



**Q1 2018 Meeting Summary and Minutes
Governor's Military Council
March 7-9, 2018
Fort Irwin, CA**

March 8, 2018:

National Training Center, Operations Group:

The Governor's Military Council began its Q1 trip to Fort Irwin with a visit to the headquarters of the National Training Center's (NTC) Operations Group for an operational brief.

The Group helps NTC execute its mission of training rotational units, joint, interagency, and multinational partners in order to maximize the Joint Force's readiness to fight and win in a complex battle space using Fort Irwin's remote landscape as a training center.

NTC uses real-life scenario training modules to mimic the operational environment that troops would encounter in the field in order to help brigades execute complex mission-sets in a decisive action environment. The training area offers the ability for trainers to leverage kinetic, conventional, unconventional and cyber obstacles in land, air, and space against trainee brigade combat teams undergoing 20 day rotations.

Fort Irwin Congressman Jerry Lewis Elementary School:

The Council then visited the Congressman Jerry Lewis Elementary School in order to get a sense of the on-base educational opportunities open to the families living in the on-base community. Lewis Elementary is located in the Silver Valley Unified School District and is ranked as one of the best on-base schools in the nation.

The student to teacher ratio is about 19:1, which is significantly lower than the average for US public elementary schools in California.

The Council toured the library, the book fair, the cafeteria, and some of the classrooms. The library was equipped with new computers for students to interact with. The school has approximately 549 currently enrolled students.

NTC and Garrison Command Brief:

After the school tour, the Council received briefings from NTC Commander Brigadier General Jeff Broadwater, Fort Irwin Garrison Commander Colonel Seth Krummrich, and the civilian Departmental Heads of the Public Works, Housing, and Morale departments.

BG Broadwater provided further information about the critical training mission of the NTC, and highlighted the reality that the trainee brigades experience. He detailed that the NTC is the land mass equivalent of the state of Rhode Island, with 775,000 acres of maneuver space for brigade combat teams to train and 26,000 feet of airspace. NTC also has 12 urban town modules with 1200 buildings total for training purposes.

BG Broadwater then highlighted the economic impact of Fort Irwin/NTC to the surrounding community, expressing that the installation had a total projected economic impact of \$1.25 billion annually using data from 2016. The installation employs 4,331 military personnel, 2,191 civilian personnel, 1,350 retirees, and 2,289 contractors.

BG Broadwater then expanded on the NTC's proposal for an expansion of their dense urban terrain testing. This expanded capability would allow NTC to more optimally and fully train their brigade combat teams in the scenarios they might face in any future conflict. The total projected cost of the proposal is \$2.2 billion with \$3 million in upkeep costs annually.

BG Broadwater then expressed his top concern regarding the road out to Fort Irwin. As it stands, 10,000 people use the road to get to work, and any increase in the training capability or mandate of NTC will only increase the stress on the current road. The three proposals to address the base access issues are:

1. Run a rail line to the base at a cost of \$280 million.
2. Repave and expand the road to 4 lanes at a cost of \$100 million.
3. Paving over existing Manix trail to provide an alternate access point to the installation with significant environmental concerns.

COL Krummrich and his civilian staff then proceeded with a brief about the Garrison.

Fort Irwin has a daily population of about 26, 722 people, with 12 housing areas, 3 gyms, 2 child care centers, and 3 K-8 schools. There are currently 8,288 residents living on post.

On the energy side, the garrison has a goal of being completely net zero by 2025 to ensure energy resiliency for mission assurance. The base's concentrated solar power generates about 1 megawatt of energy every day, with plans in the works to create enough solar panels to produce 12 megawatts per day. The installation is pursuing a waste to energy plant that will consume all of the solid waste produced on the installation and generate 1.6 megawatts of energy. The installation is planning on a rooftop solar project for its family units, as well as a microgrid and battery storage pilot project.

On the water front, the installation's new water treatment facility provides 6 million gallons of drinking water per day with 99% efficiency, and received an award from the DoD for the highest level of efficiency by any water treatment facility. The installation is currently dependent on 3 groundwater aquifers to meet its water supply needs, with projected supplies covering the next

50-60 years. The installation has experienced ground subsidence causing fissures in the Bicycle Lake airfield as a result of overdrafting some of the groundwater at Bicycle Lake.

COL Krummrich then outlined support that the Council could provide to the installation:

1. Articulating the value of the Army approving the sale of Shenandoah Army housing in order for funds to be freed up for on-base housing improvements.
2. Leveraging state support for on-base energy projects:
 - a. Microgridding
 - b. Energy Storage
 - c. Waste to Energy Technology
 - d. Rooftop solar
 - e. Natural gas co-generation plant
3. Provide support for the transpiration issues initially introduced by BG Broadwater.
4. Helping to leverage funding for the installation's drywell initiative.

Weed Army Community Hospital:

Following the command brief, the Council received a briefing and then a tour from Colonel Martin Doperak, the Commander of the Weed Army Community Hospital (WACH).

