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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 twice in 2017: May 15 and October 30. Both meetings were held at the Maryland Department of Housing & Community Development building in Crownsville, MD. Meetings were chaired by the Maryland Department of Commerce Secretary, Mike Gill, and directed by MMIC Executive Director, BGen Mike Hayes, USMC (Ret.) who was also Commerce's Program Director for the Office of Military and Federal Affairs (OMFA). OMFA continues to provide direct support and coordinates all actions associated with the MMIC.

At the October meeting, with consideration of his pending retirement from state government, General Mike Hayes was recognized and honored for his 18 years of service to Maryland. As the original and only executive director of the MMIC, General Hayes is widely credited with Maryland's success in the 2005 BRAC round, and for the smooth transition of several large DoD missions and organizations onto Maryland installations. As developed under General Hayes' leadership, the MMIC continues to be a forum for community, military installation, business, State agency and elected official dialogue on issues associated with Maryland's bases. Recognizing the nation is in a very turbulent Defense spending environment, the Council remains focused on the Department of Defense (DoD) budget impacts and potential Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) activity.

The Council heard federal and state political perspectives from Senators Ben Cardin and Chris Van Hollen, Representative John Sarbanes, and from Lt. Gov. Boyd Rutherford.

The Council received command briefs emphasizing issues, challenges and perspectives from:

- MG Randy Taylor, Commanding General U.S. Army Communications and Electronics Command, and Senior Mission Commander Aberdeen Proving Ground
- RAdm Chip Rock, Commandant, Naval District of Washington
- BG R.J. Staudenraus, Director Plans & Programs, Air National Guard Readiness Center
- Mr. Mitchell Myers, Capabilities Development Group, U.S. Cyber Command
- CAPT Rotruck, Walter Reed National Military Medical Center

The Council also heard topical updates on programs in the state relevant to the health and well-being of MD military installations and defense communities:

- CAPT Matt Scassero, USN (Ret), Director of the University of Maryland Unmanned Aerial Systems, with a UAS program update.
- Shauna Donahue, Anne Arundel County Workforce Development Corporation, and Mr. Tim O'Ferral, General Manager Fort Meade Alliance, on the status of the Military Corps Career Connect grant and benefits to transitioning service members.
- David Craig, Director WWI Centennial Commission, on WWI commemorative events.
- Sen. John Astle, with update on the MD General Assembly Veterans Caucus.

- Mr. Mark Hendrix, Trustee, on the MD Veterans Trust Fund.
- Mr. Bob Carullo, with a SMART Congressional Caucus update.
- Mr. George Schlossberg, Partner, Kutak Rock LLP, on BRAC outlook and likelihood for 2019 or 2021.
- Ms. Julie Woepke, Department of Commerce, on mapping and analyzing cyber assets within Maryland.
- Ms. Lisa Swoboda, Deputy Director, Office of Military & Federal Affairs, with a progress update on the OEA Defense Diversification Grant.

The military installation garrison and station commanders informed the Council of local, state and federal issues impacting their installations and associated defense communities, and reviewed significant upcoming events at their Maryland military installations.

At both of the 2017 meetings, representatives from the seven military alliances offered an overview of their alliance activities and engagement with their respective installations. State Senator Astle and Delegate Jameson again emphasized the importance of installation and alliance outreach to legislators to communicate challenges and impacts.

At both meetings state agency directors, or their representatives, provided comments and perspective on many of the programs and issues discussed.

Findings and Recommendations:

Again, as in previous years, it is clear that Maryland must remain vigilant in the face of potential defense budget cuts and anticipated BRAC activity. Advanced preparation and engagement from all stakeholders is necessary to avoiding losing hard-fought gains. Likewise, the state must position itself to take advantage of opportunities whenever they present themselves, to preserve and increase the federal defense footprint in Maryland. Investment in work-force development and infrastructure, support of our military alliances, engagement of our federal partners, facilitation of technology commercialization, and economic diversification are all key areas of focus for future success.

