



National Commission on the Future of the Army

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SUBJECT: National Commission on the Future of the Army (NCFA) Minutes from Engagement - 24 JUL 15, Meeting with State Governor of North Carolina

Date: 24 July 2015

Time: 1400 – 1420hrs

Location: Washington Room, Greenbrier Resort, Whites Sulphur Springs, WV

Format: Round table discussion

Attendees:

Commissioner Hon. Thomas Lamont (Vice Chairman)

Commissioner LTG(R) Jack Stultz

MG(R) Ray Carpenter – NCFA Staff, Executive Director

COL Richard Miller – NCFA Staff

Mr. Mark von Heeringen – Alternate Designated Federal Officer (ADFO)

Hon. Pat McCrory – Governor of the State of North Carolina

Virginia Johnson – Director of Federal Relations

Documents Submitted to Commission: None

Meeting Summary

Commissioners Lamont and Stultz met with Governor McCrory to gather input on the issues before the Commission. The ADFO discussed his role with respect to the Commission and how the Federal Advisory Committee Act provisions apply to the Commission.

The Governor indicated North Carolina has the right combination of helicopters to support both State and Federal missions and cited some statistics – e.g., 9th most populace state in the U.S. with nearly 9.6 million people and that he represented the largest State in the governors' conference. He then asked the Commissioners if they had any questions for him.

Commissioner Stultz asked about the possibility of solutions where National Guard, Army Reserve, and Regular Army might be collocated and share platforms and equipment and whether this could work in North Carolina. The Governor said he supports concept of efficiency, but would need to study that and would be happy to discuss it further.

Conversation then turned to improving student load for training and school systems to maximize facility capacity and still enable Soldiers to get to training at the closest sites to them.

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The Governor then addressed the importance of having the AH-64s in Mooresville, NC, as part of National Guard combat force. He explained how a State with mountains, ocean coastline, and nearly 600 miles from border to border depends on the National Guard.

The meeting concluded at 1420hrs with the Governor welcoming the Commissioners to come back to North Carolina and continue the conversation.