As the DoD's only LEED Platinum healthcare facility, the WACH is a state-of-the-art medical treatment facility that offers 2.4 megawatts of solar, highly reflective windows for natural cooling, xeriscaping for water conservation, and high-efficiency water boilers and chillers.

Councilmembers were shown the Hospital's state of the art patient rooms, birthing centers, mental health facilities, and the ICU. The Council also got to interact with some of the architectural and environmental features that give the building its LEED Platinum rating.

NASA JPL Goldstone Deep Space Communications Complex:

Following the tour of the WACH, the Council did a site visit of NASA/JPL's Goldstone Deep Space Communications Complex, one of the three complexes in the Deep Space Network established to provide the ability to communicate with spacecraft in the farthest reaches of the solar system. The Council toured the interior of the Mars mission antenna, and the inside of the control room facility that receives feedback from the deep space missions that the complex is tracking.

The Goldstone site on-base at Fort Irwin is critical for its mission because of its distance from power lines and relative freedom from communications interference from radio and television transmitters.

Evening Reception:

Following the tour of the Goldstone facility, the Council attended a reception with NASA/JPL and Garrison leadership sponsored by the Association of the U.S. Army.

March 9, 2018:

The Council's Business Meeting was called to order at 8:03 AM by Vice Chair Breckenridge

Roll Call:

Members Present:

- Vice-Chair and Acting Chair of the Delegation, Vice Admiral Jody Breckenridge, United States Coast Guard (Retired)
- Major General Anthony Jackson, United States Marine Corps (Retired)
- Councilmember Charles Giacchi, Department of the Navy (Retired)
- Secretary Dr. Vito Imbasciani, California Department of Veteran's Affairs
- State Senator & Major General Richard Roth, United States Air Force (Retired)
- Major General Dennis Kenneally, United States Army (Retired)
- Lieutenant General Edward Hanlon, Jr., United States Marine Corps (Retired)
- Major General Eldon Regua, United States Army (Retired)
- Colonel Deborah Aspling, United States Air Force (Retired)
- Lieutenant General Eugene Tattini, United States Air Force (Retired)
- Rear Admiral James Johnson, United States Navy (Retired), M.D.
- Councilmember Joseph Czyzyk
- Read Admiral Kenneth Slaght, United States Navy (Retired)

Ex Officio Members Present:

- Mr. Tom Garcia representing Assemblymember Rocky Chávez
- Mr. Scott Morgan representing OPR Director Ken Alex

After quorum was established, Vice Chair Jody Breckenridge led the room in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item 1 – Welcome:

Vice Chair Jody Breckenridge thanked those who made the visit and those on the council who attended the first quarterly meeting of the Governor's Military Council. Due to time constraints, the Vice Chair moved to expedite the welcoming in order to address business.

Executive Director Andreas Mueller also welcomed those in attendance and notated that there are many "big items" to address that are important to the military and to the state. These big items will be discussed throughout this meeting and in the near future to better utilize the time allotted for the Governor's final term. Some of these items included; engaging more on areas that are pertinent to the Council's work, adding additional events/visits, and work surrounding energy policy.

Vice Chair Breckenridge then moved to the first action item, motioning for an approval of the council meeting minutes.

Agenda Item 2 - Consideration of Action Items

1. Vice Chair Breckenridge made a motion for the approval of the Q4 2017 minutes. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion. The minutes were then approved without contest.
2. Vice Chair Breckenridge called for a discussion and then approval of the upcoming 2018 meeting schedule. Executive Director Andreas Mueller led a discussion on the Council's Q4 Meeting set for Nov. 7-9, as well as an optional visit to Travis Air Force Base.

Councilmember Tattini asked that staff create a comprehensive list of trips that members of the council have made, including trips to Sacramento. Executive Director Mueller responded, saying that a spreadsheet serving as such a list, was in the works.

Councilmember Tattini made a suggestion for a visit to Seal Beach. Vice Chair Breckenridge suggested the Navy Medical Symposium along with the NHRC, as possible visits following the week of the scheduled visit to Coronado.

Executive Director Mueller offered the suggestion to move to pass the calendar, and then for the council to make further amendments and return to pass them later on.

Councilmember Roth highlighted the upcoming trip to March Air Reserve Base, and a possible inclusion of a visit the Homeland Security Site by the base, as well as the Air Marines Operations Center. Roth noted there was a new SES director under Homeland Security and that the Council would benefit from a trip to the site. Executive Director Mueller followed that it is up to Councilmember Roth's discretion as the site visit leader as to what the visit encompasses.

Vice Chair Breckenridge called for an approval of the schedule. Councilmember Kenneally made a motion for the approval of the schedule and Councilmember Regua seconded. The motion for the approval of the schedule carried without opposition.

3. Executive Director Mueller indicated the next item for review, the FY19 Defense Priorities Letter to the CODEL, and accentuated certain elements, including protecting procurement items built in California and protecting land, sea, and air capabilities (including Coast Guard).

Councilmember Imbasciani asked a question about the Census, and if the letter could include a portion discussed. The portion discussed was including a question on the 2020 Census stated as, "Have you ever served?" Councilmember Roth agreed on including the question. Executive Director Mueller explained he had sent a letter to Senator Harris' office about possible including the language, but that it could not be added to the FY19 Defense Priorities Letter this day because additions must follow the 10-day protocol.