Summaries of the two 2017 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) Meeting
15 May, 2017
Meeting Summary

Location: Maryland Department of Housing & Community Development
100 Community Place, 1st Floor Conference Room
Crownsville, MD

MMIC Executive Director BGen Mike Hayes (Ret.) called the meeting to order at 0835. Opening remarks were provided by MMIC Chair Mike Gill, Commerce Secretary. BGen Hayes then introduced U.S. Senator Benjamin Cardin who then addressed the Council.

Senator Cardin reflected on the success of Maryland's military installations in the previous Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) and stated the State again must be prepared as a future round of BRAC is eminent. The Senator spoke to the importance of mitigating encroachment issues on military bases and in the installation community. Senator Cardin addressed concern over increases in our troops while there are decreases in military readiness. He discussed federal programs that had been zeroed out in the President's budget that Congress strategically worked together to place back in such as fully funding the Chesapeake Bay Watershed and NASA research programs. He stressed the need for adoption of a federal FY18 budget. Senator Cardin is working closely with Maryland's Congressional delegation to see this happen. He stated Maryland is fortunate to have a delegation with Members serving in strategic locations on importance committees such as the Senate Appropriations, House Armed Services and Senate Armed Services to support the State's military community.

Lieutenant Governor Boyd Rutherford next addressed the Council. He stated the State is in BRAC preparation. With a bill in each Congressional house proposing a BRAC, he emphasized now is the time to prepare. The Lt. Governor stated the State will defend military missions and programs already in the State but will also look for more programmatic opportunities for potential growth. He has been visiting with military bases to gain awareness of where support may be needed and meeting with Alliances making sure we have a strategy in place. The Lt. Governor provided an overview of the More Jobs for Marylanders Act that passed in the last legislative session that will help the State's economy and help defense assets. He also briefly discussed the new ethics reform legislation that recently passed – 1st reform in decades.

Capt. Matt Scassero (Ret.), Director of the University of Maryland Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Test Site, provided a program update as to the center's recent activity. As one of six UAS test sites nationally, Capt. Scassero has been actively promoting the facility and region's capabilities and assets to include traveling to and hosting a 30' x 50' booth at the AUSVI Conference in Texas. One of the goals of the Center is to advance testing beyond the line of sight in using bigger, better, heavier air craft. Exciting and unique projects include exploring ways to help prison systems in Maryland by use of UAS. He closed with mentioning of the funding for the third building of the Southern Maryland Higher Education Center to support Autonomy Research enabling federal government, local business and academic collaboration.

State Senator John Astle, MMIC Member, provided a legislative session wrap-up. He stated that this past session saw greater partisan divide than before making it more difficult to hear and vote

on the several bills that took up much of the session's time. However far apart on the political aisles, a great show of non-partisan efforts was the on-time passing of the Maryland budget.

A panel representing the various armed services was called forward. The first panelist to address the Council was Major General Randy Taylor, Commanding General of the US Army Communications-Electronics Command (CECOM) and Installation Commanding General of Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG). Recognizing the growing national opioid crisis, MG Taylor thanked the State for their efforts to address the heroin epidemic. He also thanked Senator Cardin for his support of military and their families and of the environment especially the Chesapeake Bay which is an integral part of APG with 140 miles of shoreline. APG prides itself on being good stewards of the Bay. MG Taylor reinforced that readiness is the Army's number one priority. US supremacy is being challenged at all levels as adversaries have become more innovative including on the battle field on the ground. APG is home to 90 technical commands and boasts a \$6 ½ M economic impact on the state of Maryland. The Army's only cyber range in the US is being built on APG. And just down the road, the Navy is building their cyber range at NAS Patuxent River. These will be two great assets and provide opportunity for collaboration. The Army is spending half of their budget on modernization of equipment. Funding has proven to be problematic. APG is in its centennial year and has been hosting many events throughout the year to celebrate this milestone. There will be a live fire demonstration on May 20, 2017.

Rear Admiral Charles Rock, US Navy, spoke next about his responsibilities as Commandant of Naval District Washington, the need to conserve funds, the need for public-private-partnerships (P3s), the ease of doing public-public-private-partnerships (P4s), and a potential Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) round.

