

STATE ARMORY BOARD
JULY 26, 2023

The Indiana State Armory Board convened at 9:59 A.M., Wednesday, July 26, 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 D. Townsend – Member
MG R. Dale Lyles – The Adjutant General – Secretary-Treasurer

OTHERS PRESENT:

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
Dr. Vonda K. Brooks – Indiana National Guard Solutions Group
Mr. Jason Brady – Construction and Facilities Management Office (CFMO)
BG Michael P. Grundman – Director, State Operations
Ms. Terri L. Levy—Executive Administrative Assistant to the Director, State Operations
SFC Joshua M. Stephens—Ceremonial Unit Operations Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge
Mr. Nick Marchuck – Indiana National Guard Solutions Group
Mr. Adam Gunter—Assistant Director, Muscatatuck Urban Training Center (MUTC)
COL(INGR) Will Smith – Commander, Indiana Guard Reserve
CSM (INGR) Charles Brown – Command Sergeant Major, Indiana Guard Reserve
Miss Mary L. Barbee – Recorder

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Brigadier General (Retired) Kiefer acknowledged enough members were present to establish a quorum and called the meeting to order at 9:58 A.M. Prior to approving the minutes from the 17 May 2023 State Armory Board Meeting, Brigadier General (Retired) Kiefer

administered the Oath of Office to Colonel (Retired) Todd D. Townsend, to become the newest member of the State Armory Board.

Motion to approve the minutes of the 17 May 2023 meeting was made by Colonel (Retired) Courtney, seconded by Colonel (Retired) Warrick, and carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Colonel (Retired) Silva led the Treasurer's Report by presenting the Special Programs Account which is primarily the status of funds for the Cyber Academy located at the Muscatatuck Urban Training Center (MUTC), located in Butlerville, Indiana. The checking account balance for the account, as of 30 June 2023 was \$3093,727.91; accounts receivable from Cyber Academy students and Ivy Tech State College were \$38,541.49, giving a total asset amount of \$432,269.40

Profit and Loss Statement from the Special Programs Account as of 30 June 2023 list total income as being \$15,223.22. Expenses against the account equal \$14,734.51; Colonel (Retired) Silva explained each of the expenses, summing up his report that net income for the Special Programs Account was \$488.71

Colonel (Retired) Silva, next addressed the Main Checking Account for the State Armory Board, stating that the balance on that account as of 30 June 2023 was \$2,281,816.68; Other Assets of the account include \$900,000.00 from seven Certificates of Deposit. Colonel (Retired) Silva reminded the Board Certificates of Deposit cannot exceed an investment period of eighteen months as per direction given by the Indiana State Board of Accounts. The Main Account of the State Armory Board has Total Assets of \$3,181,816.68

Long-term Liabilities of the State Armory Board include the Danville Armory Board: \$3,502.68—Colonel (Retired) Silva cautioned the Board those funds were temporarily held pending the completion of the renovation of the Danville, Indiana National Guard Armory, at which time, the funds would be returned to the Danville Local Armory Board for their use. Long Term Liabilities also include: HYCA (\$10,698.62), Knightstown (\$66,196.10), and MUTC (\$38,536.65)—Total Liabilities: \$118,934.05

Accounts which had remaining balances at the end of Fiscal Year 2023 (Equity) include: Ceremonial Unit--\$1,040.23; factored into the Ceremonial Unit was \$60,000.00 for boarding at The Woods Equestrian Center of Columbus, Indiana. Colonel (Retired) Silva stated that the \$60,000.00 are paid through the state's Appropriated Funds as the Ceremonial Unit's horses are state property, and cannot be fully supported through State Armory Board funds. Colonel (Retired) Courtney asked how long appropriated dollars would be available to use for the boarding of the Ceremonial Unit's horses; Colonel (Retired) Silva stated changes to the overall state budget were 'tight;' however, he would alert the Board if there was a change in funding that would present a cause for concern.

The Indiana Guard Reserve had \$24,112.96 remaining in their account at the end of the Fiscal Year. Lawrence Readiness Center turned in \$2,314.32 as of 30 June 2023. The Adjutant General's Public Relations Fund had a mid-year increase of \$15,000.00; at the end of Fiscal Year 2023, TAG's PR Account had \$4,842.69 available of use.

