



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 – 29 MAY 15, Engagement with GEN Brooks, CG, USARPAC

Date: 29 May 2015

Time: 1230 - 1315

Location: USARPAC Head Quarters Bldg, Fort Shafter, Oahu, HI

Format: Two Commissioners met with USARPAC Commander

Attendees:

Commissioner Thomas Lamont

Commissioner Ray Chandler

Ms. Cherie Emerson – NCFA Staff

Mr. Mark von Heeringen – Alternate Designated Federal Officer

GEN Brooks (CG, USARPACr)

MG McCaffrey (Chief of Staff)

COL Howerton (USARPAC Staff)

Documents Submitted to Commission: None

Meeting Summary

Commissioners Lamont and Chandler and NCFA Staff met with General Vincent Brooks, Commander, USARPAC, to discuss the purpose of the National Commission on the Future of the Army and to gather the Commander's insights on the role of USARPAC in the Army. Key themes of the discussion included the following:

- Importance of gaining as much access to the Reserve Components as possible.
- Creating a predictable command signal for RC forces within USARPAC.
- USARPAC making better use of the current 12304(b) reserve activation authority.
- Maximizing the potential for dual roles with ARNG – e.g., Homeland Defense role of the HIARNG also enables the Deputy Commander, HIARNG to function as a DCG for Civil Disaster Relief missions on the USARPAC staff.

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- Repurposing assets in Guam to enable increased capability without additional cost burden to the AC, yet still providing capacity.
- Leveraging State Partnership Program opportunities to complement existing forces and provide predictable demand signals through exercises.
- Potential effects of altering ARI in terms of aircraft fielding timelines and corresponding combat capability, as well as ability to showcase capabilities with partner states.

The meeting closed with General Brooks thanking the Commissioners for taking on their important endeavor for the Nation and offered that his staff would be standing by to support any requests for information the Commission might have.