Admiral Charles 'Chip' Rock, started by providing a description of his responsibilities as Commandant of Naval District Washington. He said Naval Support Activity Washington encompasses the Washington Navy Yard, the oldest Navy installation in the U.S.; Naval Support Facility Naval Research Laboratory; Naval Support Facility Suitland; Naval Support Facility Naval Observatory; Naval Support Facility Arlington; and Naval Support Facility Carderock. He is also responsible for Camp David near Thurmont, Maryland.

He explained he is the mayor/landlord of all those facilities and has able bodied captains on site to assist him. Consequently his officers get the calls when something goes wrong like a broken water pipe or clogged sewer line. If these sites were just apartment houses it wouldn't be a big issue but these sites are home to thousands of research and development scientists that are working with hundreds of different technologies from unmanned airplanes to unmanned submarines and everything in between. When something needs attention, it needs it now.

The Admiral talked about the urgent need to rebuild the US navy fleet from 275 ships to the 350 ship target, and the urgent need of updating the fleet and performing major repairs. He also spoke about the drastic need to repair the Navy and Marine Corps fighter jets with approximately 50% out of commission.

On the plus side Admiral Rock said that one way the Navy could economize was doing Public Private Partnerships. This would save the Navy dollars by having the community perform the more social tasks like providing access to recreation, libraries, and car pools. He said Congress

has made it easier to do by passing Section 331 of the FY 2015 Defense Authorization Act. The law that allows a partnership with the local public sector without competition.

The Admiral spoke about the overall need for a BRAC in that there was a general feeling that the US military was 20 to 30% over capacity. And that the US Air Force and US Army were in favor of one but that the Navy was pretty much right sized. He said the key to any BRAC action is to demonstrate military value. He also warned about mission reassignment that can occur without a BRAC.

Brigadier General (BG) R. J. Staudenraus of the U.S. Air Force was the next panelist. BG Staudenraus announced that the President recently selected the first Secretary of the Armed Services which is for the Air Force (Secretary Heather Wilson). The Air Force is the smallest it's even been – need to grow from 317K-7 355K. Though the Guard is stabilized, there are only 4K in each the Guard & Reserves over the next five years. The Air Force needs a growth in manpower and training. There were 143 fighting squads. Now there are only 55. The F35s program and nuclear deterrence need to be fully funded but readiness remains the number one priority. New opportunity for Maryland includes the relocation of a cyber unit of the 24th Air Force Space Command which is coming to Maryland. The Guard has increased responsibilities in the communications network protection arena. There are 73 countries in the Guard State Partnership Program including two for MD – Estonia and Bosnia. In Estonia, there are 400 AF personnel including those working cyber operations. There are F22s moving on Joint Base Andrews which is recent and welcome news to the base.

Ms. Lisa Swoboda, Deputy Director of the Department of Commerce Office of Military and Federal Affairs, provided an update on the DoD Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) federally-funded defense industry diversification program. Ms. Swoboda recapped Phase 1 grant activity and focused more on the recently awarded Phase 2 diversification efforts. The program is aimed at mitigating defense dependencies by aiding in commercial diversification through the domestic or global markets and through technology transfer commercialization. Ms. Swoboda also directed Council members and meeting attendees to a live demonstration of the Maryland Defense Network at the back of the room. The Maryland Defense Network is a free, online searchable tool that identifies Maryland companies in the defense supply chain and offers contractors a means to connect with other potential new contracting opportunities or search for other industry partners in their field. The website is free to use and may be found at marylanddefensenetwork.com.

Installation Commanders provided the following updates:

Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG): COL Robert Phillips

- APG has seen an increase in demolition funding – thank you to the federal delegation, the State and Alliance for supporting
- JLUS implementation work is underway
- 5.4 m sqft excess capacity on post – lots of growth potential there

Ft. Detrick: COL Scott Halter

- Ft. Detrick is a joint – interagency post with several non-DoD tenants
- Garrison functions down to the bone; scarce resources; assess everyday how to provide programs and services to Army and their service members on post – public works, family support, etc...