State Armory Main Account Checking Balance of \$2,281,816.68 less obligations of \$118,934.05, leave a total of \$2,162,882.63 as non-obligated funds.

Colonel (Retired) Silva discussed the Profit and Loss Statement with the Board, detailing each expenditure—a copy of this report is attached to the official minutes.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Colonel (Retired) Courtney, seconded by Colonel (Retired) Warrick, and carried.

5. MRS. MARY CARRICO WILL PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON CURRENT STATE ARMORY BOARD CONTRACTS.

Mrs. Carrico began her brief by informing the Board of the amounts of current bids:
Fort Wayne Air Wing Winter Storm Damage Repair of Building 734: \$197,609.96
Aircraft Parking Ramp Pavement Repair at the Fort Wayne Air Wing: \$284,707.00
Camp Atterbury North Barrack Fire Alarm System Reset: \$352,512.00
Camp Atterbury 600 Block Reset \$957,850.00

Mrs. Carrico indicated the Camp Atterbury resets were funded with Department of Homeland Security Operation Allies Welcome (OAW) Funds, the fund which supported the resettlement of vulnerable Afghan refugees within the United States. Mrs. Carrico further stated the bid for the Lawrence Readiness Center's Periodic Health Assessment (PHA) Space Retro Fit was not successful, she stated the Contracting Office is waiting to see if there will be funds awarded to that project.

The below listed are dates for upcoming bids:

August 2, 2023: Stout Field Building Five Roof Replacement.

August 17, 2023: Atterbury Water System—Phase 4

August 22, 2023: Atterbury Railroad Tie Replacement, as well as Miscellaneous Roadway Paving

August 23, 2023: Camp Atterbury Building 350 Block Drive

August 24, 2023: Atterbury Unit Training Equipment Site (UTES) Building 633 Modernization

August 29, 2023: Hamilton County Readiness Center—New Construction

August 30, 2023: Combined Support Maintenance Shop (CSMS) Energy Security

August 30, 2023: Camp Atterbury Building 316 Restoration

August 30, 2023: Camp Atterbury Buildings 512 and 513 Renovations

August 31, 2023: Stout Field Building 7—Phase 4 Renovations

August 31, 2023: Indiana (-) Electric Vehicles Charging Stations

August 31, 2023: Camp Atterbury Building 330 Renovations

September 6, 2023: Camp Atterbury 400-block Upgrades

September 7, 2023: Martinsville Readiness Center Modernization

September 7, 2023: Camp Atterbury/Muscatatuck Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

6. MR. JAMES MAHERN WILL PROVIDE A SHORT BRIEFING ON STATE FACILITIES.

Mr. Mahern began his brief by stated the Indiana Department of Administration (IDoA) has acquired several letters of interest regarding the disposal of the Linton Armory; as a result of those letters, the Linton Armory is included in a sealed bid auction taking place on October 4, 2023. Major General Lyles asked if the proceeds from the auction would be coming to the State Armory Board. Mr. Mahern explained the funds raised from that auction would be turned over to the Controller of the State of Indiana's Office.

Mr. Mahern stated on August 4, 2023, he, Brigadier General Grundman, and Chief of Staff Colonel Cathleen Eaken would be asking the state budget committee to approve multiple projects, to include Hamilton County Armory furniture, fixtures, equipment as well as a utility extension. Major General Lyles asked why there was a need for a utility extension. Mr. Mahern explained the extension was needed to extend utilities along the armory's property. Colonel (Retired) Silva stated he had spoken with representatives from the budget committee and was assured it was just a formality toward being awarded the extension.

Mr. Mahern stated that the facilities office would ask for an additional \$7,900,000.00 to complete the Martinsville project, as well as \$11,900,000.00 in additional funds for Columbus. He also stated he would be requesting \$8,300,000.00 for funds to go toward Bloomington. The projects are all receiving a federal match in funds. He stated the funds were needed to cover design choices which were made halfway through the originally authorized projects.

The Lafayette, Indiana armory requires an additional \$500,000.00 in funding to cover a medical build-out that was left off the project when the armory was originally constructed. Muscatatuck requires \$500,000.00 for structural work to the 83 year-old steam plant.

Mr. Mahern stated the Terre Haute National Guard Armory was in need of \$1,600,000.00 to modernize the female latrines.