Deputy Director Morgan, suggested running the question by the 2020 Census under OPR. Executive Director Mueller announced that OPR had been added as a full member to the

Military Council, and that Scott Morgan was representing Director of OPR, Ken Alex.

Vice Chair Breckenridge suggested minor edits to the Coast Guard portion. Councilmember Tattini suggested edits to the unfettered access to states. The Vice Chair offered meeting with staff offline to include edits and then asked for suggestions on larger additions.

Councilmember Kenneally suggested including recommendations on base infrastructure and transportation needs, as highlighted by the tour visits at Fort Irwin National Training Center. Executive Director Mueller stated that there could be an infrastructure portion added. Vice Chair Breckenridge offered a suggestion to invite the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Energy, Installations, and Environment, to explore base infrastructure issues.

Vice Chair Breckenridge stated that specific edits could be given to staff before the council leaves and that the council move onto the action plan.

Executive Director Mueller moved to the spreadsheet that denotes all of the projects that the council is working on, and the various deadlines that accompany projects. The spreadsheet also includes projects the council has completed and projects that the council is behind on.

Vice Chair Breckenridge suggested adding more projects related to BAH and having an approach to the problem across the state. Executive Director Mueller underlined that the Council was looking at issues of BAH at Beale, Moffett, at San Luis Obispo and also at Fort Irwin. Vice Chair Breckenridge raised that the council should seek to continue to explore issues of BAH throughout the state in all upcoming site visits, as the issue is hot for the state and is of concern to the Council.

Councilmember Johnson raised the issue of being competitive in grant applications and that the state should work to understand the methodology of formulas for grants and federal money that is available to the state. Councilmember Johnson requested projects on this front be added to the spreadsheet.

Executive Director Mueller then outlined specific project action items in the 2018 GMC Work Plan.

2. Engaging federal and State decision makers to shape defense budget and policy proposals.
 - 2.1 Sending letter to Congressional Delegation.
 - 2.3 Attending large events associated with defense communities throughout the state. Executive Director Mueller underlined that these put the council in a good light and demonstrate state participation in defense interests.
3. Work directly with installations to address operating challenges they face and ensure the Council is visible to key installation leaders.
 - Councilmember Jackson then went into a detail about San Onofre State Beach and its lease issue between CA State Parks and the military. The lease expires in 2021. The Marine Corps is in favor of continuing the relationship with State Parks. The Secretary of the Navy, stated that no lease will take place until the market value of the land has been determined. The cost to determining the market value can run nearly \$400,000 (plus or minus).

Executive Director Mueller offered the suggestion for staff to go to State Parks and get their opinion on the matter. He further added that the council and council staff could provide a recommendation to the Governor's Office.

- 3.4 CEQA/NEPA review is ongoing
- 3.5b Looking into REPI Funds for China Lake water encroachment issues
- 3.7 State and local firefighting reimbursement
- 3.8 Encroachment issues to military airspace, sea space and land space
- 3.9 and 3.91 – Housing issues related to BAH
- 3.92 and 3.93 – There has been a discussion with Congressman McCarthy and Cook's offices as to the fire testing with the AF bomber and electronic warfare work, and currently neither of those are happening.

4. Strengthen state support for local and regional military support organizations

- Building permanent community coalitions and helping establish installation advocacy campaigns.

Executive Director Mueller stressed that developing coalitions for base support groups is critical to the Council's work. He highlighted that Sierra Army had no base support group, as well as LA Air Force Base. He also stated that he would be following up with LA Air Force base about developing a base support alliance. Executive Director Mueller further emphasized how important base support groups are in BRAC decisions, and that having these organizations is essential.

Councilmember Johnson remarked that Fort Irwin had robust support from Barstow and the high desert.

Executive Director Mueller then followed that Twentynine Palms did not have a base support group and that Bridgeport did not have a support group as well.

5. Encourage military installations to adopt operation partnerships with local governments.

- 5.3 Executive Director Mueller remarked that the County of Ventura is working into a MOU with the base (NBVC) to maintain base operations as they are. He further added that we want to continue partnerships like this.

Councilmember Giacchi stated that the agreements with NBVC and Ventura County are in place and that they are very close to closing the deal.

6. Assist private industry do business in California

- 6.1 & 6.3 Executive Director Mueller highlighted the work with GO-Biz to assist entities wishing to relocate to CA military bases and in maximizing the aerospace sector's use of state targeted tax incentives.
- 6.6 Executive Director Mueller also noted working with GO-Biz to better track businesses entering and leaving the state. The Council wants to have a visual of specifically defense related businesses that are entering and exiting.

- 6.93 Executive Director Mueller emphasized how the council could work to advocate for legislators to hold more hearings relative to cybersecurity.
7. Support the improvement of public schools on California military bases and help execute on shared interests of educational institutions and the military.
 8. Enable military installations to generate renewable energy within their fence lines and support energy related programs.
 - Executive Director Mueller noted that the Council is behind on energy work and that is a goal of Chair Chávez to have each base functioning as its own city.

