

STATE ARMORY BOARD
17 MAY 2023

The Indiana State Armory Board convened at 9:54 A.M., Wednesday, May 17, 2023 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 the Center of Disease Control meeting guidelines, pursuant to notice given to all concerned.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

BG (Ret) Michael A. Kiefer – President
BG (Ret) Ronald W. Henry – Vice President
COL (Ret) Marjorie K. Courtney – Member
COL (Ret) Timothy R. Warrick – Member
COL (Ret) Todd Townsend – Member

OTHERS PRESENT:

BG Justin L. Mann – Director, Joint Staff
Col. Charles “Chuck” Goad—Wing Commander, 181st Civil Engineer Squadron
SMSgt Esther Roman—Deputy Base Engineer. 181st Civil Engineer Squadron
Lt.Col. Ryan Harvey –Joint Chiefs of Staff, Air, Strategy, Policy and Plans (J5)
Capt. Alisha Furlong – Director of Personnel, 122nd Fighter Wing
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 Officer
Mrs. Stephanie Brossman – Field Auditor
Mr. Paul Koehl – Director of Marketing
Mr. John Piper – Indiana National Guard Solutions Group
Mr. Jason Brady – Construction and Facilities Management Office (CFMO)
Miss Mary L. Barbee – Recorder

THOSE ABSENT:

MG R. Dale Lyles – The Adjutant General – Secretary-Treasurer

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Brigadier General (Ret.) Kiefer acknowledged enough members were present to establish a quorum and called the meeting to order at 9:54 A.M.. Motion to approve the minutes of the 8 March 2023 meeting was made by Colonel (Ret.) Courtney, seconded by Colonel (Ret.) Warrick, and carried.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Colonel (Ret.) Silva began his financial report to the Board by directing their attention to the Special Programs Account which is primarily activities involving the Cyber Academy at the Muscatatuck Urban Training Center (MUTC), located in Butlerville, Indiana. The checking account balance for the State Armory Board's Special Programs Account, as of April 30, 2023 was \$395,926.08. He indicated that with a combined payment from Ivy Tech and students, the accounts receivable are \$25,587.32. Total Liabilities and Equity for this account is \$421,513.40.

The Profit and Loss is comprised of total income \$19,028.20 less expenses of \$11,390.38, giving the program a net ordinary income of \$7,637.82; combined with the \$18,966.00 facility charge to Ivy Tech, the Special Programs Account has a Net Income of \$26,603.82.

The checking account balance for the State Armory Board's Main Account with Old National Bank had a balance of \$2,337,223.86 as of April 20, 2023. The \$900,000.00 of Assets remains unchanged since the last report. Bippus State Bank's Certificate of Deposit has a maturity date of July 15, 2023, and should be rolled over at a higher interest rate by the next Board Meeting. Total Assets for the Main Account are \$3,237,223.86 as of April 30, 2023. Liabilities for the Main Account are \$127,984.19 and its equity is \$3,109,239.67. Total Non-Obligated Funds for the Main Account is \$2,209,239.67

The Profit and Loss statement indicated Total Income/Gross Profit as being \$40,835.72 as of April 30, 2023; and Total Expenses for the reporting period of February 18 through April 30, 2023 were \$47,753.93

General (Ret.) Henry asked what sort of equipment the Indiana Guard Reserve (INGR) had purchased during the reporting period, to which Colonel (Ret.) Silva replied they had purchased fifty (50) assault packs, compasses and protractors, as well as three (3) month's service and extra copies for their copier/printer.

Colonel (Ret.) Courtney's inquiry regarding bonds was answered when Colonel (Ret.) Silva explained they are paid as they come due, he stated he would like for them to come due and be paid all at the same time; however, the company staggers them out, and they are paid upon receipt.