US Army Corps of Engineers

- Lots of operations and maintenance work – renovation
- Doing work w/Army, Navy, AF (JBA) and the Coast Guard
- Working alongside NAVFAC on projects
- Working with the State on the Chesapeake Bay oyster restoration
- ASACE has a new survey vessel in the Maryland Port to commission
- Expanding Poplar Island by 500 acres
- USACE headquarters will be moving offices to 2 Hopkins Place (staying in Baltimore but moving out of leased space)

Adelphi Laboratory Center

- Opportunity to expand at Blossom Point and at Adelphi
- Forming a partnership with federal neighbors FDA and commercial developer for VIVA White Oak

NAS Patuxent River

- 2nd and 3rd phases of runway construction funded and complete
- Will host an airshow in June with the Blue Angels
- Relationship with community outstanding and thank you for the support

Indian Head

- Auto fuel produced – only place in world – very unique things for nation
- Returned historic (Pre Lincoln) watch box to Navy Yard; recognized by historic trust and won award
- JLUS for Indian Head completed and looking forward to working with the community to move things forward
- NOAA to discuss Mallow's Bay to make sure impacts to Indian Head missions are understood; OSD will join Indian Head for a meeting in June

Walter Reed Bethesda

- 5 major MILCON projects ongoing including the tearing down and rebuild of the original hospital (5 year project); parking garage complete
- MD 355 Metro pedestrian tunnel – very excited about providing pedestrian safety to employees and to visitors
- \$320M MILCON to Uniformed Services University on base

- Freedom Live Concert Styx and Eddie Money – very successful

NSA Annapolis – Capt Baker

- Meeting with the Governor’s office in June to discuss and share best practices on emergency preparedness

Carderock

- Rebuilding test pond
- Human powered submarine races event – Week of June 26

Joint Base Andrews (JBA): COL Teichert

- 70th birthday of the US Air Force
- Sept 15-17 Air Show
- Hosted successful JBA Small Business Summit – spent \$57M on small business contracts last year; Commerce was a partner in this effort
- FY16 crash – community response seamless – speaks to great partnership with community

Coast Guard Yard: CAPT Lake

- 2nd largest concertation of Coast Guard personnel
- Workforce grown by 10% to meet ship service demands
- Apprenticeship program – signed agreement with Baltimore City Public Schools and area trade schools to train and recruit
- Yard is expanding and replacing the dry dock - \$26M in FY16 appropriations – thanks to Maryland Congressional delegation

Maryland National Guard: BG Sean Casey

- Over 12,000 Guardsmen and Reservists; 50 facilities in Maryland
- APG, Patuxent River, JBA and Meade all have a Guard presence
- Long term study to look at replacing and the reuse of headquarters building – over 100 years old

Following the Installation Commanders remarks, Secretary David Craig updated the Council on the State’s World War I centennial events. Shauna Donahue with the Anne Arundel Workforce Development Corporation (AAWDC) then briefed on the Military Corps Career Connect program managed by the AAWDC on behalf of the State.

Alliance Presidents provided updates to their respective alliances and defense installation communities.

The meeting was adjourned at 1150.

Maryland Military Installation Council (MMIC) Meeting
31 October, 2017
Meeting Summary

Location: Maryland Department of Housing & Community Development
100 Community Place, 1st Floor Conference Room
Crownsville, MD

Opening Comments –

Maryland Military Installation Council (MMIC) Executive Director BGen Mike Hayes, USMC (Ret.) commenced the Council meeting at 0900.

Governor/Lt. Gov, Congressional Members, and Secretary of Commerce Mike Gill comments –

Senator Van Hollen honored Mike Hayes for his service and presented him with congressional recognition. Senator Van Hollen also discussed continuing resolution bill to avoid government shutdown and reviewed other congressional agenda items including Texas and Puerto Rico hurricane relief efforts and healthcare.

Lt. Gov. Boyd Rutherford introduced Rep. John Sarbanes. Rep Sarbanes gave an overview of the hearings in the House on cyber security, the threat of cyber attacks, and the need to meet that threat. Rep. Sarbanes also spoke of the threat of foreign disinformation infiltrating social media/the Internet, which is threatening the democracy. There is a need to fortify the country against these threats as it could affect voter tabulation. Using resources for disaster recovery to respond to events like Texas and Puerto Rico. New discussions are happening about the use of military force; 2001 AUMF is expiring, need to discuss the mission and armed forces. Lastly, Rep. Sarbanes honored Mike Hayes for his service to the State of Maryland and to the country – he gave an overview of his military service and his leadership in state government. He presented Mike Hayes with congressional recognition.

