

KENTUCKY
COMMISSION
ON **MILITARY AFFAIRS**



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes (DRAFT)
 1:30 p.m. (ET)
 February 14, 2023
 Teleconference (Zoom)

A. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME (Chair Iacocca)
 Called to order at 1:30 p.m. Chair Iacocca.

Roll call	
X	Chairman – BG (R) Iacocca
X	KDVA – Commissioner LTC (R) Whitney Allen
X	Executive Director – BG (R) Bullard
X	TAG KDMA – MG Lambertson (proxy BG Brian Wertzler)
X	CED – Secretary Noel (proxy Jon Wertzler)
X	Lori Harper
X	Kelli Pendleton
X	Heather French Henry
	COL (R) Shontelle Adams

Staff/Guests: Stacey Shane (KCMA), BG (R) Charles Jones (KDMA), Corey Ann Jackson (KDVA), Deputy Commissioner LTC (R) Juan Renaud (KDVA)

NOTE: Shontelle Adams has submitted his resignation for personal reasons and has not yet been replaced by the Governor (new appointment remains in the evaluation process).

B. OLD BUSINESS

Approval of Minutes – November 15, 2022 (BG (R) Iacocca). Motion by Commissioner Allen, second by BG Wertzler, adopted unanimously by voice vote.

C. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE (Commissioner Bullard)

Commissioner Bullard referred all present to his draft working document covering in detail current activities of the commission and said he would quickly discuss the major talking point updates. The draft working document on current activities was emailed to all participants a week prior to the meeting.

Topics he covered were as follows, focusing on updates to the emailed document:

- Bottom line – very stable, positive time right now for Kentucky’s military community
 - The Governor still has one vacant KCMA ExCom position open, with two nominees under active consideration
 - Rear Admiral (Upper Half) Gene Price, U.S. Navy Reserve (R), an attorney with Frost Brown Todd in Louisville who is becoming active as a cyber advisor to the University of Louisville and the Adjutant General
 - Brigadier General Mary Decker, Chief of Staff, Kentucky Air National Guard and full-time federal employee with the National Guard Bureau in the National Capitol Region

- KCMA successfully moved to Suite 146 in the Capitol, with plentiful workspace for visitors
- Outstanding Citizens for Fort Campbell visit to DC last week
 - Led by Commissioner Harper, who said they visited each member of the Congressional delegation and were pleased with the visit results
- Great potential for growth at Fort Campbell and Fort Knox
 - Per Chair Iacocca, Fort Knox is unofficially poised to obtain an Air Defense Artillery Battalion in support of the Multi-Domain Task Force that will be assigned to Fort Bragg
 - Decision pending, with implementation by CY2025
- Military Child Care in Your Neighborhood-PLUS implemented in Kentucky January 9
 - Commissioner Pendleton inquired as to how the implementation is proceeding and if we're hearing any concerns from the garrison commanders, to which Commissioner Bullard responded that DOD pledged last month to interact with the Fort Campbell and Fort Knox garrisons to ensure they are up-to-date on implementation, child care provider eligibility, and how to participate, with no further questions from the garrisons
- State legislation is proceeding well, with two key bills passed out of the House Veterans, Military Affairs & Public Protection (VMAPP) Committee today
 - Military Omnibus House Bill 63 (Bratcher), to fix technical errors in the Vietnam Veterans Bonus and Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3) law, add the National Guard and Reserve to the MIC3 protections, and add U.S. Space Force to the list of defined military components in Kentucky
 - The Department of Military Affairs/Emergency Management House Bill 157 (Hart), creating a statewide Urban Search & Rescue (USAR) Program
 - Per DMA Executive Director BG (R) Charlie Jones, this bill creates the framework for the program, with study underway on the funding requirements for consideration by the 2024 General Assembly
 - Commissioner Bullard added that KCMA continues to work with the Heart of Kentucky Realtors Association towards a Proximity to Fort Campbell and Fort Knox military installations solution
 - KCMA will host the Heart of Kentucky Realtors Association tomorrow (February 15) for legislative meetings in the Capitol and should get a detailed update at that time
 - KCMA is continuing work with Transportation Cabinet and Kentucky State Police on the V Corps' driver licensing House Bill 220 (Tate), with optimism for a hearing in the next two weeks in either House VMAPP or the House Transportation Committee
 - Commissioner Bullard said Transportation Cabinet is socializing the legislation with the other 49 states to ensure there are no concerns are protecting the sanctity of the licensing process and its national validity – no issues are anticipated

There were no follow-up questions for Brig Gen Bullard on his remarks today or more detailed written report provided in advance.

D. NEW BUSINESS (BG (R) Iacocca)

Commissioner Allen introduced the new KDVA Deputy Commissioner, Juan Renaud, who comes to the role as a veteran KDVA employee with the Radcliff Cemetery. Mr. Renaud is a retired Army LTC who served in both V Corps and Cadet Command.

Commissioner Bullard introduced former Kentucky Fish & Wildlife Commissioner Tom Bennett, who serves as a strategic consultant with the American Battlefield Trust, to discuss battlefield preservation activities in Kentucky. Mr. Bennett is working with the Kentucky General Assembly to ensure Kentucky military heritage sites associated with battle activities are properly protected. Unfortunately, Mr. Bennett's microphone would not function properly. We agreed to postpone his comments to the May meeting.

E. OPEN DISCUSSION (BG (R) Iacocca)

None.

G. NEXT MEETINGS

The next executive committee meeting will be held virtually (Zoom) on Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. (ET).

H. ADJOURN

Adjourned at 1:59 p.m.