

Military Affairs Committee
4/25/08
8:30 a.m.
GFCC Conference Room

Attendance: Butch Stein, Chair; Jim Malingowski, vice-chair; Bill Brophy; Connie Storch; Kurt Newman; Dave Gardner; Nola Barnes; Layne St. John; Jeff Roach; Ssgt. Shad Eidson; Althea St. Martin; Phyllis Alexander; Jeffrey Durham; COL Thompson; MAJ Glenn Gambrell; LTC Hunt Kerrigan

1. Call to Order: Butch Stein called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.
2. Introductions.
3. Approval of Agenda and 4/11/08 Minutes—Reviewed and accepted as presented.
4. New Business:
 - a. Family Member Retention
 - i. Began as an economic issue trying to retain the family members of those deployed, to keep employees, community volunteers, and social involvement (church, summer sports) for soldiers' peace of mind that families are being taken care of while they are overseas.
 - ii. Business concern is beyond simple spending impact. Looking at overall issues and dividing it into subcommittees
 - iii. Staying away from "deployment" language—wanting to make sure that even for TDY, families are taken care of.
5. Old Business:
 - a. FODSA Proposal—Phyllis Alexander
 - i. Single soldiers coming back without anyone to greet them. Chamber seen as a legitimate organization to lend credibility.
 - ii. Specifically for parents who are visiting Fairbanks to see their soldiers off.
 - iii. FRGs to release the data information link where members of the community can host people in their homes for a given part of time. This timeframe is late summer, early August, and would alleviate the cost of meals/lodging.
 - iv. Need to access interest to find out if this is something that will be used.
 - v. Project Partnership off-shoot—building bridges between.
 - b. GMD Letter—Jim Malingowski
 - i. GMD—Missile Defense "Community" collaboration
 - ii. Letter from Delta Chamber and Alaska State Chamber encouraging the National Government to continue the funding.
 - iii. Motion to approve: Kurt Newman; second: Layne St. John; passed: unanimously with language changes.
 - iv. Discussion: Good thing for the Interior, slight difference from other letters sent by Chambers.
 - v. Change language in the first paragraph, encourage language regarding international government visits.
 - c. Memorial Park – Community Partnership Day – Jeff Durham, Salcha-Delta Water and Soil, a subdivision of Natural Resources.

- i. Erosion control, and plant management for FTW. They began in summer of 2007 as park design. \$46,000 shortfall to date. June 25, 2008, is the scheduled grand opening.
 - ii. There are new casualties that need to be memorialized. Five additional soldier to date.
 - iii. There will need to be expansion—three phases are planned right now.
 - iv. Looking for community support, specifically businesses that would like to be involved.
 - v. Granite bench program was very successful. The program will have the face of a local Veteran's group. They are a 501(c)3 for deductions. Current goal is to close the short-fall, and any excess dollars will go toward future phases of the project—designs are completed through phase 4. Location: Monterrey Lakes: Strykers are in the center, and monuments to each soldier. A place for reflection and thinking about the services being considered.
 - vi. A visual is available with the new phases—Jeff can give the information to Butch to bring to Monday's BOD meeting.
 - vii. Bill Brophy made a motion to and Layne St. John seconded. Passed unanimously.
 - d. Community Partnership Day
6. Quick Announcements
 - a. 168th—No one present
 - b. 354th-- Working on ideas, and will submit to BG Graper—Bear Lake, Heritage Park
 - i. Take place in first 15 days of June
 - c. ANG Wing Family Program—No One present
 - d. American Red Cross—Nola Barnes
 - i. Congratulations to Butch Stein on the new position with the Red Cross.
 - ii. Dental program graduated five, three of whom have jobs already. Local dentists are very supportive
 - iii. Quarterly awards today at EAFB
 - iv. Some fundraisers are coming up—books, Ride for the Red, AAFES, \$4,500 from Don Buell, BP matched for the use of emergency services.
 - v. Margie will be back from Arizona next week.
 - e. ASYMCA—Layne St. John
 - i. Father-Daughter Ball was a success—Anchorage had 220, Fairbanks had 300, and maxed out the Binkley room.
 - ii. Airport Military lounge will open on May 7th, and May 15th is the Airport celebration. Layne will retire on May 15th, and Jana is leaving on 6/15. Noon on Monday is the deadline for Layne's position.
 - f. Sen. Murkowski—Althea St. Martin
 - i. Office is moving in Washington, D.D.—they are going to be down a little bit today, and they will be hooking up the computers and phones. E-mail should work fine over the next six weeks, but hard copy mail should be sent through the Fairbanks office.

- g. Sen. Stevens—Diane is out of town this week, and she'll be back next week.
- h. ESGR—Butch Stein
 - i. Attending the Nevada training session. The annual meeting is next week here in Fairbanks. We will be recognizing employers who have supported military employees and Marilyn Romano will be the speaker for the Annual Meeting.
- i. AFA—Dave Gardner
 - i. Moved the July meeting to the 11th—BG Graper will be the speaker
- j. FWW PAO—Connie Storch
 - i. Gearing up for the deployments
 - ii. 5/17 yard sale days begin on post
 - iii. 4/30 is the Holocaust memorial at the theater
 - iv. Shooting the “big guns” noise complaints were fine the first two weeks, and we will be taking a break
- k. Army National Guard – Jeff Roach
 - i. Security Force company returned from their tour last October.
 - ii. UAF ROTC on May 2nd at 6 p.m., and they will have their awards meeting. May 11th will be their commissioning ceremony.
- l. Ft. Greely—LTC Kerrigan
 - i. Five Generals have come together to discuss the international issues. VIPs and media from around the world are visiting the missile defense program.
 - ii. Promoting the Alaska Guard, and hoping in August, the military affairs committee will take a field trip to Delta.
- m. Other
 - i. Butch Stein and Jim Malingowski went to Delta's Chamber of Commerce meeting, and announced that there would be an armory built in the Delta community and expand what they are doing here locally with the Army National Guard
 - ii. COL Wenke replaced COL Griffin in change-of-command ceremony last week.
- n. Deployment
 - i. 6/18 – Brigade run
 - ii. 6/19 – Family Day with community support
 - iii. 9/11 – Deployment Ceremony
 - iv. July - training in California
 - v. August – block leave; Air Cavalry deploys
 - vi. American Legion having their annual convention in Fairbanks
 - vii. 10,000 Alaska soldiers will be deploying
 - viii. Tim and Theresa Jones will be replacing Ron Johnson this summer

End of meeting.