General (Ret.) Kiefer asked if Colonel (Ret.) Silva felt the account balances were on track with past history, and if he felt there might be something which could prove to be a challenge. Colonel (Ret.) Silva explained many expenses which come to the State Armory Board for payment are funded through State Appropriated Funds, using the boarding of the Ceremonial Unit's Percheron's as an example; the horses are state assets, therefore their upkeep can be paid using appropriated dollars. He indicated the Cyber Academy has the Special Programs Fund to pay for many of its projects such as the furniture for common areas using the monies they collect in their account. Colonel (Ret.) Silva indicated that there would be requests come through when sections would request funds from the State Armory Board when their requests were denied by the U.S. Property and Fiscal Office (USPFO) or State Funds—he cautioned the Board to proceed lightly with such requests as it would not only set a precedence for such requests; but that it would quickly consume a great deal of their funds.

5. A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE INDIANA NATIONAL GUARD'S MARKETING DIVISION WILL PROVIDE A BRIEF TO THE BOARD CONCERNING MARKETING MATTERS.

Mr. Paul Keough, Director of Marketing discussed the progress the Marketing Section has been making with the on-line armory rental process. He informed the Board the following armories: Columbus, Evansville, Johnson County, Lawrence, Muncie, Terre Haute, and Valparaiso now have their websites enabled with a carousel which will entice visitors to consider renting the armory for their social event. He stated the armory rental websites have been modeled using the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) website which has had great success in their rental program.

Mr. Keough stated he would like to secure vanity Uniform Resource Locators (URLS) in an effort to make searching for an armory easier; he also indicated he would like to enable the use of Quick Response (QR) Codes as well.

Mr. Jason Thompson, general counsel, asked if the URLs and QR Codes would need to be secured through copywrite or trademark processes—were the names something which would need to be 'grabbed' by the State Armory Board. Mr. Keough replied that the Indiana Office of Technology (IOT) would get those for the armories once they were requested by his office.

Mr. Keough went on to explain the armory rental sites use of carousels would enable the armory to highlight their drill floor and office spaces to be used as an ideal place for the public to host their banquets, sports tournaments, and wedding receptions, while also displaying the amenities each armory would have to host those events. Mr. Thompson indicated the armories would also be an excellent location to hold car shows and farmer's markets . Mr. Keough began to explain the functionality of the websites and how they currently work, enlisting the input of Mrs. Stephanie Brossman, Field Auditor, who explained she is currently the point of contact for potential renters to call and make arrangements to rent the facilities. She indicated when she receives a request to rent an armory, she gets the business/individual's name, their telephone number and eMail address which she passes along to the armory manager via eMail, in addition to a copy she provides to the potential renter; she uses this process in conjunction with the armory rental coordinator, Mr. Christopher "Chris" Krause to ensure someone follows up with the rental.

General Mann asked if there was a drop-down menu on the website to allow for drill dates to be blocked out of the rental calendar to let people know those dates were unavailable to the public. Mrs. Brossman replied that sometimes the armories may be vacant during a drill weekend as the units would be away training at a location other than the armory which would leave those dates available to host rentals.

Mr. Keough notified the Board getting each armory set up on-line for a rental would take time as acquiring photographs of rental space from each armory would be needed. He indicated that his office has done a good job of getting exterior photographs of each armory; however his staff is small and it would take time to acquire adequate photographs of each armory's interior. General Man reminded Mr. Keough that each unit within the National Guard has a trained Unit Public Affair Representative (UPAR) who has the equipment to supply the marketing office with the required photographs.

General (Ret.) Kiefer thanked Mr. Keough for his brief and looks forward to marketing's continued development of the on-line rental program.

6. THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE PURCHASING AND CONTRACTING DIRECTORATE WILL PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON CURRENT STATE ARMORY BOARD CONTRACTS – MRS. MARY CARRICO, DIRECTOR.

Mrs. Carrico stated she had no contracts to bring to the Board requiring approval signatures; she did, however, advise them of upcoming bids:

May 24, 2023: Fort Wayne Air Wing – winter storm damage – 100% federally funded.

