacts on community; Change of Commander this summer; and Capt. Marvin Jones will relieve Capt. Bitonti as he plans his retirement. University President retiring as well.

Naval Support Activity (NSA) Annapolis - Captain Logan, Commander
\$120M Military Construction awarded for cybersecurity center building; May 4 groundbreaking for parking garage - contract awarded to a Maryland small business; will be awarding contracts this summer for construction of the building; this week is the Naval Academy graduation; and Vice President Biden is the graduation ceremony keynote.

U.S. Coast Guard Yard - Captain George Lesher, Commander
USS Constellation work complete; National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) ship preparations; and the Base Industry Day is scheduled for May 12th.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Baltimore District - Major Jason Allen
Several sustainment and restoration projects underway. Pilot Program at APG is underway to evaluate efficiencies for smaller projects on installations.

Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC) Carderock Division - Captain Blank, Commander
Refocusing on ship and submarine design; opened new sea ring facility; wave energy competition with industry forthcoming; and international submarine races in June.

Maryland National Guard - MG Linda Singh, Commander
Dundalk Readiness Center opening in June; LaPlata and Westminster Readiness Centers opening this year; will be putting in a new Readiness Center in Havre de Grace and in Easton in 2017; for a Sykesville location, MG Singh is in negotiations with State Board of Public Works (BPW) to finalize land agreement for a Freedom Readiness Center in the 2017 - 2019 timeframe; federal funding for costs is a 3:1 match with State funds; and within first 100 days of new administration Guard was challenged with supporting City of Baltimore during the recent riots.

Other updates included the following:

Maryland Department of Veteran Affairs, Secretary George Owings
Announced an update to the veterans.maryland.gov website and new initiatives will be introduced that will focus on all areas of the Department.

Congressman John Sarbanes
Described the recent special gathering with Veterans, thanking all in the room for all they do to support and defend our freedom. He is working hard to find businesses to support youth hiring program in the City of Baltimore this summer.

State Senator John Astle
Reviewed several piece of legislation. He was extremely proud of the recent Viet Nam Veteran Program in Annapolis this past spring with over 450 veterans attended and being honored for their service.

Fort Meade Alliance – Deon Viergutz, President
Stated the Alliance remains focused on transportation, cyber and workforce. Reported on the recently held Education Forum to address hiring challenges, building Science and Technology and Mathematics (STEM) interest, workforce age gaps and veteran hiring. A white paper will be issued this summer with recommended next steps. The Alliance is proud to sponsor the NSA Business in a Minute event on June 3rd.

Andrews Business & Community Alliance, James Estep, Director
Senators Astle and Peters were successful in the legislative fight for an increase in tax exemption from \$5,000 to \$10,000 for military pensions for veterans over 65 years of age. Assisting in promoting the 11th Wing Contracting Summit on May 26th.

Army Alliance, Jill McClune, President
Proud to have Secretary Gill speak at a recent luncheon, APG is still dealing with working conditions in World War I and II buildings, June 8the the new Communications-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center (CERDEC) Director starts who drafted the Army Cyber Strategy.

NSA East Campus Update, Ron Talarico, Civil Engineer

Described the new campus and the \$1.3B construction projects. The new campus represents the co-location of military capabilities with the NSA. US Marine Cyber and US CYBERCOM were the first to be stood up. NSA staff currently located in leased space within the community will be relocated onto the installation for operational effectiveness. The first phase – the \$792M high performing computer site is 90% complete, encompasses 600,000 square feet and houses 40 employees. Campus Building #1, an NSA building is being built by Hensel Phelps and recapitalizes space for 500-600 employees - \$128M – to be completed by March, 2016. The US Air Force Cyber Command \$380M, 240,000 square foot operation in East Campus is under construction as is the Integrated Cyber Center and the Department of Navy \$109M facility. A 1300 car parking structure to service the East Campus is also under construction.

After Mr. Talarico answered a few questions, the Meeting was concluded at 1200.

