

National Commission on the Future of the Army - Open Meeting
Tuesday, August 25, 2015

Suggested Talking Points – 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

- **Good Morning-**
I want to thank the members of the Commission and welcome you and those in attendance to the 47th Congressional District. It's an honor for me to be here to listen to the important testimony given today.
- I'm joined today by Robin McCray who serves as my Senior Veterans Affairs Representative and primary liaison to the Joint Forces Training Base, located in my district.
- I would also like to take the opportunity to say what a fine job the folks at the Joint Forces Training base do under the command of Brigadier General Nathaniel Reddicks.
- The Guard and Reserve play an important role to ensure the safety and security of California. Our citizen soldiers provide critical services, often times at great risk, in fighting wildfire, earthquake and civil unrest. The air assets are vital to these services, and presently are working alongside Cal-Fire in fighting many destructive fires in our state.
- The Joint Forces Training Base in Los Alamitos is also home to Sunburst Youth Academy and Starbase STEM program.

Both of these vital programs provide training and education to at risk youth in my district and from all over southern California.

- My office stands ready to provide any assistance that will help strengthen the operations at the Joint Forces Training Base.
- Should any member of the Commission or those in attendance today have questions or need assistance, do not hesitate to contact my office.
- Thank you for providing an opportunity to speak in support of the Guard and the men and women who provide such important services to my district and our state.