



National Commission on the Future of the Army

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SUBJECT: National Commission on the Future of the Army (NCFA) Meeting with Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness Minutes

Date: 27 August 2015

Time: 0900 – 0950 hours

Location: Pentagon

Format: Round table discussion

Attendees:

GEN Carter Ham (USA Ret) - NCFA Chairman
HON. Thomas R. Lamont (ARNGUS, Ret) – NCFA Vice Chairman
Mr. Don Tison - Designated Federal Officer (DFO)
MG Ray Carpenter (ARNGUS, Ret) – NCFA Executive Director
Mr. Rickey Smith – NCFA Staff Director

Honorable Brad Carson, Acting Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness

Documents Submitted to Commission: None during this session.

Meeting Summary

Discussion started at 0900 hours with DFO explaining the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) requirements governing the Commission proceedings. NCFA Chairman then provided a synopsis of Commission activities to date and shared several emerging observations.

- NCFA site visit travel will end in September 2015.
- The further away you travel from D.C., the less the friction between Army components.
- The Adjutants General agree ARNG could deploy at 1:4 ratio. ARNG voice strong requests for being employed on missions.
- Off ramp from expected mission is a challenge if this happens too close to the mobilization date.
- Using 179-day temporary duty status for rotational forces has the impact of a deployment without the “operational deployment” acknowledgement.
- Regional Training Institutes have unused capacity for schools.

HON Carson asked whether NCFA was considering manning models from other Services. Chair noted all models are considered, but no one approach will work across the Army due to size and complexity.

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HON Carson then asked if the mix of forces within each Army component and the transfer of Apache aircraft were under consideration. Chair explained that both of these areas are tasks for the Commission.

Vice Chair noted the input received from several Governors and interest expressed by several Members of Congress.

HON Carson offered his and his staff's assistance to the Commission as the work continues.

The meeting adjourned at 0950 hrs.