



## Military Transformation Task Force Meeting Minutes

A Regular Meeting of the Military Transformation Task Force was held in the Central Library Auditorium, 600 Soledad, San Antonio, TX 78205 on Wednesday September 4, 2013 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

<b>MEMBERS:</b>	Brig Gen LaBrutta	Eric Stephens	Mac McCarthy	Michael Rowland
Michael Novak	Carroll Schubert	Howard Peak	Mark Frye	Robert Murdock
Elisa Chan	Don Taylor	John Williams	Melissa Shannon	
<b>STAFF:</b>	Jesus Garza	Sandra Bagwell		
<b>GUESTS:</b>	Todd White	Lisa O'Briant	John Thurman	
Ryan Garcia	Malik Jabier	Keith O'Gorman	Sheila McNeil	

**Citizens:** None

### Call to Order

Mr. Novak called the meeting to order at 11:00 am.

### Citizens to be heard

No one signed up to speak.

### Review and Approval of Minutes from May 1, 2013

The May 1, 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 next two meetings would be held on December 4, 2013 and March 5, 2014. Mr. Murdock explained that the December 4<sup>th</sup> meeting was scheduled for the Library Auditorium also as the Public Safety committee for City Council meeting has elected to meet in the Municipal Plaza B room at the same time as the MTTF. OMA is working on finding an alternate date and time as Councilwoman Chan also sits on the Safety Committee.

### Information Items

#### **JBSA Change of Command**

Brig. General La Brutta assumed command of Joint Base San Antonio (JBSA) on the 29<sup>th</sup> of May, replacing Maj. General Theresa Carter.

#### **ADC National Summit**

The annual ADC Summit that took place in June was held in Washington DC for the first time; allowing the DoD to send staff to the conference. Topics of the conference were such things as a 2015 BRAC and sequestration. With the success of the conference, the ADC has elected to hold the 2014 Summer Conference in Washington DC.

#### **RAFB JLUS July Meeting**

The Randolph Air Force Base (RAFB) Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) kick off meeting took place in July and there was a high turnout for the meeting. Most of the stakeholders sent representatives to the meeting. The next meeting would take place in October.

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

Mr. Murdock said that the Office of Military Affairs traditionally has been funded by a grant from the Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) with a match from the City's general fund. That match has been anywhere from 10 to 25 percent of the grant amount. However, OEA can no longer fund Growth Communities as of October 1, 2013 and has elected to take an alternative approach to fund our office. It is still in the planning stages but OMA would form a regional task force to work on the implementation of the recommendations of the Lackland JLUS and when complete, the Randolph JLUS.

## **CMP Update**

The next step is to present the study and get the City's input about the municipal services they could provide to JBSA. The data for the personnel costs and hourly wages are being provided to the Air Force for a business case analysis. The Air Force will then take that information and present it to the Center for Expertise. They will look at the numbers and decide whether it would be beneficial to have the City provide services such as refuse collection and disposal, grounds maintenance, road and sidewalks maintenance, traffic lights maintenance, animal pick up and removal, and possibly consolidating the purchase of bulk materials.

Mr. Novak asked Mr. Murdock to clarify about OMA's budget. He asked if it was for fiscal year 2014 and if it would be a one or two year grant. Mr. Murdock stated that it was for fiscal year 2014 but it was a verbal agreement only right now as it has to go through numerous steps at OEA's office. He hopes that OMA will receive written approval by the end of the month.

Mr. Novak asked about sequestration. Mr. Murdock stated that while attending an ADC function, the Air Force Chief of Staff stated that the Air Force planned to implement sequestration for the next eight years. The other branches most likely would too. At the ADC conference most felt that sequestration had more of a negative impact on local communities throughout the United States than a BRAC (Base Realignment and Closure) would.

Mr. Frye stated that all that he has read indicates that sequestration would occur this year and in following years.

Mayor Williams said that there was a big concern about the budget cuts and possible closures to the schools on base. If this happens, the area schools such as Judson ISD or Schertz-Cibolo-Universal City ISD would not be able to afford the influx of that many students. BG La Brutta said that he hasn't heard anything for fiscal year (FY) 2014 about the cuts to the military school districts. He went on to say that the cuts are significant. He is still working on the budget and cannot go into detail, but has asked his colonels to prioritize what they need funded and he would take that in account when finalizing the FY 2014 budget. He stated that the contract obligations and must pays are higher than the budget he was given. Furloughs are going to be needed in order for JBSA to operate.

Mr. Novak said that the Military is big piece of the economic generator puzzle in the San Antonio community. He asked BG La Brutta how this was going to affect the military consultants and contractors that rely on the contracts from the military. And if the Chamber of Commerce can advocate for JBSA – he mentioned the annual SA to DC trip. BG La Brutta said that there would be a trickle down affect to these companies as long as sequestration exists.

Councilwoman (CW) Chan asked if sequestration applied equally to every base and would certain bases be affected differently. BG La Brutta stated that all bases would be affected and he wasn't certain but he thought it would be a 10% cut across the board. He has the ability to adjust where he makes the cuts at Fort Sam Houston, Randolph AFB and Lackland AFB.

## **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 the street improvements around Fort Sam Houston continued and gave Harry Wurzbach and Walters Street as an example.

### **Real Property and Neighborhoods (Chair: Howard Peak)**

Mayor Peak stated that he has seen much improvement in the neighborhoods along Harry Wurzbach. He is especially pleased with the gate on Harry Wurzbach into Fort Sam Houston. However, within the past week, the traffic at this gate has really picked up and traffic is backed up one quarter to one half mile. Mayor Peak asked if there was a reason or special event that caused this. BG La Brutta stated that the traffic will back up periodically. He said that there were some adjustments to both the security staffing and hours of operation due to the furloughs. Mr. Novak commented that school was back in session and this might account for the additional traffic, especially until families get their routines set.

