



Office of Military Affairs
Connecticut Military and Defense Advisory Council

January 27, 2010
Minutes of Meeting

Members Present:

Robert Ross, Chairman & Executive Director of the Office of Military Affairs; Lieutenant Colonel Russell J. Bonaccorso, Jr., USA; Rear Admiral J. Scott Burhoe, USCG; Captain Marc W. Denno, USN; Major General Thaddeus J. Martin, CTNG; Department of Veterans' Affairs Commissioner Linda Schwartz.

Guests:

Jeffrey Nelson; James A. Noone; Jim Butler; John Markowitz; Robert Hamilton; Denny Hicks (for Tony Sheridan); Lieutenant Commander Camilla B. Bosanquet; Captain Eric Jones; Senator Andrew Maynard; Mark Oefinger; Captain Dan Ronan; Captain Matthew Sisson; Ed Burke.

I. Call to Order. Chairman Robert Ross called the meeting to order.

II. Introduction of Members and Guests. Chairman Ross discussed how invitations to the council meeting were handled. Invitations were sent to two groups; council members and "interested parties." A request was made to those in attendance to advise Chairman Ross if they are aware of anyone who would have interest in participating in future meetings. The CMDAC is not a policy-making group and seeks input from other interested groups to help the council produce the best advice and assistance possible.

III. Public Comment. Opportunity for public comment was given – no public comments.

IV. OMA Update. At the Chairman's first meeting with MG Martin, a lot of knowledge was gained about the CT National Guard and their facilities. Mr. Ross suggested that all council members should have this opportunity to learn about other organizations represented on the council. To facilitate this exchange of information, council members will each have opportunities to host future council meetings. This will provide the opportunity for all council members to learn about other organizations, missions and challenges.

V. Legislative Update. James A. Noone, of Clark & Weinstock discussed Federal & Congressional Issues. Key issues were the Submarine Base New London, Submarine Funding (SSN, SSBN), Military Construction (SUBASE, National Guard, Reserve Component), Defense Industrial Base, Coast Guard Issues (USCGA, R&D Center, Museum), and Connecticut Congressional Delegation activities.

In September 2009 OMA coordinated a groundbreaking ceremony at SUBASE as part of the state's *military value* initiative. The state provided \$7.65 million for SUBASE infrastructure improvements on the SUBASE. No other state has done this before – federal regulations allow an entity to give gifts to the Navy – this was no small chore to accomplish. These funds will pay for the design and construction of a new Diver Support Facility and the construction of a new

boiler. These improvements will increase the *military value* of the base and provide more efficient energy production. These projects upgrade the infrastructure of the base and contribute to *military value* as part of our long-term strategy to reduce the likelihood the base will be targeted for closure again. The Governor has sent a letter to the Secretary of the Navy asking that special consideration be given to Connecticut-based firms who are *competitive* and *qualified* to complete the work funded by Connecticut.

The State is among the top 10 in the nation, leading in defense contracts. In 2009, Connecticut Defense Contracting totaled \$8.6 billion. The current year is up significantly over the previous year. The Quadrennial Defense Review (QDR), Navy's 30-Year Shipbuilding Plan, and President's FY 2011 budget will all be released next week – providing both near and long-term forecasts in federal defense spending and future acquisition programs.

VI. U.S. Coast Guard Academy Presentation. Rear Admiral J. Scott Burhoe, Superintendent of the United States Coast Guard Academy, presented an overview of the Academy and operational forces in Connecticut. The U.S. Coast Guard Academy is a “wonderful challenge” and one of the “best kept secrets.” Selection to attend the Coast Guard Academy is merit-based. There is no tuition. The Leadership Development Center at the Academy teaches leadership competencies, provides leadership and quality development efforts, and identifies future needs through research and assessment. The current class includes 66% of graduates with a Science and Technical major. The Class of 2013 includes eight international students. Eighty percent of graduates go to graduate school and 85% choose to serve beyond their five-year commitment.