Colonel (Retired) Townsend asked if all the project funding requests were to go before the State Budget Committee as augmentations. Mr. Mahern stated the state legislature had already approved the aforementioned projects, that he was just going back to make sure it was okay to spend the money. Major General Lyles commented the only contentious issue with the request might be the add-ons; however, he was confident the amounts would be approved.

Mr. Mahern concluded his brief stating his office had processed 2,640 receipts, totaling \$38,055,322.00; and that Fiscal Year 2024's preventative maintenance funds would entail \$1,900,000.00 to be matched by federal dollars to complete those projects.

Brigadier General (Retired) Henry asked about the status of the Shelbyville HVAC problem, Mr. Mahern stated that situation would be discussed by Mr. Brady.

7. MR. JASON BRADY WILL PROVIDE A SHORT BRIEFING ON CONSTRUCTION AND FACILITIES MANAGEMENT OFFICE ACTIVITIES.

Mr. Brady began his brief with an update of the Danville Armory project: he, Brigadier General Grundman and Mr. Banger visited the construction site on Tuesday, July 25, 2023, stating the project should be completed in November, 2023.

Mr. Brady and Major General Lyles estimate the cost to complete the Hamilton County Armory should be approximately \$50,000,000.00; groundbreaking on the armory will take place in October, 2023.

Mr. Brady touched on a potential long-term lease with the city of Jasper; Major General Lyles believes partnering with the city of Jasper in a joint-use facility would possibly revitalize the Guard's image there, and strengthen community efforts in the area.

Addressing Brigadier General Henry's question about the Shelbyville HVAC situation, Mr. Brady reported all that was needed was a signature of Major General Lyles. The project is anticipated to take another 11 months to complete with the original architectural firm and construction company remaining on the job-site until the completion of the project. General Counsel, Mr. Jason Thompson stated that the settlement agreement between the architect and construction companies still need to be approved by the Attorney General's Office as well as the Office of the Governor, signatures, he is confident will be acquired due to the relationship he has with both those offices.

8. MR. JASON THOMPSON WILL PRESENT THE PRŪV MOBILITY LEASE FOR THE BOARD'S CONSIDERATION.

Mr. Thompson was first approached in 2019 to support a commercial endeavor for autonomous vehicle testing by PRŪV Mobility, as of recent, the company is prepared to enter in to a lease agreement for the use of white space at Camp Atterbury. The property to be covered under the lease is 50 acres of state property, situated amongst the road beds and linear roadways at Camp Atterbury.

Mr. Thompson explained that PRŪV Mobility, also known as Transportation Development Group, LLC is based in Columbus, Indiana and works with the commercial trucking

industry in developing technology that will eventually allow over-the-road trucks to operate on roadways autonomously—without drivers. He stated there is the potential to develop the technology for military which is a big part of the reason the Indiana National Guard is partnering with them.

Major General Lyles stated PRŪV Mobility will be generating funds as program income and asked that an account like the Cyber Academy account be set up. Colonel (Retired) Silva replied, saying a separate line item would be added to the existing Special Programs Account where the expenses and revenues would be tracked.

PRŪV Mobility would be leasing 50 acres north of Hospital Road, to include the tank track; they are planning to use their crews to do road improvements along this section of roadways. The flat rate for the lease is \$82,000.00 annually.

Motion to approve the lease with PRŪV Mobility, as outlined by Mr. Thompson was made by Colonel (Retired) Courtney, seconded by Brigadier General (Retired) Henry, and carried.

9. MR. JOHN PIPER/DR. VONDA BROOKS WILL PRESENT THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 CYBER ACADEMY BUDGET REQUEST.

Mr. Nick Marchuck introduced Dr. Vonda Brooks who approached the Board concerning an update from the Cyber Academy as well as the 2024 Budget. Dr. Brooks stated cohort 5 graduated 19 students at the Columbus, Indiana campus of Ivy Tech State College on Saturday, July 22, 2023. Cohort 6 begins on Saturday, August 12, 2023 with classes beginning on Monday, August 14th. She stated there are 36 enrolled students with 33 of them choosing student housing with a total of \$334,000.00 in revenue. Dr. Brooks further stated there are already 10 applicants for cohort 7.