Maryland Secretary of Commerce, Mike Gill, acknowledged Lisa Swoboda as the Acting Director of the Office of Military and Federal Affairs. Secretary Gill then presented Mike Hayes with a certificate of recognition. He acknowledged APG's centennial celebration, the impact of BRAC on jobs (30,000 jobs), and that Maryland is #2 in job growth in the private sector over the past 12 months. He acknowledged Mike Hayes's service and presented him with a Pirate award. OMFA then presented a cake to Mike Hayes to thank him for his leadership and the Lt. Gov. presented Governor's citation to Mike Hayes.

Commander Updates –

Captain Jones, Naval Support Bethesda, spoke about building a temporary medical facility near Walter Reed. MD355 building will have a high speed elevator for metro riders. Mike Hayes credited to Senator Van Hollen and VA legislators.

The U.S. Naval Academy's Copper Hall will be completed in 2020 for USNA students. The USNA is also working with the city of Annapolis on a cyber project and participating with the National Guard on cyber exercises.

Admiral Jackson and the Lt. Gov. have visited Indian Head and recognize that the reliability of infrastructure in the region is very important to base operations. The area is also looking forward to the completion of the Nice Bridge project.

At Carderock, Jack Templeton, spoke about how the base is focused on sustaining facility and workforce and will be taking advantage of 2019 funding. They struggle with the age demographics of the workforce and the need to transition knowledge and knowledge management. The Office of Naval Research (ONR) has a summer intern program and would like to encourage people to learn about the program. ONR currently has 9 active CRADAs with Maryland organizations and 5 EPAs with Maryland educational institutions.

At Naval Air Station (NAS) Patuxent River (Pax River), the runway improvement project will begin in 2 – 3 years. The Advance Prototype Facility is in Phase 2 and finishing up. 2018 is the 70th anniversary of the base and the Blue Angles will be coming to the base in June to celebrate.

At Ft. Detrick there are worries about infrastructure sustainment and they have signed an intergovernmental support agreement with Frederick County.

At Aberdeen Proving Ground, they are in the process of implementing JLUS activities and revitalization efforts and are ready to be a lead on the state JLUS effort. They are reshaping the workforce of APG for infrastructure and emergency service readiness and will be reaching out to non-profits and volunteers for family services.

At Ft. Meade, cyber command will become a combatant command, which sends out a demand and signals that they will be looking for talent in the region. They are a front-line fort – fighting and operating on the front lines. The region has the opportunity to create diversity in the region for cyber talent and they are looking toward the future.

At JBA they are celebrating the Air Force's 70th birthday week. The POTUS and FLOTUS came to the Air and Space Expo held at JBA. They are in the process of implementing \$6 million in facility upgrades and they are looking to spend another \$1 billion dollars.

The Corps of Engineers – Baltimore District are conducting renovations. They support Maryland military installations, and much of their work is happening at Ft. Meade.

The Adelphi Lab center described their locations and that they are transferring to be a part of APG. They just had a security assessment and it showed that there needs to be a second exit to Adelphi. They are supporting JLUS activities across Maryland.

The Coast Guard Yard is focused on recruiting and building their workforce. They have two new internship programs funded by Under Armor. They are replacing their dry dock from 1942 with a dry dock donated by the Navy. They look forward to the visit from the Lt. Gov.

Veteran Trust Fund –

Secretary Owens introduced the Veterans Trust Fund speaker Mark Hendrix. The Veterans Trust Fund was created in 2009 by State legislation. It has been a 501c3 since 2013 and is connected to the Maryland Veterans Affairs office. This program helps widows of veterans but they do go by poverty guidelines for eligibility (200%) and they have to be eligible for burial (2 year official state of Maryland resident, 24 active duty, honorable discharge, etc). Mr. Hendrix shared stories of veterans they have served through the program.