Councilmember Slaght questioned if there was a definitive energy resiliency strategy for the state and if the Council could start a dialogue with the California Energy Commission to see if military installations could be included in the strategy.

9. Help military bases to secure reliable water supplies amidst drought and climate
 - Executive Director Mueller stated that staff was consolidating a list on what bases are at most risk for water scarcity issues. And that the Council needs to have a better idea on water issues exist for each base.
10. Improve California's attractiveness to discharging service members, veterans
 - 10.1 Executive Director Mueller disclosed a memo surrounding Beale Air Force Base, and what could the state do to better in assisting military families, specifically military spouses. He stated they hope to work with CalVet to have more recommendations on these issues

Vice Chair Breckenridge stressed that this was an important to the council and one of the issues they want to address to the Governor.

Executive Director Mueller responded that the treatment of military families and spouses, and access to education will be scored as a criteria for how installations are evaluated and that the memo is included in the packet

Councilmember Roth followed with the issues of licensing and certification between states and how difficult this is specifically in the attorney field.

Vice Chair Breckenridge outlined that there are two separate issues, the first being the process itself in entering the workforce, including credentialing and certification. The second being the leaning of the process for military families and spouses.

- 10.2 Executive Director Mueller explained working with marines to go to installations and highlighting the transition in applying to state jobs.

- 10.4 Military Retirement Pay Taxation

Executive Director Mueller discussed what other states do relating to military retirement pay taxation. He explained it is good economics for the state and that the council embarked on a serious endeavor in partnership with San Diego, to fund research on the topic. The resulting study was completed, and it is to be presented to the Governor by the Council. He further stated that they should want the study to inform the work of those in the legislature who are also looking to address the issue.

Councilmember Hanlon stressed the time sensitivity of the issue and that the Council should look to help the legislature immediately in addressing the issue.

Councilmember Roth further added that action could be taken in the May Revision of the Budget. Councilmember Hanlon responded that since Governor Brown began this effort/research that it would be best to address it before he vacates his position.

Vice Chair Breckenridge stressed that this should be of the highest priority for the Council, as it relates to ensuring that the state retains a high-quality workforce.

Executive Director Mueller relayed that they hope to have a final report soon. Councilmember Czyzyk asked what the estimated dollar loss would be as per the report and to the removal of military retirement pay taxation. Executive Director Mueller responded that there is a significant loss in the beginning, with it being revenue positive later.

- 10.5 Executive Director Mueller went over the tracking of military students in the state of California. The tracking could then be used in efforts to ensure military students remain in California.

The Council convened for a break at 9:47AM and returned at 10:04AM.

Agenda Item #3

Vice Chair Breckenridge moved to the next agenda item, Council site visits. She asked that everyone be brief and consolidate key points.

1. Camp Roberts, Ft. Hunter Liggett, Camp San Luis Obispo – January 18-19, 2018
Attendees: Councilmember Hanlon, Councilmember Baldwin
Staff: Policy Advisor Guerra

Councilmember Hanlon gave the report on the visit to Camp Roberts, highlighting three key items from the visit:

-He stressed issues with BAH and housing. There are individuals on the base who have to use SNAP, because housing is so expensive.

-He also disclosed that Camp San Luis Obispo created a combined arms collective training facility for urban environments. The facility is also ideal for training those in the Guard and first responders.

-Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and the National Guard are creating a cyber institute. They were impressed with the collaboration between the university and the base.

2. Naval Base Coronado – March 1st, 2018

Tom Garcia, representing Chair Chávez, gave the report on the visit.

Attendees: Councilmembers Jackson, Slaght, Hanlon and Johnson

NRSW Commander, Rear Admiral Yancy Lindsey hosted the delegation.

Report:

The base's priorities include:

-Developing new facilities and supporting the sailors stationed there.

-Maintaining the surrounding environment and natural land.

-Ensuring that those at the base have adequate access to housing for themselves and their families.

Councilmember Johnson complimented the base's infrastructure. Councilmember Slaght elaborated on the growth of the special operations personnel on base and how that couples with the housing issues.

3. Los Angeles Air Force Base:

Report given by Councilmembers Tattini and Czyzyk.

- Councilmember Tattini noted that, since Lieutenant General Thompson took command at LA Air Force Base, there has been encouragement to address issues of cybersecurity and potential development of a "Space Corps". The senior ranking Air Force officer in the state also disclosed that they wanted to bring more attention to the base and the challenges it may face in the future. They had invited Mayor Garcetti to speak at the base but he had yet to attend.
- The group also discussed with the base how the Council could better facilitate its public relations effort with the greater community and the city.

- The leadership at the base, also noted that they plan to attract Air Force Leadership to LA Air Force Base and Councilmember Tattini discussed how the base commander could better engage with the Council.

Councilmember Czyzyk pointed out that there is a greater degree of comfortability with the new leadership and there is a lot less worry in light of a pending BRAC. Councilmember Czyzyk relayed that he believes there will be a lot more community/local engagement under the new leadership at LA Air Force Base.

