



National Commission on the Future of the Army

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Subject: Kentucky and Indiana Army National Guard General Officers Meeting Minutes

Date: July 20, 2015

Time: 1730-1810hrs

Location: Camp Atterbury IN

Attendees:

GEN(R) Carter Ham, NCFA Commissioner

LTG(R) Jack Stultz, NCFA Commissioner

MG(R) Ray Carpenter, NCFA Executive Director

LTC Michael Lockwood, Alternate Designated Federal Officer (ADFO)

Maj Gen Ed Tonini

MG Clif Toole

MG Dave Wood

BG Ben Adams

BG Charles Jones

Documents Submitted to Commission: none

Meeting Summary

The meeting opened with reminder that the Federal Advisory Committee Act provisions explained earlier in the day remained in effect. Commissioners began the discussion with General Officer leadership of the Kentucky and Indiana Army National Guard (NG) with a question on the utilization of NG Divisions for operations.

Commissioner Ham asked for opinions regarding utilization of NG Divisions. He stated the Commission has heard about the readiness of NG Divisions in various train-up events. However, Forces Command selected the 7th Infantry Division (a non-deployable Table of Distribution and Allowances organization that required reorganization and additional training) for a deployment mission. Commissioner Ham asked if the NG General Officers knew why this choice was made. Generally speaking no one in the group knew why the available NG Division was not deployed. The NG leaders explained the willingness of NG Divisions to mobilize and deploy in support of oversea contingency operations.

Discussion then shifted to the topic of Homeland Defense. Commissioner Ham asked whether the Homeland mission should be included in the force sizing process. Maj Gen Tonini and MG Toole agreed there were requirements for Homeland operations, but those could be accomplished with the existing combat force structure in each state.

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However, should full mobilization occur, the Homeland mission could be left uncovered (i.e. insufficient forces for mission).

LTG(R) Stultz asked about the value provided by First Army¹ for mobilization and training support. BG Adams and BG Jones agreed First Army contributed valuable support to the training process, but did not have sufficient staff to meet all of the demands, especially for Division level training.

State Partnerships with military from other nations were then discussed. Kentucky has two partnerships, Ecuador and Djibouti. The Ecuador partnership has gone dormant because of the change in government in Ecuador. The Djibouti partnership is very active on both the military and civilian government side. Indiana's partner is Slovakia, a long standing mature partnership that has proved beneficial for Indiana, Slovakia and the US Government. The group saw significant value for the U.S. in the State Partnerships.

The final discussion addressed the perception that the current senior Army leadership is not communicating with the Adjutants General and is not listening to what the States and the National Guard have to say. Maj Gen Tonini's opinion was that the result of the existing, strained relationship led to creating the NCFA. All thought the Commission was valuable. The NG General Officers did not address the National Guard Bureau's role in communicating with Department of the Army.

The meeting adjourned at 1810hrs.

¹ First Army is a 3-star command designated as FORSCOM's coordinating authority for implementation of the Army Total Force Policy, partners with USAR and ARNG leadership to advise, assist, and train RC formations to achieve Department of the Army directed readiness requirements.