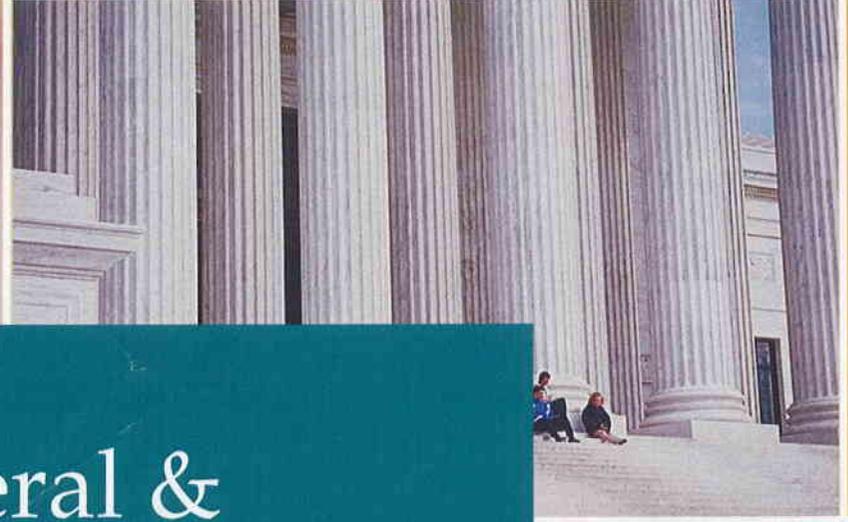
VI. Council Member Comments & Discussion. Captain Denno discussed Quality of Life concerns regarding service members and their families transferring from Quam and their difficulty in obtaining a drivers license. If the process could be streamlined with the Connecticut DMV, licenses could be acquired in a more timely fashion. Chairman Ross discussed conversations he had with DMV Commissioner Ward regarding a resolution proposed by OMA.

Chairman Ross advised the council that the OMA is available to everyone to assist with difficulties in dealing with State agencies.

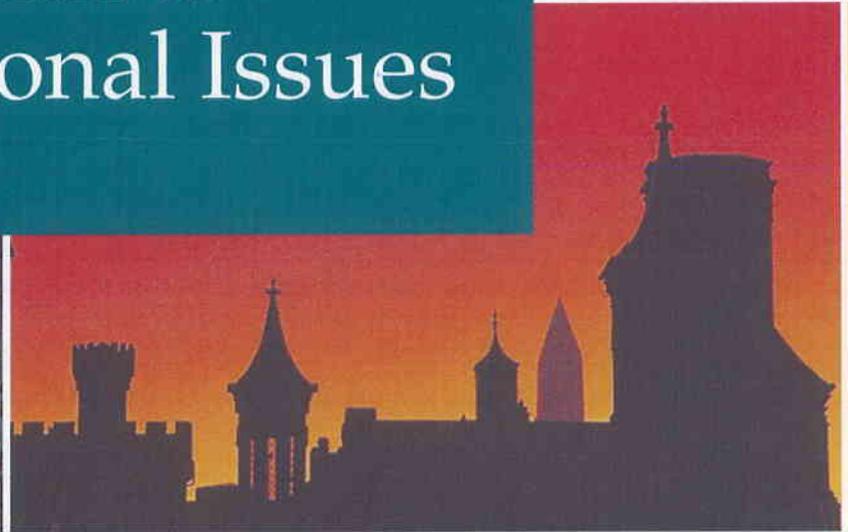
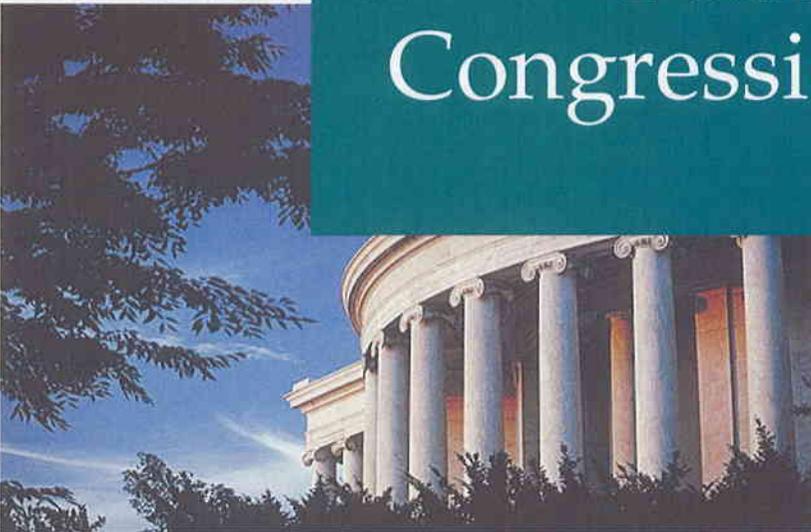
Commissioner Linda Schwartz discussed the first-of-its-kind program -- the Connecticut Veterans Jail Diversion Program. The Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services was fortunate to be one of six states awarded a \$2 million, 5-year grant from the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to establish a statewide jail diversion program for veterans struggling with trauma-related symptoms. The program provides a system of treatment and recovery support services as an alternative to incarceration. State and federal agencies and others have committed to work together to provide a new service delivery model that combines the strengths of each participating federal, state and community stakeholder, thereby offering troubled veterans an array of treatment and recovery support options as they develop their Individual Service Plans (ISP) for Court review. To date the program has served 40 veterans in courts throughout the State.

