

STATE ARMORY BOARD

August 4, 2022

The Indiana State Armory Board (SAB) convened at 10 o'clock, Thursday, August 4 2022, in the Adjutant General's Conference Room, located on the second floor of Building One, Indiana Joint Force Headquarters at Stout Field, Indianapolis, Indiana 46241, in compliance with Center for Disease Control (CDC) meeting guidelines, pursuant to notice given to all concerned.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

BG (Ret) Michael A. Kiefer - President
MG R. Dale Lyles – The Adjutant General of Indiana – Secretary-Treasurer
BG (Ret) Ronald W. Henry – Vice President
COL (Ret) Marjorie K. Courtney – Member

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Scott R. Collins – Director, State Operations
Mr. Jason Thompson – General Counsel, Adjutant General's Office
COL (Ret) John Silva – Controller
Mrs. Mary Carrico – Director, State Purchasing and Contracting Office
Mr. James Mahern – Director, State Facilities Office
Mrs. Stephanie Brossman – Field Auditor
Mr. Steven Hines – Construction and Facilities Management Officer
Mr. Shaun Jenkins – Administrative Assistant to the Director, State Operations
Ms. Mary L. Barbee – Recorder, Business Administrator/Administrative Assistant to the Controller

THOSE ABSENT

COL (Ret) Timothy R. Warrick – Member
MSG (Ret) Donivan J. Mahuron –Member

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

Brigadier General (Retired) Kiefer indicated the presence of three of the five Board Members allowed for a quorum. BG (Ret.) Kiefer opened the floor for a motion to approve the Minutes of the June 1, 2022 Meeting which was made by Colonel (Retired) Courtney, seconded by Brigadier General (Retired) Henry, and carried.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Colonel (Retired) Silva briefed the Board on their Status of Funds. He prefaced his report, indicating to the Board he would be reviewing the Balance Sheet for the end of State Fiscal Year 2022 as well as the Balance Sheet which would allow the Board to see their funds and obligations for State Fiscal Year 2023.

As he looked through the reports before him, Major General (MG) R. Dale Lyles, the Adjutant General (TAG) asked what the Soldier's Memorial was. Colonel (COL) Steven Hines, Construction and Facilities Management Officer (CFMO) explained the Soldier's Memorial was an initiative spearheaded by Major General (Retired) R. Martin Umbarger as a means to honor the memory of Indiana National Guard soldiers who lost their lives during the conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq. A discussion ensued between TAG, BG (Ret.) Kiefer, COL Hines, and general counsel, Mr. Jason Thompson on the location of the Memorial. Through an interjection from BG (Ret.) Henry, and COL (Ret.) Courtney, indicating since there was no desire on the part of MG (Ret.) Umbarger to have the Memorial located downtown Indianapolis, the obligation for funds to cover the cost of erecting the Memorial should be released as an obligation and returned to the available balance of State Armory Board (SAB) Funds. COL (Ret.) Silva assured the Board the funds for the Design of the Soldier's Memorial would be returned to their assets total.

Motion to release the obligation of the Soldier's Memorial was made by BG (Ret.) Henry, seconded by COL (Ret.) Courtney and carried.

COL (Ret.) Silva continued his brief to the Board with the figures for the end of State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2022: Available Checking Account Balance with Old National Bank is \$2,408,747.15. Certificates of Deposit remain unchanged at seven (7) certificates totaling \$900,000.00; the next certificate requiring renewal will be Mid-Southern, in the middle of November. There is a total of \$3,308,747.15 Total Assets, less Obligations of \$447,189.27, leaving the SAB with \$1,961,557.88 in Non-obligated funds as of 30 June 2022.

Briefing the Board on the opening figures for SFY 2023, COL (Ret.) Silva stated the Opening Balance with Old National Bank is \$2,408,747.15; other assets are the seven (7) CDs totaling \$900,000.00 bringing the Total Assets of the SAB to \$3,308,747.15. Liabilities for SFY23 total \$374,549.35, leaving the SAB with \$2,034,197.80 in Non-obligated funds.

MG Lyles provided the Board with a short brief regarding the Cyber Academy prior to COL (Ret.) Silva's financial brief. He stated he had spoken with Dr. Steven Combs, Chancellor for Ivy Tech Community College Columbus, who assured him the college is still recruiting students to enroll in the Cyber Security Program, and should there be a shortfall in students residing in the dorms at Muscatatuck Urban Training Center (MUTC), Ivy Tech would make up the difference in monies.

COL (Ret.) Silva briefed the Board concerning the Cyber Academy—Special Programs Account, indicating the checking account balance with Old National Bank is \$272,055.25, with accounts receivable totaling \$34,015.00—he stated that amount was received in July as payment from Ivy Tech for the lease of the Cyber Academy campus at MUTC. COL (Ret.) Silva reemphasized the Special Programs Account is one which is continually growing as evident on the Profit and Loss Statement.

Motion to approve the Balance Sheets was made by COL (Ret.) Courtney, seconded by BG (Ret.) Henry.