June 1, 2023: Lafayette Readiness Center – Physical Health Assessment Retrofit – 63% federally funded / 37% state funded.

June 6, 2023: Columbus Armory – Roof replacement – 50% federally funded / 50% state funded.

June 7, 2023: Fort Wayne Air Wing – Aircraft Parking Ramp Pavement Repairs – 100% federally funded.

7. THE SOLUTIONS GROUP WILL PROVIDE AN UPDATE OF THE CYBER ACADEMY – MR. JOHN PIPER

Mr. Piper stated there would be twenty-two (22) students graduating from the Cyber Academy on July 22, 2023. From July 28 through August 11, 2023, the residence hall of the Cyber Academy would undergo a reset which would include cleaning and preparations for Cohort 6 which begins classes on August 12, 2023. He stated Cohort 6 is the largest they have hosted with fifty-five students; thirty-three (33) of those students are requesting lodging in the residence hall. Mr. Piper also stated with the upcoming Cohort, eleven (11) students are members of the Indiana National Guard; and that this class is hosting ten (10) females. He indicated there may be the need to look at ways to accommodate more students in the residence hall if the size of Cohorts continues to increase,

Funds approved by the Board in previous meetings have been used to purchase commercial-grade washers and dryers, as well as some furniture for the Residence Hall. Mr. Piper stated there would be a need, by the next meeting to gather paint to be used in the Residence Hall.

Mr. Piper expressed frustration that many graduates from the Cyber Academy have been leaving the State of Indiana shortly after graduation, and asked the Board if there was anything they could do to keep graduating soldiers within the state of Indiana. General (Ret.) Kiefer invited the Board to think on that

and possibly meet with him prior to the next meeting to discuss what might be done.

Colonel (Ret.) Warrick asked if there was a career day prior to graduation from the Cyber Academy. Mr. Piper explained the Cyber Academy hosted a job fair with representation from the Indiana National Guard as well as representation from Defense Finance and Accounting Service—Indianapolis, and Naval Support Activity—Crane. Colonel (Ret.) Warrick restated his question inquiring as to whether or not there was a presence of non-military employers, and Colonel (Ret.) Courtney inquired if Dr. Vonda Brooks had reached out to the Indiana Department of Workforce Development regarding opportunities in Indiana. Mr. Piper, explained non-military opportunities had been represented at the previous Job Fair that was hosted by Ivy Tech, but this one was hosted by the Solutions Group, therefore, the emphasis was placed on Department of Defense and Indiana National Guard positions. He added that Dr. Brooks has completed an information video to send to Guard units to inform them on measures they can take to become a part of the Cyber Academy.

General (Ret.) Kiefer applauded Mr. Piper for his brief and expressed his concern that training and keeping Guardsmen in the state of Indiana is something that should be looked into.

8. THE YOUTH CHALLENGE ACADEMY'S DIRECTOR WILL PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ACADEMY – COLONEL (RETIRED) TROY JOSLIN, DIRECTOR.

Colonel (Ret.) Joslin informed the Board the Hoosier Youth Challenge Academy (HYCA) scored 'satisfactory' on their March inspection which was conducted by National Guard Bureau. He stated areas of inspection included operational compliance (how the cadets are treated), as well as operational performance (graduation/placement rates). Colonel (Ret.) Joslin reported the Academy has an 80% placement rate, compared to 25% in the past.

The Hoosier Youth Challenge Academy has partnered with the New Castle Community School Corporation with a principal and six (6) teachers. Seventy-five percent (75%) of cadets are enrolled in the high school program, earning six (6) to twelve (12) credits during the duration of their course of study; the remaining twenty-five percent (25%) of cadets are pursuing their General Educational Development/Certificate of High School Equivalency.