Mr. Denny Hicks, Chamber of Commerce of Eastern Connecticut, made an announcement to “Save the Date” – November 19, 2010 – Military Appreciation Initiative to honor our veterans. Details are being worked out.

V. Conclusion and Adjournment: Chairman Ross adjourned the meeting at 10:20 am.



Federal & Congressional Issues



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- Key Issues
- Looking Back: 2009
- Looking Ahead: 2010

Key Issues

- Submarine Base New London
- Submarine Funding (SSN, SSBN)
- Military Construction (SUBASE, National Guard, Reserve Component)
- Defense Industrial Base
 - EB: Submarine Design, Construction
 - P&W: F-35 Engine/GE Alternative
 - P&W: Air Force Tanker/P&W Engine on Boeing Aircraft
 - Sikorsky: Presidential Helicopter
- Coast Guard Issues (USCGA, R&D Center, Museum)
- CT Congressional Delegation

Looking Back: 2009

- Groundbreaking State Initiative: \$7.65M for SUBASE Infrastructure Improvements
 - New Dive Facility: \$4.65M
 - New Boiler: \$3M
 - Contracts to CT Firms?
- FY10 Defense Authorization/Appropriations:
 - Funding for Two SSNs/Yr Starting FY11
 - \$495M for SSBN Replacement R&D
- Military Construction/Congressional Adds:
 - MK-48 Torpedo Magazine (SUBASE), \$6.57M
 - CT ANG (103d Airlift Wing) Air Ops Command Center Upgrade, \$9.1M

Looking Back: 2009

- Other MILCON:
 - Armed Forces Reserve Center, Bridgeport, \$18.5M
 - Armed Forces Reserve Center, Middletown, \$37M (BRAC)
- Stimulus Bill: \$1.2M Repairs at USMC Reserve Center, New Haven
- USCGA: \$300K Survey/Design for Pier Replacement
- Defense Industry:
 - \$465M for F-35 Alternative Engine; Gov. Rell/ Delegation Strongly Opposed
 - \$2.6B for helicopters made by Sikorsky (\$1.6B in Contracts Awarded 1/15)
 - \$2.5B for 10 C-17 Globemaster Aircraft (P&W Engines; P&W Awarded \$1.7B Contract in Dec)

Looking Back: 2009

- 2009 CT Defense Contracting: \$8.6B
- Increase Over 2008 Total of \$7.9B
- State Among Top 10 in Defense Contracts
- Not Just Big Business - EB Has 573 Small Business Subcontractors in CT!