5. THE ADJUTANT GENERAL’S OFFICE (AGO) PURCHASING AND CONTRACTING DIRECTORATE WILL PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON CURRENT STATE ARMORY CONTRACTS – MRS. MARY CARRICO, DIRECTOR.

Mrs. Carrico began her brief to the Board by indicating the following contracts were awarded: Terre Haute Boiler, \$170,300.00, (50% federally funded, 50% state appropriated dollars). North Vernon Motor Vehicle Storage Building (MVSB) Roof, \$435,000.00, (50% federally funded, 50% state appropriated dollars). Bluffton MVSB Roof, \$329,000.00, (50% federally funded, 50% state appropriated dollars). Stout Field Building 3 Roof Replacement \$992,234.00 (63% federally funded, 37% state appropriated dollars). And the \$804,248.00 Barrel Roof Replacement of Building 9 at Stout Field (70% federally funded, 30% state appropriated dollars).

Mrs. Carrico also informed the Board of upcoming Bid Openings: Demolition of Buildings 10 and 29 at Hulman Field (Terre Haute). Phase Three of the Water Utility Improvements at Camp Atterbury. Connersville’s Boiler Replacement. The Modernization of the Field Maintenance Shop (FMS) #13 at Gary, and the Danville Readiness Center. She also mentioned the Fire Sprinkler System Replacement at the USPFO Warehouse—Building 12—Stout Field.

Mrs. Carrico concluded her brief by stating she had two contracts for the signatures of MG Lyles and BG (Ret.) Kiefer.

6. THE SOLUTIONS GROUP WILL PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON THE CYBER ACADEMY. MR. JOHN PIPER, DEPUTY DIRECTOR AND DR. VONDA BROOKS, CYBER ACADEMY COORDINATOR.

In the absence of Mr. John Piper and Dr. Vonda Brooks, Director of State Operations, Mr. Scott Collins indicated general counsel, Mr. Jason Thompson would provide the brief for the Cyber Academy.

Mr. Thompson alluded that MG Lyles had covered the Cyber Academy brief during COL (Ret.) Silva’s Financial Report; but he did emphasize the priority of the

Cyber Academy is to ensure the program is healthy with on-campus housing. He praised Ivy Tech's indication they would cover any losses the program had with a student housing shortfall and considers them to be a good partner.

7. THE AGO FACILITIES DIRECTORATE WILL PROVIDE AN UPDATE OF THE ARMORIES AND PROPERTIES. MR. JAMES MAHERN, DIRECTOR.

Mr. Mahern briefed the Board, he, COL Hines, and MG Lyles have been working on the upcoming bi-annual budget, representing the modernization of armories, including: Bloomington, Columbus, Hamilton County, LaPorte, and Vincennes; and 18 regular replacement/rehabilitation projects at various locations throughout the state. MG Lyles stated he and COL Hines were successful in securing \$10,000,000.00 for the utility requirements of the Hamilton County property.

Mr. Mahern informed the Board, INDoT (Indiana Department of Transportation) granted \$1,100,000.00 in assistance to improve the drainage and parking on the North side of Stout Field's Building 9. He further stated he sought emergency funding for the Rockville boiler, and that the project is currently in the design phase. He concluded his brief informing the Board of a \$429,000.00 project to abate the lead paint in the steel structures of Stout Field's Building 9, citing the building had been painted in 1941 using a lead-based formula; the painters will be replacing the current paint with a brick-red color that will look like the original paint, only safer.

8. THE WORKING GROUP ASSIGNED TO THE DIVESTITURE OF THE MARION ARMORY WILL MAKE A REPORT. COL (RET) MARJORIE COURTNEY, SAB BOARD MEMBER.

COL (Ret.) Courtney discussed her findings as part of a working group dedicated to the divestiture of the Marion National Guard Armory; she stated the local officials have been informed of the anticipated closure of the armory; however, the mayor of Marion has not reached out to the working group. She pointed out that since the Board elected to go through IDoA (Indiana Department of Administration) for the appraisal process, only one appraisal may be needed, if necessary, and if it was decided an appraisal, indeed, was needed, it would be a State Armory Board expense.

COL (Ret.) Courtney continued, stating the unit(s) located at the Marion armory are progressing nicely on their move to the Huntington armory, and indicated much of the kitchen equipment from Marion's armory is being relocated to Huntington, she estimated it would be between \$12,000 and \$15,000.00 to remodel the kitchen to the extent food could once again be served at the armory.

Currently, there is no Building Service Worker (BSW) at the Huntington armory, therefore, the BSW assigned to the Bluffton armory has been reporting to Huntington, keeping it clean, and cutting the grass, at least, twice a week. COL (Ret.) Courtney

stated the Marion BSW has remained at that armory, keeping the building and grounds clean, as well as providing security. The Communication-Electronic Directorate (J6) will continue to keep its equipment at Marion as those lines also support the Field Maintenance Shop (FMS) there.

