

**21<sup>st</sup> Century Partnership Quarterly Meeting**  
**Tuesday, June 13, 2017**  
**10:00 a.m. Museum of Aviation Art Gallery**

Present: Darlene McLendon, Pete O'Neill, Tom McMichael, Nancy Wall, Andrew Ross, Andi Mitchell, P.J. Vasquez, Chrissy Miner, Perry Smith, Dan Penny, Kathy Balletto, John Harley, Audrey Connelly, Randy Toms, Judy Sherling, Glen Starlnecker, Jim Taylor, Karen Lincoln, Deryl Israel, Randall Walker, Wayne Lowe, Sue Dryden, Bill Stembridge, Heath Taylor, Bob Hatcher, Jacob Reynolds, Ramesh Gokal, Laura Mathis, Shaw Blackmon, April Bragg, Greg Ziesenhene, Mary Johnson, Jack Steed, Rob Brooks, Hillary Strickland, Pat Bridges

**Welcome**

Rob Brooks

The meeting officially opened at 10:05 a.m.

**Prayer/Pledge**

Jack Steed

**Financial Report**

Wayne Lowe/Laura Mathis

Partnership report given by Wayne Lowe; County/City report given by Laura Mathis

**Chairman's Update**

Rob Brooks

Mr. Brooks thanked everyone for attending and recognized the federal field reps, Mayors, Chambers of Commerce, Randall Walker and the media who were present.

Mr. Brooks recapped some of the latest items of interest regarding Robins AFB that had been publicized over the last month or so: the Global Hawk landing, the signing of the MOA between WR-ALC and Middle Georgia Regional Airport, announcement of the Solar Farm north of the base, great aircraft production numbers, etc.

Mr. Brooks provided an update on what has been happening at the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Partnership since the departure of Dan Penny.

The Advisory Committee has held three discussion/feedback sessions to date with the Executive Committee, community leaders and also with elected officials.

A Partnership Strategy Session is scheduled before the end of the month to discuss the way ahead for the partnership – to include recommendations obtained during the discussion/feedback sessions.

Mr. Brooks discussed the Military Communities Meeting with Senator Perdue and the plans for continuing future discussions with Senator Perdue and his staff.

Mr. Brooks also discussed participating in the 9<sup>th</sup> Air Force/Shaw AFB Civic Leader Forum, and the taping of the Perry Proud Show with Randall Walker.

Upcoming events include participation in the AFSC Community Liaison Program Summit visit to Hill AFB later this month and meeting with Lt Gen Levy this week.

Also mentioned is an inaugural meeting to be held later this month, in Tifton, for the Georgia Chamber's newest program which will focus on Georgia's military communities....more information to come.

## **Deputy Director's Update**

Hillary Strickland

Ms. Strickland announced to all that the re-designed website is up and running; easier to follow, more interactive and informative. Additionally, the partnership's first social media campaign is currently underway to grow followers.

The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Partnership Scholarship program currently has one scholarship fully funded and has four more scholarship sponsorships available. **NO 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY PARTNERSHIP FUNDS ARE USED FOR SCHOLARSHIPS.** If you want to sponsor a scholarship, please contact Hillary Strickland.

Ms. Strickland will take part in an upcoming Outgoing Civic Leader Tour in July. The tour is a cooperative effort lead by the Air Force Reserve Command, Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex and 78<sup>th</sup> Air Base Wing. Approximately 31 civic leaders are attending.

## **Questions/Comments following:**

1. Is there any known workload coming to Robins AFB for unmanned aircraft? No, there is currently no known workload/mission announced to come to Robins AFB.
2. What is the Union climate right now? Right now everything is pretty quiet but expect announcement about union election later this summer.
3. Shaw Blackmon thanked the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Partnership for the behind the scenes work it does and that the work greatly appreciated.
4. Deryl Israel mentioned that the Middle Georgia State University is establishing a Master's of Science and Management Degree Program in an effort to increase the desired employees at Robins AFB. This degree program will be a night program and one of the lowest-cost graduate programs in the state of Georgia.

Mr. Brooks opened the floor to the Chambers of Commerce to let everyone know of the various opportunities coming up to help celebrate Independence Day in the local area.

## **No new/old business**

- The next 21<sup>st</sup> CP meeting is scheduled for 14 September, 10:00 a.m. – Location TBD
- Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.