



**Military Transformation Task Force  
Meeting Minutes**

A Regular Meeting of the Military Transformation Task Force was held in the Municipal Plaza, Room B, 103 South Main, San Antonio, TX 78205 on Friday, March 7, 2014 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

<b>MEMBERS:</b>	BG La Brutta	Col. Chevallier	Mac McCarthy
Ivy Taylor	Bob Brach	Frank Sherman	Mark Frye
Kevin Wolff	Carroll Schubert	Howard Peak	Robert Murdock
<b>STAFF:</b>	Jesus Garza	Sandra Bagwell	
<b>GUESTS:</b>	Joe Sanchez	Christopher Looney	Adriann Wolfe
Malik Jabeir	John Thurman	Melissa Beach	

**Citizens:** None

**Call to Order**

Commissioner Wolff called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm.

**Citizens to be heard**

No one signed up to speak.

**Review and Approval of Minutes from December 6, 2013**

The December 6, 2013 minutes were unanimously approved.

**Administrative Business**

**MTTF/Office of Military Affairs Completed Actions (Mr. Robert Murdock, City of San Antonio)**

Mr. Murdock stated that Mr. Novak had a meeting that he had to attend in San Marcos and Commissioner Wolff would lead the meeting. Mr. Murdock gave the dates of the next three meetings. Please see Attachment 1, Slide 6 for additional information.

**Information Items**

**DoD Fiscal Year 2015 Budget**

Mr. Murdock stated he had received numerous phone calls from the media after the Secretary of Defense announced the budget as they were concerned with what the cuts meant to San Antonio. With substantial cuts from previous years, Mr. Murdock said that most of Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 budget cuts would come from personnel. The Army will reduce their numbers significantly, but the personnel numbers in the Air Force and Navy remaining relatively the same. The Legislature requested a study to look at overseas bases. Once the results are in, they will then decide whether cuts to those bases are needed or if they will initiate a Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) in FY 2017. Other budget cuts would be to commissaries and the housing allowance. On a positive note, there are two areas of growth written in this preliminary budget, one in the special operations command and the other in cyber activity. Mr. Murdock sees the increase in the cyber budget as a positive for San Antonio.

BG La Brutta stated that an approved budget meant stability. Most of the budget dollars will be put into readiness, operations, and the three modernization projects. These projects are their fighter jets, tankers, and a new bomber and mirror those of the other services.

Mr. Murdock asked how the personnel cuts would affect the student population. BG La Brutta said the student number should remain about the same and that the cuts would come to the over strengths specialties such the staff sergeants, tech sergeants, master sergeants, and on the officers side, from lieutenant up to colonels.

To cut expenses and still have the needed funds to support their infrastructure Col. Chevallier stated that the hours of operations to the fitness centers and bowling alleys were cut, gate operating hours were reduced and some gates were closed altogether, and the libraries will close in FY 2014. JBSA also re-negotiated service contracts to further cut costs.

BG La Brutta mentioned that they just kicked off the Joint Base P4 program on February 21<sup>st</sup> with the City of San Antonio. He hopes that this program will help provide quality of life items as those services have been reduced or closed all together. To get the word out to the service members and their families that live on base, he has held town hall meetings at the different footprints. Commissioner Wolff stated that the community might be able to help in the quality of life areas. BG La Brutta said that would be welcome but they are hoping for assistance with their municipal services too and mentioned that City Public Service (CPS) is working with JBSA to help save on their utility costs.

#### **OMA Fiscal Year 2014 Funding**

Mr. Murdock stated that five months after the start of fiscal year we received notice that we would be funded for FY 2014 through a grant from OEA. And that grant was retroactive back to October 1<sup>st</sup>, which is a good thing as OMA is not does not receive funding from the City's general fund. OMA would continue to work the P4 Community – Military Partnership issues and will conduct a new Regional Joint Land Use Study that would focus on a regional approach to the recommendations from all three JLUS's. A contractor will be coming on board to assist OMA in completing the study and hopefully by the June timeframe, OMA will report back to City Council with a game plan. They will be looking for an organization that could assist in implementing the regional recommendations.