Councilmember Roth followed with a suggestion that the base do more outreach to state regional leaders.

- Executive Director Mueller remarked that he had spoken to the Mayor Garcetti's staff a year ago and that the mayor's office was committed to helping and assisting the base.

Vice Chair Breckenridge then moved to a briefing of the California Veterans Transition Assistance Program (CalTAP) by CalVet Secretary Imbasciani.

Councilmember and Secretary of CalVet, Imbasciani first identified Work Plan item 7.1, partnering with CalVet to improve education to separating service members. He then went into detail on CalTAP, and its online capabilities in connecting veterans with educational services and benefits. Through a collaborative effort, CalVet piloted the first DoD transition event on October of 2017 at Camp Pendleton. They provided service members and their families with a series of workshops and interfaces with CalVet in partnership with nearby colleges, the California Department of Human Resources, the California Department of Consumer Affairs, and Work for Warriors and the County Veteran Service Offices.

The partnerships offer an overview of the educational system in California, including community colleges, CSU's, UC's and private universities. They also expose veterans to the veteran resource centers and the benefits they offer.

- They have run the program at Marine Corp Recruit Depot, Beale AFB, Vandenberg AFB, Naval Air Station Lemoore, and Coast Guard Long Beach, along with the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve and the Army National Guard.

There is no CalTAP program currently in the Bay Area or the Inland Empire.

- The program is working with state librarians throughout the state in order to train them to help rural community veterans who have issues in connecting with a regional county, state, or federal office.
- There are 191 separate lessons through CalVet, including lessons on how to access healthcare and how to begin the claims and pension programs. There is an entrepreneurial pathway module on assisting veterans with small businesses.

- The Councilmember noted research that 80% of veterans who come back to California choose education as their next step in professional/career development. 85% of those who choose education as their next step, then choose a community college as their means of obtaining that educational goal.
- CalVet hopes to include a veteran's resource center at every community college throughout the state.

Vice Chair Breckenridge asked if the state was taking action to elevate the sciences and engineering sectors of the community colleges to veterans.

Councilmember Imbasciani replied that there are drop-down menus under CalVet that link individuals to local institutions that offer educational options, including those in STEM.

Councilmember Roth raised the opportunity of disseminating information for veterans through the community colleges initiative as released by the Governor.

Councilmember Jackson remarked that at Camp Pendleton there was high praise from a CalTAP officer on the program and on the state for its work.

Vice Chair Breckenridge offered the idea that a partnership be made between LinkedIn and CalVet to streamline the hiring process.

Councilmember Aspling asked if there was a way to measure the success of the program through metrics and data, to which Councilmember Imbasciani replied, that steps were being taken to ensure metrics and data were being collected.

Agenda Item 5 – Staff Update on Council's Current Efforts

Assistant Policy Advisor Gareth Smythe proceeded to give a report on the staff's current efforts related to the Council. Below are key points from his presentation to the Council:

- Statewide National Security Economic Impact Study– The Draft for the Council-commissioned study has been completed and is going through final review in partnership with leadership from the California Research Bureau. The current plan is to have the final review done in April
 - The draft plans on displaying \$160 billion in economic activity created by the national security sector in California
 - The report will denote tax revenue and incorporate county results across the board.

Councilmember Slaght asked if there would be a comparison with the IT Sector. Mr. Smythe replied that a comparison between the two will be included.

Councilmember Johnson remarked that the comparison between defense and tourism in San Diego is significant. And that the Council should seek to overstress the significance of defense spending in the state.

Acting Chair Breckenridge wanted to make sure the emphasis of the study was collectively on national security, rather than solely the military or the DoD. It is also better to approach issues from a standpoint of national security as a whole in the state of California.

- Mr. Smythe then noted the Military Spouse Report, as well as Beale's wastewater treatment plan and the issues Beale is having in turning it over to a private entity. Beale is further pursuing an enhanced use lease, and the feasibility report is to be completed as early as April 2018.
- Mr. Smythe highlighted the success of the local community support org at the Sierra Army Depot that the Council has been helping to stand up.
 - Councilmember Regua commended the work of Councilmember Astafan in engaging with the county and Sierra Army Depot.
- Gareth then brought up the issue of transportation plans in early 2018. He emphasized that Chair Chávez had a desire to encourage an emphasis on transportation issues with military bases throughout the state. The Council's staff is looking at ways to get funding for transportation plans for bases, as well as funds from SB 1.

Vice Chair Breckenridge remarked that transportation is a huge issue and should be a high priority for the Council. She further added that the Bay Area has only one installation for support in Travis Air Force Base, and that although there is a lot of military activity in the Bay Area, there isn't a clear single point of contact that represents it all.

- Mr. Smythe then went into detail about the Governor's Military Council website upgrade, to streamline access to information and to comply with design standards as set by the state. Site includes:
 - Enhanced features
 - Announcement Service
 - Modern scroll feature

Executive Director Mueller suggested that after-action reports/summaries of trips should go out to the legislature and to those who subscribe to the new website. He also added that the website transition has been delayed by IT and that communication of the council's activities are extremely important to the public, the legislature and those who have an invested interest.

