



Military Transformation Task Force

May 1, 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 February 6, 2013
3. Administrative Business
 - a) MTTF/Office of Military Affairs (Bob Murdock)
4. Information Items
 - a) Update on the Community - Military Partnership Project (Bob Murdock)
 - b) Jayci's Wreaths for Heroes (Jayci Derby)
 - c) Greater Chamber of Commerce Veterans Initiative (Kara Hill)
5. Update from MTTF Committee Chairs, Joint Base San Antonio, and Other MTTF Organizational Representatives
6. Adjourn.

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Administrative Business

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Future Meetings

Upcoming MTTF Meetings

- August 7, 2013
- November 6, 2013

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Information Items

- 1. Greater Chamber SA-DC Trip**
- 2. Ft. Eustis Relocation Visit**
- 3. Meeting with Congressman Doggett and Congressman Castro's Staff**
- 4. 24 AF Ribbon Cutting**
- 5. ADC Defense Communities Summit, 12-14 June**
- 6. Community – Military Partnership Project**

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Update on the Community- Military Partnership Project

Bob Murdock, Director

Office of Military Affairs

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Community - Military Partnership Project Update

Apr – Temporary Stop Work Order

Request for Project Extension

**Aug -- Coordinate Results with JBSA and CoSA
Leadership**

**Sep -- Final Approvals on Project
Recommendations**

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Jayci's Wreaths for Heroes

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Greater Chamber Veterans Initiative

MTTF Presentation
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Background

- 1M+ service members transitioning to civilian life over next 5 years
 - Texas has 2nd largest veteran population (1.6M) and the largest population of Gulf War Era veterans (508K)
 - 2,000 -3,000 active duty personnel are separating from military in next 12 months in San Antonio
 - At least 40% stay, with others relocating here for medical treatment
- Transition is a critical time that presents a unique set of issues
- Growing need for communities to actively engage and support the veteran and transitioning military population

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Potential outcomes

- Successful transition
 - Add strength to civilian workforce
 - Avg. income \$10,000 more than non-veterans
 - Civic assets and leaders
- Unsuccessful transition
 - Higher unemployment
 - Increased risk for suicide, domestic violence, long term homelessness

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Transition-related issues

- Jobs
- Education
- Family Support
- Housing
- Health
- Continuation of Service/ Leadership

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San Antonio Efforts

- Employment
 - Greater Chamber Committee
 - Major employer participation
 - Government agencies
- Health and Human Services
 - Government agencies
 - San Antonio Area Foundation (through Veteran Svc Orgs)
- Grassroots Veteran Community
 - San Antonio Coalition for Veterans
 - Alliance for Veterans and Families
- Education
 - Local University participation
- Coordination with National Organizations
 - Community Blueprint Network
 - Got Your 6

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Got Your 6 Week



- June 1-7, 2013
- Goal: to raise awareness and foster connections
- Each day features events related to one of the 6 pillars
 - Family, Housing, Health, Jobs, Education, Leadership

Marketing through Chamber website and communications team, partner orgs and GY6 national

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Neighborhoods and Real Property Committee

**Co-Chairs: Howard Peak and
Leo Gomez**

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Communication and Legislative Affairs Committee

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

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Legislative

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 Items:

- Attended IVIVA! San Antonio on February 21 in Austin
- Prepared for (meetings with Gen Rice, Gen Carter and LTG Caldwell) and went on the SA to DC trip March 5-8, 2013; wrote trip report; ongoing follow up with Reps. Castro and Gallego staffers familiar with HASC issues
- Continuing to follow military issues of importance to the MTTF, specifically the Budget Control Act of 2011 and sequestration

Pending Items:

- Attending Texas Military Preparedness Commission meeting on May 30 in Austin

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State Military Issues:

- **Land use regulations to protect military missions (any legislation)**
 - HB 1377 (Kolkhorst) would have a negative impact on San Antonio's Tree Ordinance and, if enacted, would potentially create development near Camp Bullis
- **Funding the Texas Military Preparedness Commission's Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant (DEAAG) program for \$20M and strengthening their Military Value Revolving Loan Program**
 - SB 1200 (Van de Putte), if enacted, would provide \$20M of DEAAG funding
 - According to the Texas Comptroller's Office, Defense is a \$147-billion a year industry in Texas and supports over 350,000 jobs
 - Federal Budget cuts have impacted the Department of Defense by cutting half a trillion dollars with the Budget Reduction Act of 2011, plus forcing Defense to operate under a Continuing Resolution, and now Sequestration
 - The Department of Defense has begun implementing force structure (manpower) reductions, which will result in needing fewer bases/facilities
 - Texas has more Defense bases and Defense contractors than other states, therefore, we have more at risk
 - Other states have eyed Texas Defense facilities and missions and have funded efforts to protect their own bases, plus provide incentives for recruiting new missions
 - **Florida, Alabama and Virginia have hired consultants as part of a series of steps aimed at protecting their states from military downsizing**
 - **State of Florida funded \$5-million to help local communities acquire land near bases to protect from encroachment**
 - According to the Texas Commanders Council, representing all 15 military bases in Texas, the state has not been pro-active with Defense
 - It's time for the Legislature to quit talking and start taking action about protecting our \$147-billion industry by approving \$20-million in DEAAG funding so defense-dependent communities can begin work strengthening their position if BRAC 2015 is authorized by Congress
 - The clock is ticking. Texas can't wait another two years to begin being "pro-active" with Defense