#### **Community – Military Partnership update**

Mr. Murdock stated that the Office of Military Affairs (OMA) received a grant from OEA (Office of Economic Adjustment) during FY 2013 to complete a Community – Military Partnership study, a pilot program for the nation, in which Logistics Management Institute (LMI) was contracted to conduct the study. Working with the JBSA and City staff, six potential services were identified for the sole purpose of saving base operating support money. Now the Air Force is engaging in a formal Community - Military Partnership process. Mr. Murdock stated that our initiatives are folded into this process.

#### **TMPC (Texas Military Preparedness Commission) February Meeting**

The TMPC held its last meeting in February and the main focus was to form a Texas Military Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Task Force at the direction of Senator Van de Putte. This task force will look at all of the military installations in Texas and determine which are the most vulnerable and what the state could do to reduce their vulnerability and to see which installations have opportunities for growth. Seven nominees have been contacted to form this task force and so far four have committed to serve. Mr. Murdock stated that the task force members should be determined soon and he will report back at the next MTTF meeting.

#### **ADC (Association of Defense Communities) Forum in San Antonio**

The ADC held their forum in San Antonio this year and there were more attendees than anticipated. Mr. Murdock said that the feedback he's received has been positive. The next forum will take place in June in Washington D.C.

#### **Update from MTTF Committee Chairs, Joint Base San Antonio, and Other MTTF Organizational Representatives**

##### **Infrastructure and Transportation Committee (Chair: Carroll Schubert)**

Mr. Schubert stated that southbound IH 35 / Loop 410 connector is in progress. This should alleviate the need to cross multiple lanes of traffic to exit from IH 35 on to Loop 410. This project is being funded through a twenty five million dollar grant from OEA. Mr. Schubert also commented that the construction along Broadway should be completed sometime in July. Mr. Murdock mentioned that Mr. Schubert is now the Chairman of the Military Affairs Commission (MAC) that is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. He will be providing updates regarding both the Infrastructure and Transportation Committee and the MAC.

##### **Real Property and Neighborhoods (Co-Chairs: Howard Peak)**

Mayor Peak stated that he didn't have anything new to add.

##### **Communication and Legislative Affairs (Co-Chairs: Mark Frye and Jesse Hereford)**

Mr. Frye gave the update as Mr. Hereford wasn't able to make the meeting. Please see Attachment 1, slides 11 and 12 for additional information.

Mr. Frye said that he gave the keynote speech at the 2013 Military – Civilian Joint Use Issues Conference. One of the many topics was that of joint use of airfields such as the one at Port San Antonio and Lackland AFB. Mr. Frye clarified that the airfield is owned and operated by the Air Force but used by both the civilian tenants at Point San Antonio and the Air Force at Lackland AFB.

Issue papers that were taken to Washington D.C. during the annual SA to DC trip included the following:

- Support for the San Antonio Military and Veteran Community Council,
- Impact Aid for the military school districts,
- HR 1770 which was written to equalize the benefits that a surviving spouse would receive.
- Request for MILCON (Military Construction) money for the top four construction projects on JBSA.

**Mission Readiness & Sustainability Committee (Co-Chairs: Eric Stephens and John Williams)**

Mr. Brach from Bexar County gave the following updates regarding the Lackland JLUS Light Study.

- Bexar County Commissioners Court approved the Light Study for the Lackland AFB on December 10, 2013.
- The Light Study Technical Committee held its “Kick-off” meeting on February 12, 2014.

Mr. Brach stated that the next steps will be:

- Data Collection
- Stakeholder Interviews
- Light Pollution Mitigation Analysis.

Mr. Brach stated gave a brief update regarding the Randolph JLUS

- Held their third Advisory Committee Workshop
- Held their second Public Workshop
- Collected 100% of the data collection.

The next steps for the Randolph JLUS will be:

- Complete the Compatibility Assessments
- Small Area Studies
- Complete the Draft and Final Report
- Work on the Preliminary Strategies/Implementation Plan.

Please see Attachment 1, slides 14 & 15 for additional information.

**Brooks City Base (John “Mac” McCarthy)**

Mr. McCarthy stated Brooks City Base received their invitation to the last P4 meeting but they couldn't attend. However, he plans to attend the next meeting.

**Adjourn**

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Sandra Bagwell, Office of Military Affairs*

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Attachments:

1. Military Transformation Task Force PowerPoint Presentation