Maryland Military Installation Council (MMIC)
25 September 2015
The Conference Center at Fort Meade
6800 Taylor Avenue, Fort Meade, MD

Meeting Minutes

Called to order at 0830. MMIC Chair Secretary Mike Gill greeted the Council and announced the name change of the Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development to Maryland Department of Commerce. The official Departmental name change goes into effect on October 1, 2015. On October 8 Secretary Gill as the Chair will host the first Maryland Economic Development Subcabinet meeting. The Subcabinet includes six state agencies: DBED, DLLR, DHCD, GOMA, MDE and MDOT. The goal of the Subcabinet is to move the needle on economic development.

Lt. Governor Boyd Rutherford provided welcoming remarks as well as an update on the Governor's health. The Lt. Governor thanked the Council and other defense stakeholders in attendance for their important work in supporting the nation's warfighters and their families.

Secretary Gill introduced the new *Maryland in Defense* promotional video which can be found on the Department's website - www.business.maryland.gov and on the Department's YouTube channel. The video highlights Maryland-based military installations and their broad range of missions.

Major General Sarah Zabel, Deputy Director of the Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA), presented an agency overview and discussion of new challenges and threats that DISA manages on behalf of the warfighter. DISA is the nation's information technology combat support agency and the joint operation arm for cybersecurity. DISA operates, secures and provides the largest operational network in the world which requires a 24-hour, 7 days a week

operation. DISA took part in the establishment of a new The Joint Force Headquarters Department of Defense Information Network on Ft. Meade. DISA is a partner in this effort as DISA's Director is also the Director of JFHQ DODIN. MG Zabel reported on DISA's economic impact on Maryland to include in FY12 awarding \$947M to Maryland businesses of which \$225M was awarded to small business. In FY15 DISA awarded \$1.1B to Maryland businesses of which \$435M was awarded to small business. In addition to the increases in contract awards, the total number of DISA employees residing in Maryland increased from 834 in FY12 to 1,457 in FY15. DISA participates in several STEM outreach activities including the hosting of a summer technology and engineering program for Anne Arundel students annually exposing them to several areas within IT and engineering. On November 2, 2015, DISA will host their annual Forecast to Industry event.

The U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command (CECOM) and Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG) Commanding General Major General Bruce Crawford presented on the macro issues that DoD faces in the world, in the U.S. Army and their resulting impacts to Aberdeen Proving Ground. Due to the velocity of instability throughout the world, DoD and the U.S. Army are supporting multiple missions scattered throughout the globe. Force readiness is a priority in these volatile times. There is an increased reliance on the U.S. for defense which has placed a constraint on resources. Defense budget cuts to installations have long-term negative impacts to the DoD workforce and the community.

MG Crawford discussed readiness as a top Army priority. 73% of today's Army Force came to service after 9/11 putting a lot of responsibility on young enlisted men and women. If further budget cuts continue, there is a concern that our forces may not be able to meet the national security requirements. The future force is second followed by taking care of the soldiers, the civilian workforce and their families. The Army Chief has communicated that he wants to see more integration with the National Guard. The Army expects to have a closer working relationship with the Guard in order to meet the increased demands on national security requirements.

With a more narrow focus on APG, MG Crawford discussed the impacts of drawdown to the installation. Cyber activity on APG is increasing. CECOM runs 70% of the Army's software and the software demand is growing namely because it is cheaper. In addition to CECOM, there are 7 other tenants on APG that work in the cyber arena. MG Crawford gave a brief overview of activities performed by some of those APG cyber tenants: the Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity (AMSAA) conducts cyber analysis for DoD; the Army Research, Development and Engineering Command (RDECOM) tests cyber networks; the Army Communications-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center (CERDEC) develops cyber products; and the Program Executive Office for Command, Control, Communications Tactical (PEO C3T) fields all cyber programs on the Army's network. There is over 1 million square feet of cyber lab space and over \$2B in cyber procurements at APG.

Due to the lack of Junior ROTC programs in the APG region, MG Crawford expressed a desire to work with the school community to establish one. The closest one in proximity is in Baltimore County. He has made it his goal to add one ROTC program in APG area. He also discussed the Army Materiel Command's goal of to hire 1,000 interns per year. The first APG Academia Day will be held on October 23, 2015 targeting school counselors to promote internship availability and the importance of government service. MG Crawford plans to host another Academia Day in spring 2016. It was also noted that the APG Advanced Planning Briefing to Industry (APBI) will be on November 3-5, 2015.

MMIC Executive Director BGen Mike Hayes called for a ten minute break.

