**AGENDA**

**MILITARY SUSTAINMENT WORKING GROUP**

**11 DECEMBER 2013**

**0900**

Attendees

Mike Reese

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Bill Davis

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1. **LMAC Regional Slides**

We’re fighting for survival, so what are the priorities we need to address now or begin to address now to position the bases?

The full list represents a perfect world. Let’s narrow this down as we should have at the outset.

Tier 1 – highest priority. Act now

Tier 2 – high priority. Ability of LMAC to impact is limited but useful. Seek progress/results within

 6 mos.

Tier 3 – important issue. LMAC ability to impact is limited but useful. Monitor and act as

 necessary.

*Items in italics require direct member support.*

Statewide: Quality of Life (Tier 1)

* Action: PBS will send email 11 Dec to LMAC requesting members of the QOL committee
* *Action: PBS canvass active duty military to request their Top 3 duty assignments in their respective services (eg., Fort Drum, Fort Hood, Fort Bragg)*
* Action: Will conduct case analysis of each base to determine BMPs, particularly education.

Statewide: Employment for Veterans (Tier 1)

* Action: request event/program info from REDOs, LDVA and bases
* *Action: collate info, identify gaps and opportunities*

Statewide: Costly auto insurance (Tier 3)

* Issue more acute/priority in NOL area
* Action: inquire with DOI re: cost and scope of eligibility
* Action: Same with LDVA
* *Action: Inquire with bases on application process, cost of insurance*
* Action: determine best solution (subsidy or tort reform)
* Action: assess need for more streamlined application process

Statewide Coast Guard: Inadequate USCG facilities (Tier 2)

* *Action: Receive more specific input from USCG on facility deficiencies*
* *Action: Engage CODEL for their (1) situational awareness, (2) inquiry into USCG, (3) legislative intervention, as necessary*

Regional New Orleans: USCG static budget does not support growing mission (Tier 2)

* *Action: engage CODEL for their (1) situational awareness and (2) inquiry into USCG*

Regional New Orleans: Federal City Development (ongoing)

* Action: CODEL inquire into ADD and request new Master Plan pursuant to HB 327
* *Action: discuss results of CODEL inquiry and ADD “wish list” with MFR; identify & address gaps*

Regional New Orleans: NAS JRB flight operations (Tier 2)

* VFA-204 must establish case for need, make request, process up chain of command
* Environmental assessment is next step.
* Cost is ~$100,000 - $150,000
* Navy announced 10 December that more surface/aviation training ops will occur in LANT/GOM
* Suggests need for carrier training/left hand approach
* Action: Assess status of statement of need
* Action: CODEL inquiry into statement of need

Regional New Orleans: no mission to replace VAW-77 (Tier 2)

* USCG will not use
* LANG still interested in hangar for depot work; not permanent
* Hangar is transient facility
* Action: identify compatible mission profiles

Regional New Orleans: LANG Alert Facility must be moved to safer location (Tier 3)

* Action: inquire with LANG on status and priority of request

Regional New Orleans: BAH incompatible with cost of living (Tier 3)

* Action: See Quality of Life action item

Regional New Orleans: Improve access for military to NOLA-area selective admission schools (Tier 3)

* Action: TBD
* Action: MSWG meet with Dept of Education.

Regional Fort Polk: Optimize Fort Polk air space (Tier 2)

* The FAA denied the request for the UAV corridor.
* Action: FAA debrief CODEL on denial
* Action: debrief from FP reps
* Action: submit revised request?
* Context: This request was a traditional request for restricted airspace due to dangerous air activities.  Army has previously proven to the FAA that UAVs pose no danger risk. Request may need to be modified.  Congressional inquiry/brief from the FAA may be necessary.
* LMAC relevance: Denial could impact other LA requests

Regional Fort Polk: TOPS (Tier 2-3)

* Eligibility remains important to soldier population
* Legislative environment likely to resist eligibility liberalization
* Action: data call of estimated eligible participants. Determine potential cost/benefit to state
* Action: educate services on TOPS eligibility

Fort Polk: Beverage contain rebate (Tier 3)

* Action: inquire with bill author as to nature of bill’s failure

NEW Regional Fort Polk: grant application (Tier1)

* Action: FPP, BF, CC, others establish unified strategy – Jan 2014
* Action: build support for unified strategy – Feb-June 2014

NEW Regional Fort Polk: education initiative (Tier 1)

* Army COS declares that education quality is a prominent factor in force structure and basing decisions
* Absent national comparison standards, Army will recognize quality rankings as determined by each state
* Vernon Parish ranks #4 in state and is expected to be judged as a top performer
* Fort Polk Progress developing education strategy to strengthen Fort Polk’s position in the Army as an education leader
* Action: Education workshop in Jan 2014 (planning and strategy)
* Action: Education symposium in Mar 2014 to present findings and strategy

Regional Barksdale AFB: I-220 Interchange (Tier 3)

* Engineering & design ongoing
* DOTD is reviewing concept, not design, of the remainder of Interstate and entrance into BAFB
* DOTD has spend 1.5 yrs reviewing. Very slow. DOTD makes multiple data requests
* Environmental is next step
* Record of decision from FHWA is next step (ETA: May 2014)
* Securing funding is next step
* Estimated cost is $50 MM - $55 MM
* Action: No action

NEW NAS JRB: outreach (Tier 1)

* Outreach to various service branches is necessary in current environment
* Action: Identify Pentagon POC targets
* Action: Meet in February at latest (attendees TBD)

NEW LMAC: Write report (Tier 1)

* Required by statute
* Action: write annual report
1. **LMAC March meeting**
* 10 March, Alexandria, LA
* Site
* Agenda
1. **Fort Polk Box Tour**
* Request date in spring
* Coordinate with legislative committees, leadership and other leaders
* Action: Mike Reese will make inquiries to Fort Polk
1. **Around the horn**
* Barksdale
* Fort Polk
* NAS JRB
* New Orleans
1. **Other business**
2. **Adjourn**