



MISSOURI MILITARY PREPAREDNESS AND ENHANCEMENT COMMISSION

December 31, 2012

The Honorable Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon
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State Capitol, Room 216
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

The Honorable Robert N. Mayer
President Pro-Tem of the Missouri Senate
State Capitol, Room 326
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

The Honorable Timothy Jones
Speaker of the Missouri House of
Representatives
State Capitol, Room 308A
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

Dear Governor Nixon, President Pro-Tem Mayer, and Speaker Jones:

Pursuant to Section 41.1010 (7), I write to provide the annual report for the Missouri Military Preparedness and Enhancement Commission ("MMPEC") which is enclosed. The MMPEC was created by Missouri General Assembly to advise the Governor and the members of the General Assembly on military issues and economic and industrial development related to military issues.

The Commission is bi-partisan and consists of nine members appointed by Missouri's Governor, Speaker of the House, and President Pro Tem of the Senate. The Director of the Missouri Department of Economic Development and the Executive Director of the Missouri Veterans Commission are *ex officio* members of the Commission.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if have any questions.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeff Bloemker".

Jeff Bloemker
Chair

cc: MMPEC Members

2012 Annual Report

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Respectfully Submitted by:
Jeffrey Bloemker
Chairperson
and Members
of the MMPEC

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Missouri Military Preparedness and Enhancement Commission

Vision Statement

Our vision is to preserve, promote and advance the military mission within the State of Missouri by protecting vital military installations within its borders and encouraging defense related businesses to expand or relocate to Missouri.

Mission and Responsibilities

Established in 2005 by the Missouri General Assembly, the Missouri Military Preparedness and Enhancement Commission (“MMPEC”) is a nine-member commission whose mission is to preserve and expand Missouri’s military installations and their missions. The Commission shall also engage in the following activities as deemed necessary or advisable by the Commission:

- (a) Ensure that Missouri is seen as a military friendly state by the Department of Defense, and all branches of the military;
- (b) Promote economic development related to military issues in Missouri by fostering the development of defense related industries;
- (c) Receive sufficient funding to operate and function in performance of its legislative mandates on positioning Missouri to retain its existing military facilities and to acquire additional missions for our military installations;
- (d) Function as an informative clearinghouse by providing military installation information and recommendations to enhance the military value of Missouri defense installations to the Governor, Legislature, Congressional Delegation, and state and federal government officials;
- (e) Further educate Missourians and public officials on the missions and responsibilities of the Missouri military armed forces and citizen soldiers, and the significance and the crucial economic impact of the military installations and defense industries located in the State;
- (f) Assist communities impacted by a Base Realignment and Closure (“BRAC”) or other Department of Defense (“DoD”) action;
- (g) Assist communities in retaining and recruiting defense-related businesses;
- (h) Improve the lives of military families in Missouri; and
- (i) Increase employment opportunities for former members of the military.

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**Missouri Military Preparedness and
Enhancement Commission**

2012 Schedule of Meetings

Meetings

The Commission shall meet at least quarterly and at such other time as the Chair deems necessary. In 2012 the Missouri Military Preparedness and Enhancement Commission met on the following dates and at the following locations:

January 30, 2012, Jefferson City

March 5, 2012, Conference Call

May 23, 2012, Conference Call

September 28, 2012, Rosecrans Air National Guard Base, St. Joseph

December 20, 2012, Conference Call

Missouri Military Preparedness and Enhancement Commission Economic Impact Study

Background

In January 2012, President Obama announced two new rounds of military Base Realignment and Closure (“BRAC”) as part of the Pentagon budget-cutting process. The Department of Defense (“DoD”) will begin cutting \$487 billion from projected spending over the next 10 years to meet the initial spending caps in the Budget Control Act.

The Pentagon’s base budget number is directly shaped by the Budget Control Act passed in August 2011. The “debt-limit deal” calls for two phases of government-wide budget cuts. Phase 1 is an approximate \$450 billion cut in defense spending over ten (10) years starting Fiscal Year 2012. Phase 2 (“sequestration”) is a \$500 billion cut in defense spending over nine (9) years scheduled to start in January 2013.