Following the break, OMFA Deputy Director Lisa Swoboda provided an overview on the State's Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) federal grant program. The scope of work include the following statewide activities: the mapping of Maryland's defense supply chain; a SWOT analysis of Maryland's defense communities; and an industry cluster analysis. All three of the statewide activities are being conducted by Towson University Regional Economic Studies Institute (RESI) on behalf of the Department of Commerce. The grant program also funds a Southern Maryland Technology Commercialization Pilot Program. The Pilot Program focuses on leveraging technologies coming out of the region's Navy bases and assisting capable companies in commercialization of those technologies. The goal of the Pilot Program is to lessen the region's and industry's defense dependency. Further information on the grant's activities can be found on the Department of Commerce's website at www.commerce.maryland.gov.

Commander updates included the following:

Ft. Meade Garrison Commander COL Brian Foley stated the installation now has 118 tenant organizations on post; a growth of 1,405 positions will be added over the next four years and beyond; Ft. Meade is the senior operational platform for cyber defense with six of the eight U.S. cyber defense forces located on post; Defense Cyber Crime Center for the Air Force (90% civilian; 10% military) is the newest tenant.

APG Acting Deputy Garrison John Kearney introduced the new incoming Deputy Commander Frank Lands from Installation Management Command (IMCOM) Headquarters; the APG Garrison has an interest in increasing public-private partnerships as a way to mitigate budget cuts to Garrison budget; the Garrison's office will be reaching out to the municipalities and counties to explore new areas of partnerships.

Ft. Detrick Garrison Commander COL O'Brien, new to the command, is meeting with leadership on post to become more familiar with tenant missions and needs; the Ft. Detrick Garrison has oversight of Walter Reed Annex at Forest Glen where medical waste has surfaced in which they are working with Army and the State on clean-up; in addition to managing Forest Glen, Ft. Detrick also oversees a small annex at Walter Reed Bethesda site.

NSA South Potomac Executive Officer Commander Chris Zayatz reported that Indian Head, Maryland's oldest base, is celebrating their 125th Anniversary; the last coal producing power plant in the Navy will be decommissioned this October; Vice Admiral Lindsey recently visited Indian Head; during his visit, he toured the dilapidated base infrastructure and is very interested in growing and restoring the base by bringing more state of the art infrastructure; and the Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) goes in front of the planning commission on 28 September.

NAS Patuxent River Commander Captain Scott Starkey stated that NAVAIR will have a Change of Command next week; unmanned underwater vehicles recently began testing on base; the Navy is working on a ground lease for the proposed Enhanced Use Lease (EUL); the base is getting a new runway next year; and the base received planning funds for the building of a new barracks.

NSA Bethesda Commander Captain Marvin Jones has begun socializing the need for a new fire station; the current one was built in the 1940s; the base's firehouse cannot house new equipment the base is receiving as it is currently being housed outside the firehouse; the base is looking at alternative energy sources to increase energy savings; and there is \$1B in planned construction over the next year.

NSA Annapolis Executive Officer Brian Kelm reported that the base finished the construction of a new commissary/PX; the building of a new parking garage to accommodate for the new cyber center is to begin construction next year; the Navy is conducting an environmental assessment for a new alumni foundation center outside the fence line; and the base is partnering with BGE to replace all of the athletic field lights with LEDs to produce greater energy savings.

Coast Guard Yard Commander Captain George Lesher said work is solidly booked five years out for the Yard; the Department of Homeland Security will hold a Citizens Naturalization Ceremony on November 11, 2015; and the Yard is currently participating with 8 local schools in STEM outreach and mentoring.

Joint Base Andrews Installation Host Commander Colonel Bradley Hoagland recapped the success of the recent Andrews Air Show which entertained 46,000 people; the base was able to reduce costs of hosting the air show due to implementing partnerships with Prince George's County, the Washington Redskins and other local partners; the base successfully welcomed Pope Francis and the President of China this past week; a new parking garage will be opening up in December; encroachment concerns remain; a JLUS meeting with the County were held today to evaluate easements; and the Veterans Affairs Division is partnering with the State to look at transition assistance to airmen.

Adelphi Laboratory Center Garrison Manager Joe Watson reported on the Center's work on the implementation of the Army Research Laboratory's (ARL) Open Campus.

