**Minutes of the Utah Defense Alliance Board Meeting**

**February 21, 2018, 7:30am to 9:00am**

**Weber Basin Water Conservancy District Board Room**

**Welcome Board Members and Guests:** President Tage Flint welcomed the board members.

**Approval of Last Meeting Minutes for the Board Meeting held on Nov 15, 2017:** Motion to approve: Bob Stevenson, 2nd Gary Harter. The vote was unanimous.

**Departure Recognition, Weber State University President, Chuck Wight:** Tage Flint recognized President Chuck Wight’s departure from the UDA Board as Chuck is stepping down as the WSU president. President Wight thanked the Board for what they do and stated that he had enjoyed being a part of the Board during his five-year tenure as WSU President.

**Approval of New UDA Secretary:** The Board approved Mr. Rick Hartle as the new UDA Board Secretary. Motion to approve: Bob Stevenson, 2nd, Steve Rush. The vote was unanimous.

**Washington DC Visit Report:** Tage Flint, Vickie McCall and Kevin Sullivan visited Washington DC from 28-30 January to meet with Senators Hatch and Lee, and Congressman Bishop and Stewart to discuss the negative impacts on the armed services of delayed passage of national defense budgets. The team also met with staff members from the entire Utah delegation to discuss our 2018 legislative agenda. Tage and Vickie gave a recap of the meetings and the positive feedback received from senior Air Force leaders for taking the budget message to our elected leaders. Tage and Vickie also provided feedback from their most recent meetings with the CSAF and the SECAF, highlighting SECAF’s emphasis on community quality of life issues impacting military retention – particularly reciprocity for military spouse occupational licenses and school quality.

Ted Frederick gave the Board an update on the work he has been doing with several Hill AFB spouses and the state on license reciprocity. The state already accepts out-of-state licensure for military spouses in 80 occupations and there are now expedited procedures for military spouses to apply for, and receive, Utah teaching credentialing. There is more to be done here but Utah is making progress on these SECAF priorities. It was suggested that a letter from Vickie and Tage to the SECAF outlining Utah’s progress in facilitating military spouse licensure in the state would be appropriate and Gary Harter indicated his office would draft such a letter.

**ACTION**: Gary Harter and Ted Frederick draft a letter from Vickie and Tage to SECAF outlining the actions Utah has taken to facilitate military spouse employment in the state

**Legislative, “Meet the Military” Lunch Recap:** Kevin Sullivan provided a recap of the 2018 UDA sponsored “Meet the Military” lunch held in the Capitol rotunda on Jan 31. The was the fourth year UDA has sponsored either a lunch or breakfast at the Capitol and this year’s was the largest and best attended yet. There was great participation by Utah’s senior military leaders and a large number of legislators attended as well. The Lieutenant Governor also spent time visiting with our military members. Taylor Smith advised that the event gave the Utah National Guard an opportunity to meet with several legislators they had been trying to get to but who had been hard to reach due to the time demands of the legislative session. Kevin thanked Ryan Wilcox for reserving the lunch time period for UDA, which is not easy to get.

**Association of Defense Communities Installation Innovation Forum Report:** Kevin Sullivan, Bob Stevenson, and Gary Harter attended the ADC IIF from 12-14 February in San Diego, CA. They had the opportunity to hear from senior installation leaders from all services as well as from community-military partnership groups who outlined their partnership successes. This event also provided the opportunity for very productive one-on-one meetings with senior Air Force and Army leaders and a House Armed Services professional staff member to discuss items of interest at Hill AFB and Dugway Proving Ground.

Kevin also briefed the Board on the Air Force’s ongoing site selection process to determine the siting of the F-35 Hybrid Product Support Integrator organization. This is an organization we would very much like to go to Hill AFB and UDA is working with the Utah delegation to relay that message to the Air Force in the strongest possible terms. Bob Stevenson suggested that a letter from the Davis County Council of Governments to SECAF might also be appropriate and Kevin agreed to draft such a letter.

**ACTION**: Kevin Sullivan draft a letter from the Davis COG to SECAF encouraging siting the F-35 Hybrid Product Support Integrator organization at Hill AFB.

**New Finance/Travel Reimbursement Procedures:** Kevin Sullivan explained to the Board that with the Departure of Ron Richins, UDA would be implementing new travel and reimbursement procedures utilizing the electronic forms in the Member section of the UDA web page and a third party payor. Implementation of these new procedures will occur as soon as the details are worked out. Tage Flint took this opportunity to recognize Ron for his many years of service to UDA and to MIDA and to present him with an F-16 model as a departing gift.

**Minuteman III Test Launch:** Kevin Sullivan advised the Board that Randy Tymofichuk had offered to help arrange a trip to Vandenberg AFB for Board members to observe a Minuteman III ICBM test launch. There are several launches planned for the remainder of this year and the Board agreed that this would be a worthwhile event. Kevin will work with Tage to select a date and get back with the Board members.

**Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:05am

**Upcoming Events of Interest:**

Mar 15, Scowcroft Banquet

May 16, 2018, UDA Annual Board Meeting

Jun 23-24, Hill AFB Air Show

Jul 17-19, Hill AFB Outreach Conference/Focus on Defense Symposium/AEF Golf

Aug 15, 2018, UDA Board Meeting @ Toole Army Depot

Nov 14, 2018, UDA Board Meeting

**Those Attending:**  Tage Flint, Ted Frederick, Hugo Horstman, Brian Garrett, Bob Stevenson, Steve Rush, Gary Harter, Steve Hiatt, Vickie McCall, Jim Taggart, Kerry Gibson, Kevin Sullivan, Barry McLerran, Mark Shepherd, Ron Richins, Brian Garrett, Col Tyler Smith, Chuck Wight, Shawn Milne, Peter Jenks