SMART PROC update –

Bob Carullo of SMART gave an overview of the program and Mike Hayes's history with SMART PROC. In FY18 they are focused on all aspects of infrastructure with touches on all focus groups. Curacao Center is a tech transfer office. The USAF is on site and involved with the center. Free forward tech transfer. They are now going on 15 years of SMART Proc and Mr. Carullo introduced Debbie as the contact and that there would also be an international component this year. Commerce is a gold sponsor of SMART Proc. Tony ? is the STEM Education & Workforce Development chair and Barbara Ives (CSM) is focused on community college education. SMART PROC is also involved in the Rosie the Riveter initiative, real world design initiative, the 100 year centennial event at AG and acquisition reform.

Cyber Asset Mapping –

Julie Woepke from the Maryland Department of Commerce spoke about cyber assist mapping and analyzing cyber assets within the state including tech transfer assets, military alliances, cyber security qualified businesses, all of which will be included in the mapping effort. Maryland will be the first to do this in the nation; it will be a sales tool and Maryland plans to expand the asset mapping to other industries as well.

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US Cyber Command Overview/Update –

Mitch Myers from the Capabilities Development Group, a cyber mission force that protects the DoD's mission spoke about CDG's function. They will have full operational capabilities by 2018. The US Cyber Command mission is to defend DoD networks and defend US interests. The cyber protection networks protect the DoD with cyber support teams. There are five divisions within the CDG, including applied research, J6, acquisitions, and ? They use partnerships within the industry and academia to support the mission and protect US interests. Maryland is the cyber capital of America and is a cyber center of excellence. Maryland has the talents to support the cyber needs. They will be doing outreach to find this talent by attending trade shows and companies are reaching out to CDG. To engage with their office, their email address is engage-with-cybercom@cybercom.mil. There was a Q&A with the attendees where a question was asked about the procurement thresholds changing. CDG is focused on rapid acquisition of development authorities. They were awarded their first contract last week after holding an industry day last Friday. They are contractors who are technical authorities that look for interesting technologies that the DoD might want. They will be providing services update and development at quarterly meetings. Another question was what securities do the vendors have to have and the answer is that they do not require any securities to work with CDG (unclassified

work). Another question was whether they have any international activities and the answer was not at this time. The last question was whether they are aware of any workforce shortages in cyber and the answer was that CDG is not aware but believes that Mike Hayes addressed this as a Commerce initiative and that we need to leverage our cyber assets at Ft. Meade.

Walter Reed National Military Center Overview –

Captain Rotruck with the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center spoke next about the Walter Reed of 2017. They opened in 1942 with the intention of creating a military health center in the nation's capital; post BRAC this landscape has changed. Parking is still an ongoing issue at Walter Reed. There is ongoing construction at the medical center costing half a billion dollars and expected to be complete in 2022. New infrastructure is being stood up and there is a temporary medical facility in a parking lot until the new construction is finished. Space constraints have limited how they can develop the site. Walter Reed has 7,000 staff, of which there is 3,000 uniformed staff – with a fairly even split between Army & Navy - and over 4,000 civilian and contract staff. On Wisconsin Avenue, there is the military health school and NIH is across the street, which is an asset to Walter Reed. Veterans Affairs locations are also within the general vicinity. There are 40,000 people being treated at Walter Reed as their primary health provider. Half of all military health research occurs at Walter Reed. It is a DoD Center for Excellence for cancer care, advanced treatment/amputation care, transplant center, brain injury care, and a level 2 trauma center. Maryland has not approved their level 1 trauma designation. The question arose as to why Maryland won't approve level 1 status and Captain Rotruck was unsure and could not give a reason. Barbara Ives echoed Mike Hayes comments about Walter Reed and how impressive the new campus is and Jill McClune also echoed the impact of Walter Reed and their support of wounded warriors. The question was also asked what the Maryland community can do to get Walter Reed the trauma 1 designation and the answer was that it is up to MINS (?) the state authority on these designations. Lastly, someone asked if they are accepted as a trauma 1 center, can they accept civilian insurance and the answer was that yes they can support these civilian patients.

