



Utah Defense Alliance, Inc.

Minutes of the Utah Defense Alliance Board

Held February 18, 2015 @ 7:30am

At the Weber Basin Water Conservancy Board Room

1. Welcome Board Members and Guests: Tage Flint
2. Approval of the Meeting Minutes for the Board Meeting held on November 19, 2014: Motion to approve: Mark Shepherd, 2nd Mike Bouwhuis, the vote was unanimous.
3. Congressman Bishop thanked the Utah Defense Alliance for all of the work they do. There are still a lot of people who feel that the military is overfunded and that you still need to squeeze it more to gain efficiencies. The President's budget is a positive step forward and there is a significant increase but unfortunately he has tied that to an increase in domestic spending. All reports that we are hearing about Hill Air Force Base are positive with the increased workload and the F-35 coming. There is a tremendous amount of maintenance backlog on the F-22 and the F-16 at the depot and that those calling for reductions in civilian personnel from the civilian sector are not taking everything into account when they are calling for those reductions. There is a real effort to get things done in Congress in the next two years. He mentioned that we are too small as a military and need to fix that due to current conditions worldwide. Congressman Bishop noted that there needs to be a lot of education of peers in Washington.
4. Those presented for membership on the Utah Defense alliance Board of Directors are: John Petroff, Weston Saunders, Steve Hiatt, Charles Wight Kerry Gibson and Sean Milne. Motion to approve these individuals to serve on the UDA Board of Directors: Kevin Sullivan, 2nd Mike Pavich, the vote was unanimous.
5. All members of the Utah Defense Alliance Board and community leaders are invited to attend and support the co-sponsored AFA & UDA Spring 2015 TRIAD Forum, to be held on 18 and 19 March 2015 at the Eccles Conference Center in Ogden, UT. This will be a widely attended event featuring senior leaders from the services and industry representing all three legs of the Triad and is a continuation of the series of forums created and hosted by Mr. Peter Huessy.

The theme for this event will be "Keeping our Deterrent Affordable." the speakers will provide program updates and offer their thoughts on current strategies to modernize and sustain the existing strategic nuclear capability as the services move forward with key modernization programs (e.g. Ground Based Strategic Deterrent (GBSD), Ohio-Class Replacement Program, and the Long Range Bomber and Long Range Standoff Capability). The emphasis will be on program management to reduce life cycle costs.

The Honorable Jamie Morin, Director of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation for the Department of Defense, has agreed to be one of the keynote speakers. The Secretary of Defense has charged him with continually assessing the health of our nuclear deterrent enterprise and we are sure his insights will be especially interesting. Optional tours will be provided at Hill AFB, UT after the event.

6. UDA Legislative Breakfast will be held on February 25, 2015 from 7 AM until 9 AM in the Capitol rotunda. A special thanks to Brian Tarbet for getting this set up. All UDA members are welcome to participate.
7. Other Business: A delegation of the Utah Defense Alliance participated in the AFA Air Warfare Symposium in Orlando Florida. It was good to be in one place with all the right people and be able to ask questions and have immediate responses to those questions. Of major concerns were: pilot retention, training to do work on the F-35, staying up with technology and the security associated with that technology and getting smaller and smaller as a military. It was noted that the first 388th Fighter Wing F-35 will be at Hill Air Force Base on time in September 2015.

There are several retirements off individuals that the UDA has had a good working relationship with. The following are individuals who know of the UDA organization and are familiar with things that are going on at Hill Air Force Base: Lieut. Gen. John B Cooper, Maj. Gen. Lee K Levy, Maj. Gen. H Brent Baker and Lt Gen Ellen M. Pawlikowski.

8. UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST

March 19, 2015, Nuclear Triad Forum and Scowcroft Banquet

May 20, 2015, UDA Board Meeting

June 17 and 18, Focus on Defense Forum and Utah AEF Charity Golf Tournament

August 19, UDA Board Meeting

September, Date TBD, Commander's Cup Golf Tournament

November 18, UDA Annual Board Meeting

9. Motion to adjourn: Gary Harter

Those in attendance: Mike Bouwhuis, John Petroff, Mark Shepherd, Ron Richins, Kevin Sullivan, Tage Flint, Gary Harter, Kerry Gibson, Charles Wight, Steve Rush, Bob Stevenson, Steve Hiatt, Mike Pavich, Vicki McCall, Weston Saunders, Collette Mercier, Joshua Emfield, Peter Jenks, Brian Garrett, Brian Tarbet, Matt Jensen, Ed Cox, Sandy Kester, John Tanner, Ted Frederick, David Ayala, Kerry Siniscalchi, Roger McCreery, Kathy Anderson, Mike Jensen, Jeff Shulman, Steve Petersen, Michael Wagstaff, Adam Shippee.

Excused: Jerry Stevenson, Pat Condon