Agenda Item #6 – Update on OPR Military Affairs Work

Scott Morgan, Deputy Director of Administration and Director of the State Clearinghouse at the Governor's Office of Planning and Research then gave a report on OPR's Military Affairs work. The following are the key points from this presentation:

- Deputy Director Morgan explained OPR's role in supporting military affairs at the state level.

- He then outlined federal and state grant programs intersecting with military affairs at OPR and the office's work in supporting compatible land use development in communities with military installations or operations in their sphere of influence.
- Deputy Director Morgan then noted that California is one of the few places in the U.S. in which development applications are required to go to the armed services.
- He displayed the mapping tool located on OPR's website that illustrates military land use compatibility throughout the state, in order to help local jurisdictions, navigate military land use in their areas.
- Deputy Director Morgan went into detail on the 12 workshops that OPR hosted throughout the state relating to military land use compatibility requirements in local/county land use planning. Lessons learned from those workshops include:
 - There is a strong relationship between local planners and the military in land use planning.
 - Stressing the importance of local agreements between cities/counties and bases in notifying the military of nearby development processes.
 - Communities often use OPR to work with projects offered through other state agencies.
- Deputy Director Morgan then began to detail developments related to offshore wind in the state.
 - In 2016, a company did an unsolicited lease for an area off the coast of San Luis Obispo. The mapping platform used identified areas on the Central Coast for offshore wind development.
 - Deputy Director Morgan then displayed a DoD operational map for the region and emphasized the conflicts with offshore wind development. Also, the areas of potential collaboration between state/federal agencies and developers.
 - Finally, Deputy Director Morgan discussed the plausibility of a North Coast option and further stated that the DoD is going to work with developers to figure something out on the central coast. There are transmission issues and load issues with the North Coast, but it is still a potential initial project to evaluate the compatibility of offshore wind in the state.

Deputy Director Morgan then summarized the infancy of the technology, but the fact that the prices for the technology will decrease. He stated that diversifying renewables is also important, and that offshore wind could be a great addition. It's just whether the state wants to push for it more.

Deputy Director Morgan then briefed the Council on a meeting he had with the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Energy, Installations and Environment, Lucian Niemeyer. The AST SECDEF was excited about the work that OPR was doing with the military and wanted California to be a model for other states in working with the military and the DoD. He was also excited about the system that allows for early consultation between developers and the DoD. Deputy Director Morgan stated that he had discussed with the AST SECDEF about how they could work to expand missions in California. They also discussed the water resiliency and groundwater issues that bases in California face. There was discussion on a potential EMP attack and how that would impact the DoD, energy, and transportation. With respect to transportation,

they discussed how California could potentially provide input on an infrastructure plan released by the Trump Administration.

Councilmember Slaght questioned whether the state had a plan for an EMP attack or if they were planning on creating one. Morgan followed that there is a conversation about a plan incoming.

- Morgan discussed future events including:
 - Meeting with GO-Biz on DoD OEA Grants
 - A trip to Twentynine Palms on issues of land use compatibility and community outreach.
 - The Association of Defense Communities' Annual Conference in June in D.C.
 - St. Louis for the REPI Sustaining Military Readiness Conference

The Council then broke for lunch at 11:34 AM and reconvened at 11:50 AM.

Agenda Item #7 Executive Director Update

Executive Director Mueller then began a presentation to the council on outstanding Council action items as disclosed in the Council Action Plan, and the federal situation in Washington D.C.

- Executive Director Mueller began with current budget predictions in work for the FY18 budget and the FY19 budget. He then went into the Congressional Defense Budget Update and what to expect in 2018:
 - 4 Major DoD Predictions
 - California continues to be well positioned relatively
 - Diet-sequestration is the law of the land
 - DoD's 5-year budget will increase 10% then 2-3%
 - The future is budget driven, so non-BRAC threats exist
- Executive Director Mueller informed the council that there is a BRAC in the works and there is a process that could potentially take place to start one.
- In the Executive Director's opinion, the current administration feels confident in promoting radical changes on their own. Therefore the Council and the state needs to work to create their own opportunities.
- Shutdown Possibility: Executive Director Muller disclosed that hopefully there will be no shutdown and the effect that shutdowns have on the military's mission in the state.
- Executive Director Mueller highlighted projected budget increases for defense.
 - FY18 - \$700B (+\$80B)
 - FY19 - \$716B (+\$85B)
 - The FY17 Budget Request: DoD Funding 9/11 through FY 2017 request.
 - Significant increase in budget request through fiscal year 2023.
 - Executive Director Mueller projected the defense base budget from 2011 to fiscal year 2019, and pointed out the increase in fiscal year 2019. This increase brings the DoD to pre-sequestration levels near fiscal year 2019.

- FY19 Congressional Budget Update: Executive Director Mueller outlined the defense authorization bills and the appropriation bills for FY17 and their timelines. FY18 is still in doubt.

Executive Director Mueller then went into Council actions and what to expect in 2018. Below is a list cataloging his report.

