

21st Century Partnership Quarterly Meeting

Thursday, March 15, 2018

10:00 a.m. Robins Regional Chamber of Commerce

Present: Andrew Ross, Randy Toms, Glen Starlnecker, Wayne Lowe, Bill Stembridge, Laura Mathis, April Bragg, Greg Ziesenhene, Jack Steed, Cheri Adams, Pella Murphy, Danielle Apolinar, Pat Topping, Kathy Balletto, Jim Taylor, John Harley, Sonya Jenkins, Darlene McLendon, Steve Williams, Kelly Herrington, Kate Hogan, John Hall, Dan Slagle, John Rhea, Marian Fraley, Lisa Fruge, Al Chromy, Tiffany Thompson, Robert Reichert, Tommy Stalnaker, Gary Lee, Mike Dyer, Chrissy Miner, Rob Brooks, Dan Rhoades, Pat Bridges

Welcome

Rob Brooks

The meeting officially opened at 10:00 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 thanked the Robins Regional Chamber for hosting the meeting at their location. He was happy to announce that this was the third quarterly meeting with no staffing changes to report. He hoped everyone had noticed that the 21st Century Partnership has been in the news lately and thanked Chrissy and Dan for doing a good job. He briefly mentioned the State of the Base that was held the previous day, hosted by Robins Regional Chamber of Commerce and in alliance with 21st Century Partnership. The big topics were jobs, growth and meeting goals/expectations.

Senior Advisor's Update

Chrissy Miner

Ms. Miner showed a video of the Space X mission accomplishment. She explained that partnering between Space X and NASA accomplished more in a shorter period of time. Partnership between industry and government and focus on innovation is the future.

Ms. Miner explained to the attendees that the last big fundraising effort for the 21stCP was back in 2013 with pledges to expand over five years. Those pledges end this year.

Ms. Miner announced the addition of new Advisory Committee Members: Maj Gen (ret) Buck Waldrop and Maj Gen (ret) Tom Moore. She also announced two new Executive Committee Members: Col (ret) Trish Ross and Mr. Dan Slagle.

The 21st Century Partnership, Middle Georgia Regional Commission, Houston County Board of Commissioners and the City of Warner Robins extended an invitation to tour Robins AFB for city and county leaders (Mayors, County Commissioners, Chamber and Economic Development personnel) from Middle Georgia that don't have much interface with the base. The counties included Baldwin, Bleckley, Crawford, Crisp, Dodge, Jones, Monroe, Pulaski, Twiggs and Washington.

Ms. Miner discussed the upcoming 2018 Defense Communities National Summit to be held in Washington DC in June. She recommended that those from the community that are able to attend would benefit from the conference.

Director of Strategy Update

Daniel Rhoades

Mr. Rhoades provided a synopsis of the current situations regarding:

- President's Budget
 - Does not fund the JSTARS Recap and retires 3 aircraft
 - Otherwise, positive for Robins AFB
- State Legislation
 - 11 military friendly bills made it through crossover
- ADC Installation Innovation Conference
- His recent trip to Washington DC to meet with congressional staffers

Questions/Comments following:

Question: How can businesses help support the base? Help identify ways to partner; help identify innovation ideas.

Question: Is information being funneled to legislative delegation? Yes, weekly and sometimes daily contact is made between staffers, lobbyists, and partnership staff—information is flowing both ways.

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 21st CP meeting is 21 June 2018 at the Museum of Aviation, Eagle Conf Rm
- Meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m.