



**Q4 2021 Meeting Summary and Minutes
Governor's Military Council**

October 5, 2021

Mesa Room, BLDG 1573

Twentynine Palms, CA 92277

Chair Jody Breckenridge called the meeting to order at 7:45am.

Roll Call:

Members Present:

- Chair of the Delegation, Vice Admiral Jody A. Breckenridge, United States Coast Guard (Retired)
- Senator Bob Archuleta, California State Senator, District 32
- Colonel Deborah Aspling, United States Air Force (Retired)
- Chairman Joseph Czyzyk, CEO, Mercury Air Group
- Senator Shannon Grove, California State Senator, District 16
- Lieutenant General Edward Hanlon, Jr., United States Marine Corps (Retired)
- Secretary Vito Imbasciani, M.D., California Department of Veterans Affairs
- Rear Admiral Jim Johnson, United States Navy (Retired)
- Major General Dennis Michael Kenneally, United States Army (Retired)
- Mr. Jeffrey Klein, Senior Executive Service, United States Navy (Retired)
- Chief Deputy Director Scott Morgan, representing Office of Planning and Research
Director Kate Gordon
- Vice Admiral Daniel Oliver, United States Navy (Retired)
- Major General Eldon Regua, United States Army (Retired)
- Lieutenant General Eugene Tattini, United States Air Force (Retired)
- Mr. Rhys Williams, Senior Advisor to Governor Newsom

After noting that a quorum was established, Council Vice Chair Vice Admiral Jody Breckenridge (US Coast Guard, Retired) asked Councilmember Lt Gen Ed Hanlon (US Marine Corps, Retired) to lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item 1 – Welcome: Chair Breckenridge welcomed the group to the meeting, thanking Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms for hosting the Council's first event back since Q1 of 2020, when it met at Naval Base Ventura County and Vandenberg Air Force Base.

She then welcomed members of the public attending virtually and in person and invited them to make any public comment at that time. No comments were made.

Agenda Item 2 - Consideration of Action Items:

Councilmember Rear Admiral Johnson made a motion to approve the Q1 2020 Council meeting minutes. Councilmember Major General Kenneally seconded the motion. The Council approved the motion with a unanimous verbal vote in favor.

Agenda Item 3 - Member Agency Updates and Council Discussion Items

1. Representing Kate Gordon, Director of the Governor's Office of Planning and Research, Chief Deputy Director Scott Morgan provided the Council with a status on offshore wind development in California, energy siting and other long-range planning activities in the state. He provided information on recent grant work with the Sierra Army Depot and community organization, Sierra Army Group, for resilience plans at the base. He then concluded with information about the upcoming energy summit with the Department of Navy, California Energy Commission and California Public Utilities Commission.
2. California Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary, Dr. Vito Imbasciani, briefed the Council on the department's COVID response and progress in veterans homes throughout the state.

Chair Breckenridge and several other Councilmembers began a conversation concerning the Defense Health Agency's recent strategy to resize the military health system and close Department of Defense military medical treatment facilities. After much discussion on potential impacts and concerns shared by numerous Councilmembers present, the Chair decided to create a working group that would meet outside of regular council meetings to discuss impacts, outcomes and potential mitigation strategies to address the changes in healthcare in the state for military members and their dependents. It was decided that working group membership would be determined at a later time.

3. Representing Dee Dee Myers, Director of the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz), Senior Advisor of Business Development Kaina Pereira briefed virtually on efforts in the state regarding defense industry.
4. The Council's Interim Executive Director, Allison Henderson, then briefed the Council on proposed defense priorities for FY22. The Council briefly discussed, but decided to confirm the priorities at a later date.
5. Several Councilmembers then provided additional updates on events since the last meeting:
 - o Councilmember Col Aspling briefed the Council on her visit to Travis Air Force Base and discussions with the new Commander, Colonel Simmons.
 - o Both Chair Breckenridge and ED Henderson discussed outcomes from partnership events held in cooperation with the California Defense Communities Alliance in September.

Agenda Item 4 - Staff Update on Council's Current Efforts

Interim ED Henderson briefed the Council on ongoing staff efforts in the state. She discussed the potential for an in-person All California Defense Leadership Summit after a

two year hiatus, reviewed the proposed calendar of events for 2022 and the federal defense spending report and outlook from the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation. She also provided an update on legislative efforts such as AB 107 and the school funding program at Lompoc Unified School District. There was some discussion among the Councilmember on several topics, though nothing of significance to report.

Agenda Item 5 – Final Comments

Before closing the meeting, Chair Breckenridge reminded the Council that they had several members leaving and new members joining. She thanked founding members, now departing, Lt Gen Tattini and VADM Oliver, for their service to the Council and welcomed them to comment to the Council. Both members spoke of their time on the Council and shared memories and discussion on events that transpired since its formation in 2013. Finally, the Council remembered departed member the Honorable Phil Coyle and his incredible service to the organization, the state and the nation.

The Chair adjourned the meeting just before 11:00am.