- Quarterly meetings remain and there will be a new Monthly Update to the Council to ensure they are up to date on staff's work.
 - Chair Chávez wants to ensure the major points outlined in the Monthly Update are provided to the legislature and the public.
- State legislative hearings: Setting up meetings for Council members and staff to present to members of the Assembly and the Senate.
- Small group base visits.
- All California Annual Defense Summit. The Executive Director intends to include more agency heads.
- Sending a letter within the next two months to notify the Governor of the upcoming summit.
- CA Aerospace and Defense Caucus. Executive Director Mueller had a conversation with Congressman Lieu on emphasizing the importance of national security and defense issues in the Los Angeles region. He looks to partner with Congressman Ken Calvert to start a statewide Aerospace and Defense caucus for California.
- Defense Economic Impact Study – analyzing the statewide economic activity from defense.
- Military Spouse Credentialing Report.
- Providing concise reports to the legislature and the Governor's Office.
- Retirement Tax Exemption Study – soon to be released.
- 2018 Council Task Forces on issue areas as purposed by Chair Chávez.

Councilmember Tattini then asked if there was feedback after the last summer meeting and if it was currently being integrated before the meeting this upcoming summer.

Executive Director Mueller replied that when preparations for the next meeting began, staff will look to include elements that were provided in the feedback.

Vice Chair Breckenridge then emphasized that the subsequent discussion should be what the Council is guided by in the upcoming year. Also, to note how set issue areas effect all bases on a statewide scale.

Executive Director Mueller then began to relay Chair Chávez's leadership focus issue areas, the first being housing.

HOUSING:

- He stated that Chair Chávez visited San Diego in a meeting with the Navy and SANDAG.
 - They discussed how local infrastructure groups can include the Navy and the State of California in future discussions to better plan for housing.
- Vice Chair Breckenridge asked if the work in San Diego could be used as a model elsewhere, to which Executive Director Mueller replied that it could. He followed by elaborating that the Council should want to have state agencies who work with housing to convene in San Diego as it is an area with large military personnel growth.
- Councilmembers Hanlon and Jackson noted that the Council should look at underutilized housing on bases that can be shared throughout Navy Region Southwest.

ENERGY

- Executive Director Mueller then went into detail on the energy task force, which will convene to bring utility companies, infrastructure operators, and state agencies to discuss energy infrastructure and resiliency throughout the state, and how the Council can encourage bases to be more energy resilient.

CLIMATE CHANGE

- Executive Director Mueller went into detail about the inclusion of a national security climate change panel at the Global Climate Action Summit in the fall of 2018. He then stated that the Global Climate Action Summit should include national security discussions that reflect DoD reports on the effects of climate change.

CYBERSECURITY

- Executive Director Mueller mentioned the provision of a state cybersecurity coordination memo to be sent to the Governor.
- There is a recommendation by Chair Chávez to highlight the cybersecurity concern and to provide a recommendation from the Council that includes how other states approach the issue, how the federal government approaches the issue and how the Council can seek to provide coordination with the Governor and military bases in the state.

Councilmember Hanlon then questioned the highlighted priorities. He further asked if transportation and infrastructure was considered to be a priority. He suggested consulting with base commanders on the four issue areas, as noted by Chair Chávez, in order to better understand what the concerns of the bases might be.

Executive Director Mueller assure that staff and the Council will get feedback from the bases and that their concerns will not be ignored.

Councilmember Tattini suggested that the Council's work be more relative to the installations and the discussions with the base commanders. However, the council should also be a voice on global discussions and federal issues that can affect national security.

Vice Chair Breckenridge stated that national security should be a component in many topics, including the mentioned climate change.

Councilmember Giacchi suggested that the Council weight the priorities of bases and personnel against the list prepared by Chair Chávez.

Councilmember Roth suggested that the Council's original intent was to preserve and protect our military bases in the state. He also suggested that the Council make effort to bring resources from the state to fix installations and the infrastructure needed to access them. Executive Director Mueller then stated that he would bring the points the Council made to Chair Chávez for potential reconsideration.

Councilmember Jackson agreed with Executive Director Mueller and further stated that he thinks it is important that the Council to highlight leadership efforts in water and energy to other states, because these areas relate to climate change.

Councilmember Hanlon replied that the Chair can offer recommendations, but he wanted to ensure that the key areas to be addressed reflect the Council's decision.

Vice Chair Breckenridge motioned to go into a break at 12:38 PM, followed by a second from Councilmember Roth.

The Military Council Business Meeting took a break at 12:38 PM.

Agenda Item #9 – Meeting with Local Stakeholders.

The Council reconvened at 12:42pm for a meeting with local stakeholders.

Vice Chair Breckenridge welcomed the base support groups to Fort Irwin National Training Center. The Vice Chair led the Council in introductions and gave a brief history on the conception of the Council and its work. The Council was then joined by General Carter F. Ham (Retired), the current President and Chief Executive Officer of the Association of the United States Army

Executive Director Mueller stated the intent of the meeting, to understand the issues at Fort Irwin and to understand the problems of the base as it relates to the installation itself, as well as the personnel and their families.

The Mayor of Barstow, Julie Hackbarth-McIntyre introduced herself and thanked the Council for coming to the region.