HYCA has been working with the Marketing Section and has automated the application process: potential cadets can now be registered for participation in the program on the Academy's website. Colonel (Ret.) Joslin reported there are currently ninety (90) applications currently going through the screening process, emphasizing applications which might be rejected are a result of the potential cadet having behavioral health problems which is a nation-wide trend.

June 10, 2023 is the date the current class will graduate from the program. It will take place at 10 o'clock at the HYCA gymnasium. Colonel (Ret.) Joslin stated this will be the first class to graduate on HYCA property as prior graduations had taken place in Greenfield and other surrounding area high school gymnasiums. Seventy-two (72) cadets will be graduating from the program. Indiana is one of forty-two (42) states who host a Youth Challenge Academy.

Colonel (Ret.) Joslin stated all graduates from the Academy receive one (1) college credit from Ivy Tech Community College as a result of being enrolled in an "Introduction to College" course; additionally, Ivy Tech offers ten (10) \$1,000.00 scholarships per class, and Lincoln College of Technology offers a \$10,000.00 scholarship for a cadet who is interested in their post-high school educational programs

Colonel (Ret.) Joslin approached the Board with a request of \$17,000.00 to repair the campground on the Knightstown property. He stated it was not a part of HYCA grounds, but reminded the Board they are also the owners of the campgrounds. He stated the property is rented nearly every weekend from April through October of any given year. His request would cover the work which is needed for the main cabin as well as the sleep cabin. Repairs to be made would include roofing and siding to the cabins.

General (Ret.) Henry stated the 35 acre campground had been donated to the Soldier and Sailor's Home in the 1940s by the United States Boy Scouts Association, and recommended approval for Colonel (Ret.) Joslin's \$17,000.00 request to repair the campground. Motion to approve the request was made by Colonel (Ret.) Courtney and carried.

9. THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE FACILITIES DIRECTORATE WILL PROVIDE AN UPDATE OF NATIONAL GUARD ARMORIES AND PROPERTIES – MR. JAMES MAHERN, DIRECTOR.

Mr. Mahern informed the Board the end of the state fiscal year was June 30th and his office intended to spend the remaining nine thousand dollars remaining in

his budget within the next few weeks. He indicated once funds had been used up, he would rely on Local Armory Boards using their own funds to cover the costs of small repairs.

Letters to dispose of the Linton Armory were mailed to universities, units of government, and other political subdivisions by the Department of Administration on May 16, 2023. Colonel (Ret.) Warrick asked if there would be any reference made to the market value of the Linton Armory, as the letters which were sent out did not indicate such information. Mr. Thompson said he did not know the answer to that question as the process was now being administered by the Indiana Department of Administration, but he would attempt to get the information as requested.

Wednesday, May 24, 2023 Mr. Mahern and Mr. Thompson would be meeting with the mayor of Marion in an attempt to figure out the best course of action to take regarding the divestiture of the Marion Armory.

Mr. Thompson briefed the Board he and Mr. Mahern had been consulting with the Indiana Department of Administration as well as private consultants on how to proceed with the divestiture of Marion's armory. He stated he feels as though a quiet-title would be the way to go—which could take a year to clear. He indicated during the year-long waiting period, the city of Marion could potentially move into the armory and off-set not only the liability of the building but also the costs of utilities.

Colonel (Ret.) Courtney asked if the legal fees surrounding the divestiture of Marion had been paid and made a motion to approve any legal fees that would be required during the divestiture period, however long that might be. General (Ret.) Kiefer explained that because of the Marion property going from one state agency to another, indicating it would be the responsibility of the Office of the Attorney General to provide legal assistance, and that if that office was hesitant to fix the problem of the Marion Armory, it would be up to the Board to handle the legal aspects, at which time, Colonel (Ret.) Courtney could entertain her motion.

Mr. Mahern pointed the Board's attention to his Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025 budgets (included in member information folders, and attached to these minutes). He stated all requests that had been presented to the state legislature had been approved but one, and indicated the amounts approved are \$39,000,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2024 and \$11,000,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2025, saying those amounts were a giant step forward in keeping State Armory Board facilities in more modern and up-to-date condition.