There is a display for the Wall of Honor, recognizing Staff Sergeant (SSG) Bradley King, COL (Ret.) Courtney expressed the possible need to store that memorial somewhere and re-establish it once the Hamilton County Armory is constructed/opened. She stated that the handling of SSG King's memorial should be left up to the Family Support Group.

COL (RET) MARJORIE COURTNEY WILL PRESENT THE FACTS SURROUNDING A TRANSFER OF FUNDS REQUEST FROM THE MARION ARMORY BOARD TO THE HUNTINGTON ARMORY BOARD.

COL (Ret.) Courtney briefed the Board on the status of the Marion Local Armory Board's funds. She cited Indiana National Guard Regulation 210-1 (State and Local Armory Board Management), stating that the regulation requires funds to remain with the armory upon relocation of units; that when an armory is vacant, the funds revert to the State Armory Board. BG (Ret.) Kiefer interposed, stating that this requirement was statutory as well as regulatory. Resuming her brief, COL (Ret.) Courtney stated Marion's Local Armory Board balance is currently over \$25,000.00. Huntington's Local Armory Board has a balance of under \$300.00, and has invoices in excess of that amount. She went on to say that Marion has offered to pay the bill(s) associated with Huntington's property as they are in the process of relocating there. She has recommended Marion's Local Armory Board funds, be transferred to the State Armory Board, who would, in turn, transfer \$25,000.00 to the Huntington Local Armory Board, giving them a total of \$25,300.00, which would allow them to take care of bills associated with both the Huntington and Marion armory's expenses.

COL (Ret.) Courtney made a motion the funds from the Marion LAB be moved to the SAB, who would then forward the funds to the Huntington LAB. She further motioned the funds revert from Huntington LAB to SAB upon completion of the Hamilton County Armory in 2026, as a new armory board funds for that armory would be established at that time. BG (Ret.) Henry seconded the motion and it was carried.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS.

There were no visitors and no comments from the public sector at the meeting.

10. REMARKS FROM THE ADJUTANT GENERAL.

MG Lyles provided a brief to the Board on the status of the Indiana National Guard; indicating the 76th Infantry Brigade Combat Team (IBCT) was currently attending Annual Training (AT) in preparation for a mission to Kosovo in the fall. The 163rd Field Artillery (FA) is heading to Iraq where they will be conducting a Counter-Rocket, Artillery, and Mortar System (C-RAM) mission. He stated the Cavalry (CAV) Squadron would be deploying to the Sinai [Peninsula] of Egypt in the fall. Also, in the fall, a Military Police (MP) Company on the Southwest Border, and an Aviation (AV) Company in Arizona would be relieved of their duties there.

Also relative to the National Guard force, MG Lyles stated the Indiana National Guard has donated 14 M113 tracked APCs (Armored Personnel Carriers) to the Ukrainian army, as well as two wreckers. He spoke with the Chief of Defense (Jaroslav And) in Slovakia during the week of 25-29 July, and was told HIMARS (High-Mobility Artillery Rocket Systems) are winning the war in the Donbas (Donets Coal Basin) Region of Ukraine. MG Lyles also indicated he has been told by Chief of Staff of the Army, General James C. McConville to keep Camp Atterbury in a “warm” status in case a mobilization is needed, should Russian President, Vladimir Putin, decide to engage a NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) nation.

MG Lyles thanked Mr. Collins, for his leadership, as well as COL (Ret.) Silva, and Mr. Mahern in their efforts in securing funds to modernize the armories throughout the state; emphasizing he has gotten a lot of support from the legislative offices, as well as the state budget director’s office. He indicated that his mission is to close more small armories and consolidate them into larger armories along the corridors of large metropolitan areas, enabling the National Guard to have more appealing 21st century armories and spaces, which would allow for soldiers and airmen to come to the armory and do their training there, rather than having to report to Camp Atterbury.

Other legislative efforts MG Lyles is pursuing are a \$13,000,000.00 annual budget to use for the enhancement of accessions and retention in the Guard to enable him to give bonuses on top of what the federal government is doing at the time to entice personnel to either enlist or remain in the National Guard. He is also seeking a discount on licenses for Guardsmen.

MG Lyles concluded his brief by stating Board Member Master Sergeant (MSG) Retired (Ret.) Donovan “Jack” Mahuron is under care at a Scottsburg, Indiana nursing home with a terminal illness. He stated MSG (Ret.) Mahuron had contacted Mr. Collins to inform him of his pending resignation from the Board. MG Lyles requested prayers be lifted up for the ailing MSG (Ret.) Mahuron

11. ESTABLISH DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

Having determined there was no further business to conduct, COL (Ret.) Courtney made motion to adjourn the June 1, 2022 meeting of the State Armory Board. Motion was seconded by BG (Ret.) Henry and carried at 11:35 A.M.

The next state Armory Board Meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 12, 2022, at 10 o'clock in the Adjutant General's Conference room at Joint Forces Headquarters in Indianapolis.

Michael A. Kiefer

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PRESIDENT, INDIANA STATE ARMORY BOARD

R. Dale Lyles

MAJOR GENERAL R. DALE LYLES, INNG
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL, SECRETARY-TREASURER