To close or consolidate military bases in the United States requires legislation from Congress to create a bipartisan Base Closure and Realignment Commission (“BRAC Commission”), which then studies the problem and makes recommendations to the President and the Defense Secretary. The Pentagon wants to model the next round of military base closures on the previous BRACs that took place during the 1990’s and, more recently in 2005 when those changes it implemented were only completed in the fall of 2011.

In addition to Base closures, uniformed personnel may be reduced including, the Army shrinking from 562,000 troops to 490,000, and the number of Marines in the United States Marine Corp is expected to decrease from 202,000 to 182,000 by 2016. The President’s Fiscal Year 2013 Budget adjusts Air Force military end strength of 501,000 with net reduction of 3,900 Active Duty, Air National Guard and 900 Air Force Unit Reserve billets.

The Department of Defense employs approximately 26,000 civilian and active duty military personnel in Missouri at more than 11 major locations across the State, and provides additional funding for approximately 26,000 members of the Reserves and National Guard.

Missouri is currently home to a number of major military bases and agencies, including Whiteman Air Force Base and its 509th Bomb Wing, the only Air Force Unit that operates the B-2 Spirit Stealth Bomber; the U.S. Army Maneuver Support Center at Fort Leonard Wood and its Chemical, Biological, Nuclear and Radiological School

("CBRN"), Military Police, and Army Engineer Schools; the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency ("NGA"); the Missouri National Guard's Ike Skelton Training Center ("ISTS") in Jefferson City, the Theater Aviation Sustainment Maintenance Group ("TASMG") in Springfield, and the Advanced Airlifts Tactics Training Center and 139th Airlift Wing in St. Joseph, among other facilities and locations.

Missouri's Defense industry plays a vital role in the State's economy, employing 160,000 Missourians working to support, either directly or indirectly, over \$12 billion in Department of Defense procurement contracts awarded to Missouri companies ranking 5th among the states in total dollars. The Defense procurement contracts are heavily oriented toward research and operational systems and manufacturing companies, particularly aircraft manufacturing at the Boeing Company, Missouri's 3rd largest employer, and its supply chain.

Missouri has a vital economic interest in maintaining its military installations and agencies, and as much defense industry spending and employment as reasonably possible during the federal government's efforts to trim the national deficit.

Planning for the Future

Governor Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon announced on March 28, 2012 that he had requested the State Budget Director to file a Governor's Amendment to his recommended budget for Fiscal Year 2013. The amendment added to the Department of Economic Development's Fiscal Year 2013 budget, \$250,000 to respond to and analyze the impact of Missouri's military installations on the nation's military readiness and economy. The amendment received bipartisan support and approval for \$200,000 from members of the Missouri General Assembly. The budget was signed into law by the Governor on June 22, 2012.

Securing resources was critical to provide the intellectual framework, both in defense of our country as well as the State's economy, and establishing independent analysis demonstrates the critical role of the installations and the personnel to our State and our country.

A request for qualifications was issued in cooperation with the Department of Economic Development and the Hawthorn Foundation and the Missouri Military Preparedness and Enhancement Commission to conduct an independent assessment of the economic impact of the DoD activities in the State, identify objective criteria historically employed by DoD and previous BRAC in ascertaining DoD's domestic installation alignment, evaluate Missouri's installation alignment against those criteria, and make recommendations identifying the State's strengths and weaknesses in anticipation of one or more future BRAC rounds.

The work of the report is underway. A stakeholder committee was established that will provide an educational overview of defense community issues.

It is anticipated the economic impact study will be completed by February 2013.

Summary

Missouri has a proud history of partnering with the Department of Defense to provide for the defense and support of our State and Nation. It is incumbent upon all of us to continue to support Missouri service members, their families, and their communities. But their importance to the health of local and regional economies is equally as monumental. In addition to their national service, military men and women and their families play integral roles as role models, volunteers, and mentors throughout Missouri. With a focus on continuing to provide high quality of life, Missouri looks forward to continuing to be a strong partner of the Department of Defense for a long time.