Mr. Mahern informed the Board of his use of \$6,000.00 to cover the cost of a re-dedication plaque for the Danville armory as the re-addition/alteration of that facility is 85% complete. He stated he could secure neither federal nor state funds to cover the cost of the plaque which is historically placed inside all State Armory Board properties indicating the year the facility was built and the names, ranks/titles of key personnel to include Armory Board Members. General (Ret.) Kiefer asked if he was making a request to have the Board vote on the addition of a plaque to the Danville Armory to which Mr. Mahern stated Mrs. Carrico had contracting authority already issued to her by the Board and he would ratify the amount of money spent on the plaque at the next meeting.

General (Ret.) Kiefer stated in upcoming meetings, he would like to know the status of the armories in terms of 'red,' 'amber,' or 'green.'

10. THE INDIANA NATIONAL GUARD FACILITIES MANAGEMENT OFFICE WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS THE POTENTIAL ACQUISITION OF A UNITED STATES ARMY RESERVE FACILITY LOCATED IN SOUTH BEND, INDIANA – MR. JASON BRADY, BUSINESS MANAGER.

Mr. Brady informed the Board he has been working on acquiring a vacant U.S. Army Reserve (USAR) building in South Bend, Indiana since March of 2023—National Guard Bureau has asked if the Indiana National Guard's interest in the building was still there; he explained the initial desire to acquire the building was undertaken by Colonel Steven Hines, who assessed the property would be of a good size and would aid the Guard's inventory of property, allowing for the divestiture of another facility. Acquiring this property would be more cost effective than entering into a new Military Construction Project and erecting a new building.

Mr. Brady said the property would be an ideal location for the 381st Military Police Company, currently located in Plymouth. He stated the South Bend USAR building is a former elementary school which was taken over and modernized by the USAR in 1991; he further indicated acquisition of the building would closely mirror the acquisition of the Kessler Boulevard property: a direct exchange. He indicated it was his intention to give the Board an overview of the property and possibility of acquiring the property prior to his meeting with the Adjutant General (TAG), where he would discuss whether or not he should acquire the property and which units, should the acquisition of the property take place, move into the space.

Mr. Brady briefed the Board on the structural issue at Shelbyville indicating Messer Construction would be providing the total cost to fix the air handling units,

as well as the design company—Guidon, who will notify the Facilities Management Office (FMO) of their intentions to pay for the repair. Completion of the Shelbyville project, dependent upon contractor's funding approach, should be between December 2023 and February 2024.

Hamilton County's Atlanta property is at 100% design. Mr. Brady and Hamilton County officials are working through water and sewer; once that issue is resolved, he said he would then proceed with the bidding process, anticipating the contractual bid awarded by October 2023.

Initial design authority in Columbus for a rigger/drying facility which will eliminate the need to lease property from the Columbus airport at the cost of \$163,000.00 annually. Mr. Brady stated that although it has been scheduled as a 2024 project, it will get under way this year.

12. A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE INDIANA AIR NATIONAL GUARD'S 181ST CIVIL ENGINEER SQUADRON WILL PRESENT A BRIEF TO THE BOARD CONCERNING ACTIVITIES AT THE TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA AIR BASE.

Colonel Charles "Chuck" Goad, commander of the 181st Civil Engineer Squadron introduced his Deputy Base Engineer, Senior Master Sergeant Esther Roman who briefed the Board concerning the Board's property they share with the Terre Haute Regional Airport. She requested an extension of thirty-five (35) years for the purpose of being able to plan military construction as the timeline for Air Force construction is lengthier the Army side is—the 35 year time line would allow the 181st to continue to grow at the airport; she also expressed a desire to clean up the current lease and license to consolidate all properties at the airport into one lease.