Aside from the general public, there was attendance from the following groups:

- Barstow Chamber of Commerce
- Congressman Paul Cook's Office – District Representative
- Selective Service Board – Region III

- Barstow Military Affairs Council
- Association of the United States Army – NTC Chapter
- Veteran’s Home of California in Barstow
- Bob Hope USO – Ontario
- Public Affairs Office – Fort Irwin/NTC
- AUSA
- AUSA Tucson Chapter
- DynCorp International
- Robert Lovingood, San Bernardino County Supervisor
- AUSA – Arizona – President
- AUSA – Colorado Springs
- AUSA – New Mexico
- Assemblymember Jay Obernolte – Field Rep
- AUSA – National Director of Membership
- AUSA – Utah – President
- AUSA – Arizona Territorial Chapter President
- AUSA – New Mexico – President
- Assistant Superintendent for the Silverwood Valley School District
- AUSA – Greater Los Angeles – President
- AUSA – Southern California Chapters – President
- School Liaison Officer for Fort Irwin

Acting Chair Breckenridge further welcomed everyone for attending the Military Council meeting and then opened the floor for public comments and questions. The questions and topic areas are numbered below:

1. The first question was from a member of the public, who was the President of the Barstow Military Affairs Council. She asked about the lack of programs for veterans in California. She further stated that to her knowledge, the military was exempt from property taxes in Texas and wanted to know if California was going to address this issue as well.

She further questioned the issues veterans have with the VA Loan process in California, and how hard it is to obtain the VA loan. She then asked if there was a program to educate veterans on how to get a VA loan.

Councilmember Imbasciani highlighted the loans that CalVet specifically provides to veterans, including those veterans who cannot make a down payment.

Executive Director Mueller reinforced the goals behind the CalTAP program that had been mentioned earlier in the Council meeting, and how that program is used to address the issues of communication.

2. A member of the public asked how they could better disseminate information about CalVet.

Executive Director Mueller replied that he would email a package for the attendees to disseminate to those in their respective groups. The package would include details about what California offers to veterans and how the state works with federal partners to help veterans in the state.

Councilmember Roth further elaborated that California legislators work across the aisle to make California a veteran friendly state. He encouraged the public to reach out to their respective legislators and voice their concerns and suggestions.

3. Vice Chair Breckenridge then relayed to the gathering that California has resources on best practices, and that the Council urges the region to engage with other groups/areas statewide to better built better relationships and bring to light issues in the high desert.

Councilmember Hanlon stressed the importance of Barstow and Fort Irwin to national security. He further reinforced the Councils purpose in being an advocate for installations across the state.

4. The representative from Congressman Cook's Office asked a question about environmental review. The Congressman is aware of Fort Irwin's urban warfare training facility project and wants to know if environmental hurdles will prevent the projects development.

Deputy Director Morgan disclosed to the representative that he would follow up with him at a latter point about the review.

Executive Director Mueller asked if Congressman Cook's office could be a partner in advocating for transportation infrastructure improvements at Fort Irwin. The Council further desires that the Congressman be engaged with the DoD and Fort Irwin on the issue.

5. A question from a member of the public about there being no dining facility at MLCB?

Councilmember Jackson said that he would follow up with contacts in the Marine Corp to address the issue.

6. There was a question as to how access into the base was to be improved.

Councilmember Hanlon responded that it is an issue statewide and that the problem is currently being looked at by the DoD and the state.

7. A member of the public asked who is supervising the program known as MIC3 (Military Children's Compact Commission), to better the lives of military children moving throughout the state.

Vice Chair Breckenridge responded with an invitation to the gentleman to attend the

annual summit and further voice his concerns surrounding the issue.

She followed that there is a national requirement for the “military child identifier” and that California just adopted the program. She further stressed that the Council is working to understand how military children are performing in school, and if they need additional programs to better their experience.

8. There was a follow-up question about whether the Council could work to create innovative programs/camos for military children.

Vice Chair Breckenridge responded that GO-Biz would be the state contact, as they are working on sharing best practices throughout the state.

Executive Director Mueller followed with information about the STARBASE program, a DoD funded program that seeks to expose the nation’s youth to STEM. He then further suggested that the Council could work with legislators statewide/federally to ensure funding of the STARBASE program.

9. Another question revolved around issues of unemployment among veterans.

Executive Director Mueller highlighted the state’s Work for Warriors program, and the information it provides for businesses.

Vice Chair Breckenridge identified the Hiring for Heroes program as another option for connecting unemployed veterans to businesses.

10. A member of the public announced the importance of having veteran’s service officers at community colleges.

General Carter F. Ham (Retired), thanked the public and local support groups for sharing their concerns and comments.

Vice Chair Breckenridge concluded with an additional thanks to the attendees, as well as their families and the greater base at large in Ft. Irwin. She also assured those in attendance that many the issues they raised are priorities for the Governor’s Military Council.

Agenda Item #10 – Public Comment

There was no Public Comment following the previous public engagement session.

Agenda Item #11 – Adjourn

The Council adjourned at 1:37pm.