

USARC HQ PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL MINUTES  
4 & 5 December 2001  
Holiday Inn Airport North, East Point, Georgia

CALL TO ORDER

USARC Partnership Council Members present were Mr. Michael McDonnell, Mr. William Schimek, Mr. John Esposito, Mr. Billy Thomas, Mr. Donald Stumpff Jr., Mr. Raymond Helmick, and Mr. Ken Williamson. Absent were Mr. Henry Pierce Sr., Mr. Glen Rodman Jr. Present as an observer was Mr. Ed Dimmerling.

Mr. McDonnell called the meeting to order and introduced the newest member of the council, Mr. Donald Stumpff Jr.

Mr. Thomas announced that he is being mobilized and introduced Mr. Dimmerling as his temporary replacement.

Minutes of previous meeting were reviewed and approved with minor editorial changes.

OLD BUSINESS.

Mr. Thomas provided a status on the topic of Bonuses for MT's. Discussion focused on: the approval process; the difficulties in gaining support up the chain of command beyond LTG. Plewes, particularly when we are meeting our MT end-strength; the legal and regulatory basis for funding bonuses; and, how the DA staff reorganization might affect future approval.

Mr. Gray Scott from the DCSOPS Safety Office provided a brief on Occupational Health Program. Information is contained in the handout he provided.

Tasker 0600-03, Requirement to sign a new COE upon promotion. Mr. Thomas reported no change in status since the last council meeting. This tasker remains open.

Mr. Rodman was unavailable to provide a report on the Federal Employee Student Loan Repayment Program. Mr. Williamson stated that he had received a package of information from Mr. Rodman and would work on getting it reproduced and distributed to the members.

Tasker 0300-01, PPP registration. This tasker is open.

Mr. Esposito inquired as to the status of the MT Career Program Guide. Answer is that it is in the final stages of preparation and plans are to have it out by this March.

## NEW BUSINESS.

Topics submitted by Mr. Esposito:

SF 50's for Details not being placed in OPFs. Mr. Esposito questioned why SF-50's are no longer being issued for details and expressed concern as to how CPOC is able to verify work experience gained through detail assignments. Mr. Williamson confirmed that there is no longer a requirement to issue an SF-50 for a detail and stated that employees could document details by getting a memo from their supervisor and sending it to the CPOC for inclusion in their OPF.

Update on MYOS. Mr. Esposito wanted to know if any information is forthcoming from Mr. Gray's shop for submitting requests for MT's to remain after MYOS criteria kicks back in. Answer was that information/instructions are forthcoming and should be released by the end of January.

Congressional Update. Mr. Esposito gave a general update on pending legislation dealing with MT issues

Hazardous Waste Additional Duties in Shops. Mr. Esposito brought up duties performed by shop personnel involving hazardous waste such as chemical spills, etc. and the need for more time to do the work correctly. Additional comments included the difficulties in capturing manpower data to justify a HAZMAT space. Mr. Schimek offered to look into the matter.

RIF Procedures involving NDST's. Mr. Esposito brought up the need to seek clarification on how NDST's will be treated for RIF's in light of current language in the law pertaining to MT's. Mr. Williamson stated that this is being reviewed by the SJA office.

Topics submitted by Mr. McDonnell:

FLSA Exempt/Non-exempt changes. Mr. McDonnell initiated a discussion on the status of the FLSA project. Response was that the actions are being cut by the CPOC.

Impact of President Bush's "Compete or Convert" Policy. Mr. McDonnell asked how this policy might affect MT's. Mr. Williamson responded that MT spaces are not impacted.

Impact of Retroactive Military Leave Change. Mr. McDonnell expressed concern that some people who worked compressed schedules may have been adversely impacted by the change in accounting for military leave. Discussion focused on the benefits of being charged leave in hours versus days.

Topic submitted by Mr. Helmick:

VERA/VSIP no Penalty to Agency Plan. Mr. Helmick asked for comment on whether this could be used for downsizing NDST's. Mr. Williamson explained that the program is not being executed below the headquarters level. Program is tied to the budget and funds have already been withdrawn. Intent is to revitalize the workforce by using upward mobility positions to replace those who leave.

### CLOSING REMARKS

The next Partnership Council meeting date was set for March 6-7, 2002 at an off site location within Atlanta, GA. to be determined.

End of Minutes

Minutes Recorded by Mr. Greg Woolsey.