Looking Ahead: 2010

- **FY 2011 Budget Request: Feb. 1**
 - SSN Construction; Two Subs
 - SSBN R&D/Design
 - F-35 Engine - No Funding for GE Alternative
 - MILCON for SUBASE, National Guard, Reserve Centers
- **Quadrennial Defense Review: Feb. 1**
 - Stability in Defense Programs, Out-Year Funding?
 - Reaffirm SSN/SSBN Roles, Needs
 - F-35, Air Force Tanker
- **Navy's 30-Year Shipbuilding Plan: Feb. 1**
 - Full Funding for Two/Year SSNs FY11-15
 - Commitment to SSBN Replacement Funding (Total Est. Design/Construction Cost - \$80B)
 - Impact of SSBN Funding on SSN/Other Shipbuilding

Looking Ahead: 2010

- **Air Force Tanker Procurement**

- Procurement Scheduled for Summer

- **SECDEF Gates: Stay Another Year**

- Strongly Opposes F-35 Alternative Engine
- Could Mean Stability in Near-Term Defense Spending

- **CT Congressional Delegation**

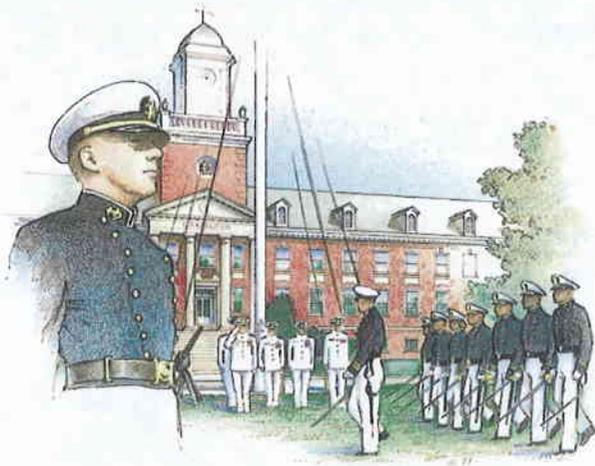
- Sen. Dodd's Final Year
- Changes to Committee Assignments?

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About the Academy



The Coast Guard Academy, located on 128 acres of the west bank of the Thames River, is a blend of historic New England architecture and state of the art learning facilities.

- Smallest of the five U.S. federal service academies
- Four-year Bachelor of Science degree program
- 2nd in the category of Best Baccalaureate Colleges in the North
- Highly selective
- No tuition
- No congressional nomination necessary
- 80% of graduates go to graduate school (most paid for by the Coast Guard)
- 85% of graduates choose to serve beyond their five-year commitment

Coast Guard Academy



More about the Academy



- 1,672 completed the application process
- 411 appointments offered
- 288 cadets sworn in
- 32% in the top 5% of high school class
- 49% in the top 10% of high school class
- 66% intend a technical major
- 100% of students housed on campus

Class of 2013



- Teaches leadership competencies, provides leadership and quality development efforts, and identifies future needs through research and assessment.
- Reaches Enlisted, Officer, Cadet, Reserve, Civilian and Auxiliary members through resident and nonresident classroom training, unit level programs, and web-based curricula.
- OCS, CWOPD, LAMS
- 3,500 Students per year

Leadership
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Center



Coast Guard in Connecticut



- 1,690 Active Duty
- 121 Reserves
- 285 Civilian
- 369 Search and Rescue case responses
- 420 Aids to Navigation serviced
- 110,650 Annual boat registrations (2008)



FY 2009



CT Coast Guard Budget Allocations

- \$122.2 million Operating Expenses
- \$13.4 million Acquisition, Construction & Improvements
- \$1.6 million Boating Safety

Prime Contractors

- \$11 million Sikorsky Aircraft Corp.
- \$5.8 million Aramark Services, Inc.
- \$3 million The Nutmeg Companies, Inc
- \$3 million Hamilton Sundstrand Corp.
- \$2.2 million CW Resources, Inc.

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