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

Mr. Frye gave a brief update on recent Legislative issues. Please see Attachment 1, slides 11 and 12 for additional information.

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

Mr. Stephens went over the status of the Joint Land Use Studies. Please see Attachment 1, slides 13, 14, and 15 for additional information.

Mr. Stephens asked Ms. Shannon if there was anything she wanted to add. Ms. Shannon stated that a light study would be done for Lackland AFB. It has been awarded to Matrix and would start as soon as the District Attorney's (DA) office finalized the contract and it was signed. Mr. Novak said that a special meeting could be called if needed. Mr. Stephens commented that Ms. Shannon's office and Mr. Garza had everything under control. Ms. Shannon stated that she might need some help from BG La Brutta to get the information that was needed from JBSA as they were at a standstill. They need information from JBSA such as their priorities and needs in order to go any further. BG La Brutta asked who Ms. Shannon was working with; Ms. Shannon replied that she worked primarily with George DeCoux. BG La Brutta stated that this is probably why she hadn't heard anything back, Mr. DeCoux left and they were in the process of hiring someone to fill his position. As for the noise study, JBSA had to wait to see if there would be funds available at this time.

**Brooks City Base (Mac McCarthy)**

Mr. McCarthy said that everything is going well at Brooks.

**Joint Base San Antonio (502<sup>nd</sup> ABW)**

BG La Brutta stated that he didn't have anything additional to add.

**Adjourn**

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Sandra Bagwell, Office of Military Affairs*

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*Audio recording is available at the Office of Military Affairs by request to: [sandra.bagwell@sanantonio.gov](mailto:sandra.bagwell@sanantonio.gov)*

**Attachments:**

1. Military Transformation Task Force PowerPoint Presentation.



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## Military Transformation Task Force

September 4, 2013



City of  
San Antonio



Bexar County



Greater San Antonio  
Chamber of Commerce

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### Agenda

1. Citizens to be Heard
2. Review and Approval of Minutes of May 1, 2013
3. Administrative Business
  - a) MTTF/Office of Military Affairs (Bob Murdock)
4. Information Items
  - JBSA Change of Command
  - ADC National Summit
  - RAFB JLUS July Meeting
  - TMPC August Meeting
  - OMA FY 14 Funding
  - JBSA JLUS RTF
  - CMP Update
5. Update from MTTF Committee Chairs, Joint Base San Antonio, and Other MTTF Organizational Representatives
6. Adjourn.

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**Citizens to be Heard**

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**Review and Approval of  
Minutes from May 1, 2013**

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## **Administrative Business**

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## **Future Meetings**

### **Upcoming MTTF Meetings**

- **December 4, 2013**
- **March 5, 2014**

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## **Information Items**

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## **MTTF Committee Updates**

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**Infrastructure and  
Transportation  
Committee**

**Chair: Carroll Schubert**

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**Neighborhoods and Real  
Property Committee**

**Co-Chairs: Howard Peak**

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## Communication and Legislative Affairs Committee

**Co-Chairs: Mark Frye and  
Jesse Hereford**

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### Legislative

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**Description:** Coordinate and integrate military-related State and Federal legislative efforts with City, County and Greater Chamber efforts; facilitate communication of actions

**Ongoing Activities Include:**

1. Participate in SA to DC activities; contribute to relevant issue papers
2. Meet with State and Federal delegation and staffers to promote MTTF agenda
3. Meet with City and County legislative staffers / lobbyists
4. Interact with Texas Military Preparedness Commission

**Completed/Open Items:**

- Attended Texas Military Preparedness Commission Meetings on May 30 in Austin and on August 15 at Camp Mabry
- Attended Chamber Legislative Committee meeting with Sen. Van de Putte on August 27
- Ongoing follow up with Reps. Castro and Gallego staffers familiar with HASC issues; met with Steven Snodgrass (Gallego Military Staff member) September 3
- Continuing to follow military issues of importance to the MTTF, specifically the Budget Control Act of 2011 and pending sequestration cuts

**Pending Items:**

- Attending ADC Base Redevelopment Forum September 25-27 in Portland, ME
- Texas Military Preparedness Commission meeting in November in San Antonio
- Planning for 2014 SA to DC trip will begin in October/November/December<sup>12</sup>



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## Mission Readiness and Sustainability Committee

**Co-Chairs: Eric Stephens and  
John Williams**

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### JBSA Lackland JLUS

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**Description:** Conduct Joint Land-Use Study for JBSA  
Lackland

**Completed Actions:**

- Light Study (Bexar County)
  - Issued RFP
  - Vendor selected - Matrix Design Group

**Next Steps:**

- Implementation Plan - awaiting JBSA comments
- Light Study - DA's office to negotiate Agreement with Matrix
- Noise Study (JBSA)

**Staff Support:** Bexar County

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**Description:** Conduct Joint Land-Use Study for JBSA Randolph

**Completed Actions:**

- Work Plan Development
- Project Kickoff
  - Executive & Advisory Committee meetings
  - Stakeholder interviews

**Next Steps:**

- October 17th - Executive Committee meeting
- October 16th - Advisory Committee & Public meetings
- Continue data collection efforts

**Staff Support:** Bexar County

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**Updates from  
Joint Base San Antonio and  
Other MTTF Organizational  
Representatives**

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**Adjourn**

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