13. GENERAL COUNSEL WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS REAL PROPERTY ISSUES AT HULMAN AIR FIELD LOCATED IN TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA – MR. JASON THOMPSON, GENERAL COUNSEL.

Mr. Thompson stated he has been working with Senior Master Sergeant Roman on the 220 acres that is the southwest runway at Terre Haute Airport – he indicated the current lease more or less is doubling up terms of authority for the Air Guard to operate at the airport, cleaning up the lease and adding an additional 35 years will assist the Air Guard for their future planning.

Colonel (Ret.) Courtney asked if the prior issues with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and Terre Haute Airport Authority had been resolved. Mr. Thompson assured that, since that lease had been executed, the Airport Authority has been able to fully fund their operations there. He further indicated there is an additional real estate action that is a simple easement along the fence line; however, the Terre Haute Airport Authority is able to fully fund and work with the FAA on their efforts at Terre Haute. General (Ret.) Kiefer recommended approval of the extended lease at Terre Haute, seconded by Colonel (Ret.) Courtney, and carried.

14. A REPRESENTATIVE FROM BAER FIELD'S 122ND FIGHTER WING, LOCATED IN FORT WAYNE, INDIANA WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS A PROPOSAL OF AN ADVERTISING CONTRACT WITH THE EAST COAST HOCKEY LEAGUE'S (ECHL) FORT WAYNE KOMETS.

Captain Alisha Furlong of the 122nd Force Squadron's recruiting office approached the Board to consider becoming partners with the East Coast Hockey League's Fort Wayne Komets for the 2023 – 2024 hockey season which runs from October 20, 2023 through April 14, 2024. Captain Furlong stated the amount of the partnership would be \$75,000.00, which is a 41% discount from the normal price of an ECHL sponsorship; she explained the discounted price is a result of the Indiana Air National Guard having had joint sponsorship with the Komets.

Captain Furlong stated sponsorship of the team included the production of two (2) customizable jerseys which would highlight the Air Guard's A-10 Warthog and their F-16 Viper aircraft. In addition to the jerseys, sponsorship includes representatives of the Air Guard appearing on the ice where they would talk about the benefits of being in the Air Guard. Radio advertising during Komets games is also a part of the sponsorship as well as being featured on the video scoreboard at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum for the season's thirty-six (36) home games. Sponsorship also includes a 2-page 'spread' in game programs which will reach an estimated 25,000 fans in attendance at games. She also stated that booth space is included in the sponsorship package.

She explained she knew a marketing request for recruiting was one which is typically not presented to the Armory Board; however, she further explained the budget for the United States Air Force, Air Force Reserve, and Air National Guard is not separate for each force, rather it is a total force budget which includes all air entities rolled into one amount. She stated she had sent her request to National Guard Bureau (NGB) and is waiting to hear back from them. Colonel (Ret.)

Warrick asked what the response was from NGB, to which Captain Furlong explained she might possibly receive \$50,000.00 in recruiting money, but she was not 100% sure in the amount she might receive. She also stated she was asking the Board for the funds as they operate on a fiscal year different than that of the federal government, which would allow her to negotiate the sponsorship with the Komets in a more timely manner as the Board's fiscal year is from July through June as opposed to the federal government's fiscal year running from October through September.

Colonel (Ret.) Courtney indicated she didn't believe any of the Army Guard's major commands would approach the Board concerning a shortfall in recruiting dollars, especially for dollars that were not going to be utilized state-wide. She also questioned if the Board was legally permitted to undertake such a large request.

Mr. Thompson stated the sponsorship had been a federal contract in the past with no state involvement, and that if the Board became involved it would become a state agreement which would need to be written by the State Contracting Office and Mrs. Carrico's office. He further stated the Board would be okay to become a sole-sourcing sponsor of the Komets as the Armory Board under Indiana Code 10-16-3-11, could support organizations that promote the public image of the National Guard and the armed forces. He cautioned the Board that sponsorship is also something which needed to be proposed to the Staff Judge Advocate Office as well as the U.S. Property and Fiscal Officer (USPFO) and his legal representative to ensure that if the Board assumed sponsorship of the Komets, such a partnership would not create an augmentation of their appropriation. He explained the Board could approve the \$75,000 request; however, the Air Guard's acceptance of the funds would require approval from the USPFO.

