

# **21st Century Partnership Quarterly Meeting**

## **Tuesday, June 13, 2017**

**10:00 a.m. Museum of Aviation Eagle Conference Room**

Present: Tom McMichael, Andrew Ross, P.J. Vasquez, Chrissy Miner, Kathy Balletto, John Harley, Randy Toms, Glen Starlnecker, Jim Taylor, Wayne Lowe, Bill Stembridge, Bob Hatcher, Laura Mathis, Shaw Blackmon, April Bragg, Greg Ziesenhene, Jack Steed, Mike Steed, Bob Walker, Brent Lanford, Lynn Harper, Sonya Jenkins, Ron Shipman, Steve Williams, Kelly Hillis, Al Stewart, Pat Topping, Pella Murphy, John Rhea, Brad Fink, Tommy Stalnaker, Karen Lincoln, Mark Byrd, Beth McLaughlin, Bernice Banks, Shavonda Hill, Larry Walker, John Hall, Rob Brooks, Dan Rhoades, 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 and state representatives, Mayors, Chambers of Commerce, and the media who were present.

Mr. Brooks discussed some of the actions that had occurred since the last quarterly meeting: the hiring of Chrissy Miner and Dan Rhoades. He also mentioned the work of the Advisory Committee and Executive Committee during the last few months and recognized those in attendance. Mr. Brooks mentioned the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual RAFB Congressional Breakfast and the need to postpone it due to Hurricane Irma. Plans are underway to reschedule the breakfast and if anyone is interested in going please advise the Partnership Office.

### **Senior Advisor's Update**

Chrissy Miner

Ms. Miner provided the definition of "Partnership" (an arrangement in which people engage in an activity or business with one another or share something with each other). The Partnership cannot be a staff of four (to include part time personnel). Future plans include establishing Community Action Teams (CAT) based on strengths of individuals (communicators, researchers, technology experts, marketing, etc.). Time, Talents and Treasure are needed to be successful and everyone has a role to play. What do we want for RAFB and the community in 20 years – we must look forward.

Ms. Miner outlined a time table of actions to be taken by the Partnership over the next 30, 60, 90, and 90+ days, some of which include: visiting communities throughout Middle Georgia, engage with other Defense Community Partners, begin building Community Action Teams, refresh BRAC Studies, etc.

### **Director of Strategy Update**

Daniel Rhoades

Mr. Rhoades provided a synopsis of the current situation regarding BRAC and potential timeframes of when to expect to hear more on this subject. He also provided a current situational overview of JSTARS. Mr. Rhoades discussed a recent luncheon with Representative Austin Scott and his staff and a luncheon with Senator Perdue's Staff. Additionally, Mr. Rhoades met with the Cobb County Chamber of Commerce and discussed future plans to develop a coordinated state effort to address all military and base concerns for all Georgia installations. As a result of meeting with the Middle Georgia Regional Commission, the Partnership Office will help to set up tours of RAFB for regional leaders in early 2018. A P-4 Way Forward meeting is being scheduled with regional leaders for the end of October 2018.

### **Questions/Comments following:**

1. Setting up tours of RAFB for others is good but what about touring other bases? Good idea and we will check into doing that.
2. What is the latest with the Labor Union? The local union has not had its election yet and are still represented by Trustees. Not sure when the elections will take place.
3. Luncheons are reflected with Senator Perdue and Representative Scott staffs, why not Senator Isakson? Meeting with Senator Isakson is still to be planned.

### **CLOSING COMMENTS**

Mr. Brooks opened the floor to the Chambers of Commerce to let everyone know of the various opportunities coming up. Mr. Brooks thanked all for coming.

### **No new/old business**

- The next 21<sup>st</sup> CP meeting is scheduled for December 14, 10:00 a.m. – Location TBD
- Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.