Army Corps of Engineers Baltimore District Deputy Commander LTC Ruppert stated that the FY16 budget included construction projects totaling \$500 - \$800M for the Baltimore District; due to the lack of MILCON dollars, there are several smaller scale projects within the

Sustainment, Restoration and Maintenance (SRM) accounts for the installations; \$63M is budgeted for the 20th CBRNE Command on APG which is scheduled to break ground in 2016.

Other updates included the following:

Army Alliance President Jill McClune reported on the ribbon cutting of the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute for Chemical Defense (MRICD) headquarters building on Edgewood; Lt. Governor Rutherford was in attendance; there have been an number of Garrison level and Command level changes this year; the Alliance is working on building new relationships with those new leaders; on September 28 there will be a memorial dedication to Major General Harold Greene; the APG JLUS will be finalized in October; the Alliance is coordinating an installation leadership briefing and tour for the Maryland legislative Joint Committee on Cyber, Information Technology and Biotechnology; and federal priorities for APG include increased funding of the National Defense Education Program and SRM accounts.

Ft. Meade Alliance President Steve Tiller discussed the Alliance's partnership with DISA to host Tech Mania; the Alliance will soon launch a capital campaign in partnership with Ft. Meade to renovate Kuhn Hall where it will house the Ft. Meade Resiliency Center.

Ft. Detrick Alliance President Tom Gladstone updated the Council on recent Alliance events including a car wash on Veterans Day and the upcoming Evening on the Riviera on October 16 and the Alliance's continued support of STEM education programs.

Southern Maryland Navy Alliance Executive Director Bob Wirt reviewed the Alliance's coordination of a strategic BRAC planning forum to focus on the potential realignment of Navy missions should a Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) be soon authorized.

Maritime Technology Alliance President Ivan Caplan reported on U.S. Senator Cardin's recent visit to Carderock which included a tour of their Additive Manufacturing facility; in the base's partnership with Montgomery County schools, the base hosted an Innovation Day; and Carderock has begun new work on automation and energy and power savings of unmanned systems.

Charles County Military Affairs Council (MAC) Chair Brian Klaas discussed the town of Indian Head's dire need for revitalization; 85% of the town's commercial square footage is boarded up; only 10% of Indian Head's workforce live in the town of Indian Head; and the MAC is working with new Mayor to expand and grow the base to bring investment outside of the base to make the area more attractive and positioned to better retain current workforce.

Andrews Business and Community Alliance Executive Director James Estepp reported on a recent meeting with the Prince George's County Schools CEO to explore changes to the lottery process related to the Imagine Charter School on base; and the Alliance's continued work with the base on their public-public-private partnership (P4) initiatives.

The Council heard from Maryland Public Television's (MPT) Fred Shinbur who presented MPT's work on a new documentary and event in honor of Vietnam veterans for the 50th commemorative anniversary of the war; there are 140,000 Vietnam veterans in Maryland; 1,015

Vietnam warfighters from Maryland were killed in the war; a capital campaign to support this initiative was launched in 2012 and will commence in 2016; the three-hour documentary that honors the veterans and their stories will air three days prior to the Memorial Day weekend in 2016; MPT will host a commemoration event June 18-19, 2016 at the Maryland State Fairgrounds; the event will host veterans and their families providing them with the opportunity to reunite and help bring closure to those whose service went unthanked upon their return; six aircraft will be on display along with a Huey and Chinook flyover; and MPT is working with public schools to develop a K-12 curriculum for schools to help provide better education on the Vietnam War.

MMIC Member George Schlossberg, Director of the Federal Sector for Kutak Rock LLP, discussed the road ahead as the nation potentially heads into another sequestration. BRAC is a political tool yet one that the DoD has in their toolbox to meet budgetary requirements and address changes in base structure due to changes in force structure. Mr. Schlossberg discussed the history of BRAC and that the criteria for each has changed over time. President Obama has requested for another round of BRAC but has yet to be supported by Congress. Military value of the installation, cost and impact to community are drivers in evaluating BRAC decisions. The question the Association of Defense Communities (ADC) is driving home to Congress is how does DoD address the drawdowns without analyzing the infrastructure. This question should be weighed when evaluating why to authorize another BRAC.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15.