Colonel (Ret.) Warrick agreed with Colonel (Ret.) Courtney in that if the Board were to approve the Air Guard's request for \$75,000.00, it would set the precedence that the Board would sponsor any section of the Indiana National Guard who requested funds for special events. He asked Captain Furlong what the Wing could contribute to any funds NGB might forward her to offset those funds, to which she explained she was unsure what the Wing could contribute as the CoVid crisis of 2020-forward has impacted the junior enlisted fund to near depletion; the Wind Commander was working on a grass-roots effort to achieve funds to support the Wing's A10 'going away' party—she stated that she could not speak to what he could commit, but assured the Board she spoke with him before she approached the Board and he indicated he was willing to speak with the Board if the need arrived.

General (Ret.) Henry expressed his feeling that the sponsorship of the Fort Wayne Komets is an opportunity that can't be passed on. He emphasized radio station amplitude modulation (AM) 1190 – WOWO in Fort Wayne reaches a vast number of people with its broadcast of Komet games, and its audience would be listening to the games, hear the advertising of the Guard and potentially bring in new recruits. He therefore, made a motion to approve the request for seventy-five thousand dollars.

Colonel (Ret.) Courtney interjected that she would rather make a motion to approve funding in the initial amount of fifty thousand dollars, pending a contribution from the 122nd Fighter Wing's ability to raise \$25,000.00 in non-appropriated funds, with the Board contributing additional funds if there is a shortfall.

General (Ret.) Kiefer reminded the Board Captain Furlong was negotiating with the Komets for \$75,000.00, not a lesser amount; that if Board Members could not agree upon the amount to provide, the discussion topic should be tabled until the Wing could return with a solid amount; in the meantime, he suggested the Board get an advisory opinion from the USPFO on why it would be permissible for the Board to support the sponsorship; to which Mr. Thompson replied he had already requested that action.

Colonel Goad spoke on his Wing's efforts, struggling to \$16,000.00 to host a gala at the end of the year. He stated members of the 181st Wing in Terre Haute are organizing 5k/10k running events, sponsoring burrito breakfasts, selling tee-shirts, anything they can to attempt to raise sixteen thousand dollars; although the Wing in Fort Wayne is slightly larger, he did not see how it would be possible for them to come up with \$25,000.00 just to negotiate \$50,000.00 from the Board.

General (Ret.) Kiefer indicated he felt General (Ret.) Henry's motion should stand, to grant the \$75,000.00 for sponsorship of the Fort Wayne Komets, subject to USPFO review. Colonel (Ret.) Warrick voted to table the motion until next month, General (Ret.) Henry adamantly declared that the motion needed to be passed, which Colonel (Ret.) Courtney seconded. General (Ret.) Kiefer asked for those showing favor of the motion to signify their approval by raising their hand, to which he declared four (4) to one (1) approval of the motion, granting sponsorship of the Fort Wayne Komets, pending approval from the USPFO. Colonel (Ret.) Silva then expressed his desire that the sponsorship funds be drafted on a check using Special Programs Funds as this request would be best served using those funds.

15. GENERAL COUNSEL WILL PRESENT A DRAFT ADDENDUM TO THE JOINT FORCES HEADQUARTERS (JFHQ) REGULATION 210-1 PROVIDING SPECIFIC GUIDANCE TO ARMORY PERSONNEL REGARDING THE USE OF ARMORIES IN SUPPORT OF LOCAL ELECTION ACTIVITIES. – MR. JASON THOMPSON, GENERAL COUNSEL.