Military Corps Core Connect Program Overview –

Shauna Donahue with the Military Corps Core Connect and Tim O'Farrell spoke next about how the Anne Arundel Workforce Development office received a grant to support military workforce. They serve the military throughout Maryland, transition service members, active duty spouses and veterans (recently separated or 4 years out or less). This way the service member does not have to use the GI bill and can instead use these grant monies. They just graduated their 1st class the previous Thursday, which included 11 people and reached all three groups being served, and they have already had 3 hires. There is a project management course on the following Tuesday in partnership with Leidos which helps the students get their PMP certification. 97 people have been served through the 1st quarter, of which 70% of completed training, of which, 90% have been hired. They have a 89% placement rate. Tim O'Farrell spoke of how the Ft. Meade alliance is involved in this grant and will be involving the business community in this initiative. They need the commanders' support of this program so they can talk to their service members. They need connections to educators as well and asks that MMIC support this initiative. They need to encourage STEM careers and address cyber workforce shortage- this program can help meet that need. Communicating job openings available to service members is important as well. Internship

component I available to service members while uniformed (Army only) and active duty spouses. There is real world solution learning happening at CCBC. The Statewide Advisory council will support this program and asks that the alliance presidents stand up local industry and other representatives too. A question was asked whether this is a US Dept of Labor grant, and the answer was yes this is a national dislocated workers grant; \$4.3 million went to AA workforce development. Another question was whether they work with the State to make sure service members do not have to be re-certified. The answer was no they do not but they will look into it; they can get credit for their military training. Sally Jamison recognizes that Secretary Schultz has worked on improving the certification process for veterans.

Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) DIA Grant Update –

Lisa Swoboda, from OMFA, gave an update on the Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) Defense Industry Adjustment (DIA) grant that included a recap of the Phase 1 activities both statewide and regionally. The purpose of the DIA grant is to lessen DoD dependency in Maryland; over 57 billion from DoD installations, not including all DoD contracting impact. This is an 18 month program. Statewide, the focus is not to take business away from the DoD but to strengthen the defense supply chain by lessening the constraint on small/mid-sized contractors. Ms. Swoboda gave the URL for the Maryland Defense Network tool (Marylanddefensenetwork.org) and mentioned that it is a free tool to connect contractors to teaming arrangements, commercial opportunities, and discussed all of the Phase 2 enhancements to the tool including an overview of the 3 user groups (economic development, contractors, and the DoD/feds). Ms. Swoboda also discussed the interest from the PEO at Pax River in the MDN as a tool to identify local companies for their capabilities. Ms. Swoboda also reviewed the Maryland Defense Diversification Assistance (MDDA) program which defense dependent businesses can apply to for defense diversification activities. She reviewed the eligibility requirements and the various phases a company will go through including assessment, training, and consulting assistance to identify and pursue a diversification track (international markets, new domestic markets, or technology transfer). The goal is to train up to 100 companies. Lastly, Ms. Swoboda reviewed the Phase 2 regional efforts which includes a strategic planning initiative in Southern Maryland, patent analysis of Army patents and an expansion of the IP database to include patents at APG, expanding tech transfer and commercialization through partnerships with Harford and Cecil counties through the establishment of the DefTech Center (Harford County is providing in-kind space) which will be a space for APG employees to meet with members from the business community off-base to develop these technologies into a commercial product. Ms. Swoboda acknowledged academic, industry, and economic development partners and stakeholders under this initiative and Mike Hayes acknowledged that they want the grant activities to last beyond the grant period. The DefTech Center in particular will live on as will the IP database and the Maryland Defense Network.

State Agency Updates –

Mark Crampton from MDOT mentioned completed projects at MDOT and soon to be completed highway projects at APG, Ft. Meade, JBA, NSA Bethesda, and more. Mike Hayes commented that they will send to those specific projects out to the MMIC membership.

Deputy Secretary from MDE spoke about upcoming and ongoing MDE initiatives.