Dr. Brooks laid out the Cyber Academy 2024 budget as follows: \$44,000.00 salary for the on-site assistant. \$32,300.00 for Common Area Upgrades which includes cookware, utensils, furniture, televisions, lamps, wi-fi, and gaming items. \$19,000.00 for dormitory cleaning/maintenance. \$25,000.00 for out-of-state conferences and business developments; and \$128,318.67 for building sustainment, readiness, and maintenance (HVAC).

Major General Lyles asked what the \$25,000.00 Solutions Group out-of-state conferences and business developments line was comprised of. Mr. Marchuck stated that portion of the budget would be used for operational funds, student lunches and emergency purchases tied to the Cyber Academy. Also included in that budget line-item are adjustments to achieve the same rate of per diem as federal employees; hosting conferences to entice agencies/departments to train at Muscatatuck.

To approve the Solutions Group's Cyber Academy Budget for Fiscal Year 2024, Major General Lyles suggested a motion to approve with a caveat: any instance falling under the parameters of the \$25,000.00 line—item require the approval of Colonel (Retired) Silva. Colonel (Retired) Courtney made a motion to approve the 2024 budget, seconded by Colonel (Retired) Townsend, and carried.

10. LIEUTENANT COLONEL STEPHEN SPENCER WILL PRESENT THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 MUSCATATUCK URBAN TRAINING CENTER (MUTC) BUDGET REQUEST.

Mr. Adam Gunter, assistant director of MUTC addressed the Board concerning their Fiscal Year 2024 budget. Mr. Gunter stated there were not many changes to the budget for the upcoming fiscal year in comparison to years past. He stated the one change was to upgrade the internet service from 200 mega-bytes to 1 gigabyte. Major General Lyles questioned that item, to which Mr. Gunter explain in addition to students at the Cyber Academy, the use of high-speed internet was also utilized by site employees.

Motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2024 MUTC Budget was made by Major General Lyles, seconded by Colonel (Retired) Townsend, and carried.

11. SERGEANT FIRST CLASS (SFC) JOSHUA STEPHENS WILL PRESENT THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 CEREMONIAL UNIT BUDGET REQUEST.

Sergent First Class (SFC) Stephens approached the Board with his proposed Fiscal Year 2024 Budget, he stated he was able to keep the cost of boarding at The Woods Equestrian Center in Columbus, Indiana at the flat rate of \$60,000.00. He stated the item that contributed in asking for additional funds for the upcoming fiscal year was due to the necessity of acquiring a new pickup truck. He stated the Ceremonial Unit had been borrowing a truck from the Regional Training Institute (RTI)'s General Services Administration (GSA) fleet to meet mission when involvement of the Ceremonial Unit's Caisson Platoon was required.

SFC Stephens explained borrowing the GSA truck was necessary as deployment of the Cassion Platoon required 2 trucks and 2 tailers: 1 for the horses and the 2nd for the caisson. He stated he has been looking at trucks and was approaching the Board for funding as it would take upwards of 6 months to obtain a truck from the Indiana Department of Administration (IDoA) ; however, he stated plating the truck would need to go through that agency as the truck would be placed on the State of Indiana Property Book.

Major General Lyles stated prior to his becoming Adjutant General, he did not realize how many funerals are assisted by the Ceremonial Unit, nor did he realize the costs involved in maintaining the health and upkeep of the equine members of the unit; but, he felt the costs were justified.

Brigadier General (Retired) Henry made the motion to approve the \$210,000.00 Fiscal Year 2024 Budget for the Ceremonial Unit. Seconded by Colonel (Retired) Courtney, and carried.

12. COLONEL (INGR) WILL SMITH AND COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR (INGR) CHARLES BROWN WILL PRESENT THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 INDIANA GUARD RESERVE (INGR) BUDGET REQUEST.

Feeling he had not been commander of the Indiana Guard Reserve (INGR) for a long enough period of time, Colonel (INGR) Smith introduced Command Sergeant Major (INGR) Charles Brown, who presented the organization's Fiscal Year 2024 Budget. CSM (INGR) Brown explained he had been discussing with Colonel (Retired) Silva, the need for the INGR to acquire new flags and guidons, stating the organization had not updated them and other pieces of equipment since 1993.

Motion to approve the \$71,476.56 Fiscal Year 2024 Budget was made by Colonel (Retired) Courtney, seconded by Colonel (Retired) Warrick, and carried.

13. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no visitors at this meeting of the State Armory Board; however, General Counsel, Mr. Jason Thompson, I reminded the Board of their potential approval of \$75,000.00 to partner with the East Coast Hockey League's (ECHL) Fort Wayne Komets team. Mr. Thompson stated he took the matter before the United States Property and Fiscal Officer (USPFO) for Indiana, who determined the request was an augmentation of the appropriation originally established by the United States Air Force (USAF) for the 122nd Air Wing's recruiting budget.

Mr. Thompson explained as a result of the meeting with the USPFO, the Air Wing retracted their request. He further explained the 122nd Air Wing would like to afford the Board the opportunity partner with the Komets to promote the public image of the Indiana National Guard in the Fort Wayne community. Mr. Thompson stated the \$75,000.00 would allow the Guard, through the Board's sponsorship, to have a booth at all home games, to have signage time on the scoreboard during home games, to be mentioned on the radio as a sponsor during home games, and to have specialty jerseys produced for players and for sale through the Komet's gift shop.

Colonel (Retired) Warrick objected to the sponsorship of the hockey team stating it was the purpose of the State Armory Board to take care of things that allow soldiers to assemble and train in: repair to old and new armories, improving training areas. Major General Lyles agreed, and believes entering into a partnership with a sports team on behalf or a

National Guard unit would set a precedence for the six Army National Guard brigades to approach the Board for items they had not properly funded on their own.

Colonel (Retired) Warrick voted to withdraw sponsorship of the Fort Wayne Komets, seconded by Colonel (Retired) Courtney. Brigadier General (Retired) Kiefer asked the minutes reflect the initial motion to sponsor the Fort Wayne Komets was withdrawn after extensive discussion.

Major General Lyles approached the Board to request approval of his Fiscal Year 2024 Budget in the amount of \$25,000.00. Approval of his budget request would cover expenses for 2 annual visits with the Slovakian armed forces leaders, as well as 2 annual visits with representatives from the Niger armed forces, as well as other community outreach functions he is involved with.

Motion to approve the Adjutant General's Public Relations Fiscal Year 2024 Budget was made by Colonel (Retired) Courtney, second by Colonel (Retired) Townsend, and carried.

14. REMARKS BY THE ADJUTANT GENERAL.

Major General Lyles gave the Board a brief concerning the status of the Indiana National Guard. The 76th Infantry Brigade Combat Team (IBCT) returned from a deployment to Kosovo. Unmanned ariel systems are still down on the United States/Mexican border—they will remain there for another 60 before returning to Indiana. The 163rd Field Artillery Battalion has troops on the ground in Iraq. The 152nd Reconnaissance Squadron has personnel currently serving in Egypt, those personnel will remain there until the end of the year. Major General Lyles stated the 38th Infantry Division would be mobilized for duty in Kuwait in late 2025/early 2026. In preparation for that assignment, they would be having a Command Post Exercise (CPX) in February 2024 and a Warfighter Exercise sometime during the summer of 2024.

During the time frame of 9 through 23 September, Major General Lyles hosted members of the Slovakian and Niger armed forces, as well as attending a 30-year anniversary gala in Washington, D.C.

Recruiting has made and exceeded their accession numbers since March 2024; the attrition rate is at less than 11 percent, thus far, during 2023.

Major General Lyles praised the efforts of the State Contracting Office, the State Facilities Office, the Facilities Management Office, General Counsel, and Legislative Liaison Office for their efforts in achieving his goal of getting armories into the 21st century, calling their efforts “phenomenally successful.”

The Adjutant General concluded his brief stating that more people are joining the National Guard than there are joining the U.S. Army, and stated the trend needs to continue to increase the strength of the National Guard.

Brigadier General Kiefer added the portrayal of the military by popular media painting a grim picture of veterans being maladjusted does nothing to support the growth of the military. He encouraged Board members that their sharing stories of their successful careers in the military could change the perspective people have of the armed forces.

Colonel (Retired) Townsend asked if an article he'd read concerning the state legislature approving the exemption of active military pay to include retired pay was correct. Major General Lyles affirmed the article was correct and the rule would go into effect in 2026.

15. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING.

There being no further business to discuss, the next meeting of the Indiana State Armory Board was determined to take place on Wednesday October 4, 2023 at 10 o'clock in the Adjutant General's Conference Room, located on the second floor of building 1, Stout Field, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Motion to adjourn was made by Brigadier General (Retired) Keif