Mr. Thompson notified the Board of Indiana Code 3-11-8-4 mandates that public buildings be made open and available for local election officials to use the armories to conduct elections. He stated the code is part of the election code, and according to the code the Board is not allowed to charge monies for the use of an armory on election days. He did express concern for the days leading up to and following elections.

The Memorandum for Record he has submitted is a legal premier of having an armory contract with the local election board to cover ancillary issues so the Board is not liable for the equipment required for an election, citing armories do not provide security over the equipment—Mr. Thompson wants to ensure the Board is not at fault in case an election/voting machine is stolen, damaged, or vandalized. He stated he would like to place days prior to and following an election be put under an armory rental contract, even if it is no-cost as it would provide the Board protection from liability. He further stated the Memorandum for Record would be added as a supplement to the Joint Forces Regulation 210-1

General (Ret.) Kiefer made a motion to approve the supplementation of the Memorandum for Record; seconded by Colonel (Ret.) Courtney and carried.

16. A REPRESENTATIVE FROM CAMP ATTERBURY'S 138TH REGIMENT-REGIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTE WILL DISCUSS THE HISTORY OF THE OFFICER CANDIDATE SCHOOL (OCS) HONOR GRADUATE PROGRAM AND REQUEST FUNDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE HONOR GRADUATE AWARD.

In the absence of a representative from the 138th Regiment Regional Training Institute in attendance at the Meeting, General (Ret.) Kiefer made a motion to approve the request for the Officer Candidate School (OCS) Honor

Graduate Award, stating it is an annual request which is made; seconded by Colonel (Ret.) Courtney, and carried.

17. BRIGADIER GENERAL (RETIRED) WILLIAM “BILL” HENRY WILL REQUEST FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE RED LEG ALUMNI CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT CAMP ATTERBURY, INDIANA IN THE UMBARGER CONFERENCE CENTER ON 9 SEPTEMBER 2023.

General (Ret.) Henry made a motion to approve a request to support the Red Leg Alumni Conference; Colonel (Ret.) Courtney seconded, and the request was approved and carried.

18. PUBLIC COMMENTS

General (Ret.) Kiefer noted there were no members from the general public in attendance of the meeting, and wondered if meetings were to be held at different locations, would that be different. Colonel (Ret.) Warrick indicated there have been meetings away from Stout Field with no members of the public in attendance.

19. REMARKS FROM THE ADJUTANT GENERAL – MAJOR GENERAL R. DALE LYLES.

General Mann presented a brief of activities concerning the Indiana National Guard. He expressed General Lyles’ regards, stated he was under the weather and should return before the next meeting.

Over 1,200 soldiers are currently deployed globally, additional deployments will find soldiers in Kenya, and Niger, while others will be returning from Kosovo and the Sinai Peninsula.

As a part of the annual ‘May Celebration,’ the Adjutant General’s guest will be General Paul Nakasone, Commander of the United States Cyber Command, Director of the National Security Agency, and Chief of the Central Security Service.

General Mann stated the Army Guard has been achieving their recruiting goals and a bit above goal for the past two (2) months. He stated that despite that gain, attrition rate is at 9% which is an historic low.

General (Ret.) Kiefer asked about the Air Guard acquiring F16 – Vipers. Captain Furlong stated they are coming from Air Education and Training Command -- Randolph Air Force Base located at Universal City, Texas. She stated the aircraft need a lot of work to become combat capable and will be arriving at the Fort Wayne Wing in 2024. They are Lockheed Martin model Block 40. Six pilots are currently in training as the aircraft is different than the F16s previously assigned to Baer Field.

20. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING.

There being no further business to discuss, the next meeting of the Indiana State Army Board was determined to take place on Wednesday, July 26, 2023 at 10 o'clock A.M.. Motion to adjourn was made by Colonel (Ret.) Courtney, seconded by General (Ret.) Henry, and carried at 12:25 P.M.

Michael A. Kiefer

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