

**Minutes of the Utah Defense Alliance Board Meeting**  
**Held May 18, 2016 @ 7:30am**  
**At the Weber Basin Water Conservancy District Board Room**

**Welcome of Board Members and Guests:** Steve Rush

**Approval of Last Meeting Minutes for the Board Meeting held on February 17, 2016:**  
Motion to approve: Charles Wight, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mike Bouwhuis, the vote was unanimous.

**Roosevelt Group Quarterly Report: Significant Activities per the Roosevelt Report:**

- 1) Met with Kevin Sullivan in Washington DC on March 1.
- 2) Utah BRAC historical review completed.
- 3) Hired Scott Taylor to support UTTR range and Hill AFB analysis.
- 4) Met with Doug Dynes, Office of Senator Hatch, on March 14.
- 5) Met with Robert Moore, Office of Senator Lee, on March 14.
- 6) Engaged General Buy Wyatt on 155<sup>th</sup> SLC move.
- 7) Reviewed 2015 MIDA Board Meeting Reports.
- 8) Met with Steve Petersen, Office of Rep. Bishop on March 22.
- 9) Met with UDA Executive Committee and Buddy Briesmaster, Hill AFB Civil Engineer 28/29 March.
- 10) Provided list of after action items to UDA on 12 April as a result of 28/29 March meetings.
- 11) Provided FY2017 NDAA language on DGRC and Direct Hiring Authority on 21/22 April.

The Executive Committee is pleased with the overall performance of the Roosevelt Group so far and looks forward to working with them.

**Legislative Update: Gary Harter:** Gary Harter provided a recap of the bills passed in the 2016 Legislative session of interest to military members. The items he covered follow:

- 1) Utah System of Higher Education institutions will now grant resident tuition rates to military members and their immediate family members in cases where the military member has maintained Utah as their home of record (i.e. paid Utah state taxes) throughout their tenure of military service.
- 2) Veterans with a 50% or greater disability rating from the Veterans Administration will now have access to Utah State parks free of cost.
- 3) License plate decals indicating campaign service will now be available for all veterans.
- 4) Utah has established its definition of a veteran as “Someone who has served in the Armed Forces of the United States for at least 180 days either on active duty or in a reserve component including National Guard for a period of 180 days and received separation or a discharge characterized as honorable or general.”
- 5) Senator Jerry Stevenson sponsored the land exchange bill for the Utah Test and Training Range in support of federal legislation which will prevent range encroachment and expand range

safety footprints when needed. His legislation reads in part: The concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor approves the land exchange proposed by S.2383 - Utah Test and Training Range Encroachment Prevention and Temporary Closure Act. This resolution: approves the proposed exchange of school and institutional trust lands and mineral interests in Box Elder, Tooele, Juab, and Washington counties for United States government lands in Box Elder, Tooele, Juab, Millard, and Beaver counties; and recognizes that the land received by the state in the exchange would provide greater economic development potential, and be better managed and administered for the benefit of the state's trust land beneficiaries and economy.

6) Senator Stevenson also sponsored the concurrent resolution entitled Utah's Vision for Enduring Contribution to The Common Defense. This resolution recognizes Utah's legacy of enduring contribution to the common defense; identifies challenges to the viability of common defense; identifies important foundational strengths unique to Utah; and commits to building innovative solutions to emerging security challenges.

7) Weston Saunders requested discussion on HB99, which proposed exempting military retired pay from Utah state income tax. The Veterans' and Military Affairs Commission recommended this bill. The House Revenue and Taxation Standing Committee felt this was a broader issue which required further study and referred the bill to interim session.

**Hill AFB Software Facility:** The Utah State Legislature has appropriated \$21,500,000.00 to the Military Installation Development Authority to be used by the authority to provide reimbursement for a portion of the cost to construct an approximately 74,000 square foot building shell for the U.S. Government to own and occupy on Hill Air Force Base to house software employees and related personnel. The Air Force shall be responsible to pay for the costs of inspection and completion of the building according to military standards for secure software development workloads. The building shall be constructed by the Falcon Hill Enhanced Use Lease developer selected by the Air Force who shall competitively bid the project, and the authority shall reimburse the developer based on actual costs expended. It is anticipated that the funds be available by July 1, 2016 and that actual construction begin around October 2016.

**Economic Impact Study:** The contract for the Economic Impact Study has been extended to December of 2016 as some of the Study Team's attention had been redirected to a study of the impact of military retirees on the Utah economy. Most of the data collection work has been completed and we anticipate that a draft report will be available well in advance of the new December of 2016 due date.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST**

Hill AFB Aerospace Outreach to Industry, June 14, 2016

Focus of Defense Symposium, June 15, 2016

Aerospace Heritage Charity Golf Tournament, June 16, 2016

Hill AFB Warriors Over the Wasatch Air Show, June 25 & 26

UDA Board Meeting, August 17, 2016

Commanders Cup Golf Tournament 9-6-16

UDA Board Meeting, Nov 16, 2016

**Those Attending:** Ron Richins, Detlef Galke, Kevin Sullivan, Mike Bouwhuis, Pat Condon, Weston Saunders, John Petroff Jr., Peter Jenks, Brian Garrett, Steve Rush, Gary Harter, Mark Shepherd, Steve Hiatt, Ted Frederick, Kerry Gibson, Charles Wight, Collette Mercier, Joshua Emfield, Bob Stevenson, Mike Jensen