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8-10 Military and Aerospace Delegates Met With:

- **Dan Madru, Shakira Pumphrey and Zeke Reyna**
Office of Speaker Joe Strauss
- **Margaret Wallace**
Office of Representative Roland Gutierrez
- **Amanda Gonzalez**
Office of Representative Mike Villarreal
- **Matt Creel and Kristin Cade**
Office of Senator Donna Campbell, M.D.
- **Bill Wilson**
Office of Senator Leticia Van de Putte
- **Julianna Gonzaba**
Office of Representative Joe Farrias
- **Veronica Gonzalez**
Office of Representative Philip Cortez
- **Christopher Cox**
Office of Representative Justin Rodriguez
- **Travis Miller**
Office of Representative Jose Menendez
- **Jerry Needham (one-on-one w/Frye)**
Office of Senator Carlos Uresti

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SA to DC Issues (I)



Priority 1 Issues:

- **Joint Base San Antonio (JBSA)-Lackland: Air Force Basic Military Training (BMT) Campus Replacement Program MILCON funding (\$359M)** to provide training facilities for all newly-enlisted Airmen, including dormitories and four dining facilities.
- **JBSA-Lackland: Wilford Hall Ambulatory Care Center Phases III (\$161.3M) and IV (\$80.6M) MILCON** to complete this important project providing healthcare delivery to our military and their families.
- **JBSA-Fort Sam Houston: Army North Homeland Defense Operations Center (HDOC) MILCON (\$50M in FY15)** to provide critical infrastructure needed for ARNORTH's homeland defense mission.
- **JBSA-Lackland: Three-Phase Interfaith Religious Center MILCON (\$29.9M)** to provide for the spiritual needs of the BMT Airmen.
- **JBSA-Fort Sam Houston: Army Advanced Individual Training Complex MILCON (\$67M)** to complete the Army's portion of the Medical Education and Training Campus.

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Priority 2 Issues:

- **JBSA-Randolph: Air Force Personnel Center (AFPC) B Wing MILCON** (\$34M) to provide new administrative office space for AFPC.
- **JBSA-Camp Bullis: Dining Facility MILCON** (\$18.6M) to replace a greatly outdated facility.
- **JBSA-Lackland: Air Traffic Control Tower MILCON** (\$8.4M), to replace a structurally deficient tower.
- **JBSA-Lackland: Ensure Lackland is selected for the beddown of the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter** during the next round of basing decisions and the 149th is selected for an F-35 operational or training mission.

Sequestration and its potential impacts on military readiness, military healthcare delivery and on the DoD civilian workforce were topics of discussion on both Capitol Hill and in the Pentagon. Additionally, the Military Issues Team provided copies of the San Antonio Military Economic Impact Study and a Cyber City USA fact sheet to both Pentagon and Hill representatives. The group also discussed the DoD's request for another round of BRAC in 2015 and veterans' issues.



16 SA to DC Delegates Met With:

- **Ben Jackson and Megan Swearingen**
Office of Congressman Henry Cuellar
- **Andrew Okuyiga**
Office of Congressman Lloyd Doggett
- **Claudia Urrabazo**
Office of Congressman Pete Gallego
- **Matthew Jones**
Office of Congressman Joaquin Castro
- **Dave Hanke**
Office of Senator John Cornyn
- **Kenny Stein**
Office of Senator Ted Cruz
- **Note: Congressmen Doggett, Gallego and Castro also met with the Military Issues Team**



16 SA to DC Delegates Met With:

- **Maj Gen Mark A. Ediger, USAF**
Deputy Surgeon General of the Air Force
- **RADM Michael H. Mittelman, USN**
Deputy Surgeon General of the Navy
- **MG Richard A Stone, USA**
Deputy Surgeon General of the Army
- **Col. Robert Cole, USAF**
Office of Information Dominance and Chief Information Officer, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force
- **LTG William Troy, USA**
Director of the Army Staff
- **General Larry O. Spencer, USAF**
Vice Chief of Staff of the Air Force
- **Ms. Kathleen Ferguson, USAF**
Acting Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations, Environment and Logistics
- **Mr. Timothy Bridges, USAF**
Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations
- **Mr. Mark A. Correll, USAF**
Deputy Civil Engineer of the Air Force



Mission Readiness and Sustainability Committee

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



JBSA Lackland JLUS

Description: Conduct Joint Land-Use Study for JBSA Lackland

Completed Actions:

- OEA funding approval received to conduct Light Study

Next Steps:

- Issue RFP for Light Study

Staff Support: Bexar County

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JBSA Randolph JLUS

Description: Conduct Joint Land-Use Study for JBSA Randolph

Completed Actions:

- Commissioners Court executed Agreement with Matrix Design Group

Next Steps:

- Work Plan Development and Project Kickoff

Staff Support: Bexar County

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

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