Alliance Presidents –

Jill McClune spoke on behalf of Tom Albro and Sue Nappi who were at an APG JLUS meeting and reviewed the ongoing JLUS activities. There was a centennial reception event held and over 800 people attended the reception; over 100 events were held over the year/last 10 months. They opened a time capsule and buried a new one. November 28th is their annual breakfast. The Annual Spirit of Thanks tour with community leadership and enlisted. NCOs are thanking service members and honoring them by visiting patriotic memorials/sites. Ongoing legislative issues include restoring funding for CECAC (?). They are starting the legislative session with demolition as the #1 issue and biggest priority for demo is a Ft. Detrick building. Government has earmarked funds for demo at APG. Other priorities include improving USAjobs.gov and the JROTC program in Harford county. Maryland needs to make better progress with addressing veteran's retirement benefits issue and mentions that the study is moving forward to help recruitment. John Astle mentions that passing the retirement exemption would keep security clearance personnel in the state. A comment was made that maybe expanding the 1st responders bill to exempt the retirement benefits to military veterans would also be helpful.

Tim O'Farrell discussed Cume Hall and the Ft. Meade Resiliency & Education Center at Ft. Meade. The facility will serve DoD at Ft. Meade and service members can get assistance and information on educational opportunities available to them and get support for their mission. They have a half a million dollar grant from the state and a half a million grant from the State Lottery for a C3 program. Tapestry grant at Anne Arundel county schools educating teachers, counselors, and administrators about the challenges that military families face. November 20th is the signing of the community covenant, the fourth one that has been signed thus far. The President-Elect Steve Tiller will serve through June 30th, 2018 at which time Doreen (?) from Leidos will be the new president on July 1, 2018.

Amanda Johnston from Ft. Detrick, the new alliance executive director, talked about how a new membership forum is being launched which will draw new members. 200 people attended a recently held tech showcase. The alliance met with Colonel Halford (?) and staff to strategize support. Held a networking breakfast the week prior with at least 80 people. They are participating in the Brunswick Veterans Day parade, holding a membership event in December, and the new alliance president will be starting in January.

Representative from Southern Maryland Naval Alliance (SMNA) spoke about how they are working with Bennett Wilson to diversify business in Southern Maryland which includes the diversification of manufacturing businesses. Working with Naval Air and ships to link Pax River to Wallops Island with fiber.

Mike Hayes mentioned that Brian Klaas is the outgoing president, running for Charles County Commissioner. Sue Greer from the MAC talked about the Lt. Gov's tour of Indian Head and gave an update on the Mallows Bay issue, which has been resolved; the designation is limited and will not threaten military assets. Regarding the demo going on outside the base and renovation activities in Indian Head, the demo was completed this week. Businesses are relocating to Indian Head on base and off base because of this demo project. The velocity lab outside of Indian Head's gates is launching in partnership with CSM. This is a partnering tech transfer initiative and thanked Mike Hayes for his support.

Ivan Caplan at MTA gave an update on the ship design & innovation center. Integrated systems since engineers are spread throughout the country. Reviewed the Milcom project at Carderock. A Maritime analysis of STEM education culminated in Let's Go Boys & Girls; the creation of a STEM workforce manual, and a 3 year study of the out of school and in school STEM activity.

George Schlossberg BRAC update –

NDDA is in conference, no BRAC language was included in the House or Senate bills. All 5 BRAC rounds were included in NDDA conference report, not bills. However, no indication of BRAC this year. 3 of the 4 members of conference have introduced their own BRAC bills, which are not voted on by either body of Congress. An overview of BRAC was given; it is a bi-partisan, transparent initiative that the community has the opportunity to engage with. The POTUS has the opportunity to sign or veto. Mr. Smith in the House of Representatives introduced 2021 single round BRAC which is an all or nothing package voted up or down by a commission. It would commence in 2 years and complete in 5 years. In the Senate, McCain and Reid introduced a BRAC Proposal without a commission. No public testimony would be included by there would be a GAO analysis. Additionally, there would be no vote of disapproval. Congress can amend the list and vote affirmatively on the list. It is a waiting game to see what happens.

Close-out –

Sally Jamison acknowledged Mike Hayes's support of the delegation. Mike Hayes thanked MMIC members for their support and the OMFA team and dismissed the meeting at 12:04 pm.

Addendum A

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