



Meeting Summary

**NAS JRB Fort Worth Regional Coordination Committee
July 17, 2023
1:30 p.m.**

**Pecan Grove Conference Center
405 N. Las Vegas Trail
White Settlement, TX 76108**

The Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth (NAS JRB Fort Worth) Regional Coordination Committee (RCC) convened at 1:30 p.m. on July 17, 2023. The meeting was hosted by the City of White Settlement.

Voting Members in Attendance (April)

Mike Coleman, Chair, City of Westworth Village
Councilmember Dr. Larry Marshall, Vice Chair,
City of Benbrook
Jeff James, Treasurer, City of White Settlement
Dan Chisholm, Secretary, City of River Oaks
Jack Adkison, City of River Oaks
Stacey Almond, City of Lake Worth
Councilmember Michael D. Crain, City of Fort
Worth
Ron Douglas, City of Sansom Park
Councilmember Brian Libbey, City of Westworth
Village
Councilmember Laura Mackey, City of
Benbrook
Councilmember Paul Moore, City of White
Settlement
Randy Skinner, Tarrant County
Councilmember Gary Stuard, City of Lake
Worth
Angie Winkle, City of Sansom Park

Capt. Mark McLean, NAS JRB Fort Worth
Maj. Gen. Kevin Pottinger, Texas Military
Preparedness Commission
Brinda Rhodes, White Settlement Area
Chamber of Commerce
Kenneth B. Ross, Lockheed Martin

Others Present (April)

Chief Chris Cook, City of White Settlement
Terri Drummond, White Settlement
Jill Van Hoewyk, Lamb-Star Engineering
Larry Hoover, City of White Settlement
Dana Mason, Fort Worth
Evelyn Muelder, East Lake Worth Neighborhood
Association
James Myrick, City of River Oaks
Dan Novak, Westworth Village
Amelia Owre, NAS JRB Fort Worth
Brinton Payne, Fort Worth
Capt. J.T. Ward, Fleet Logistics Support Wing
Elijah Zelenov, TxDOT

Non-Voting Members in Attendance (April)

Andie Arabie, Benbrook Area Chamber of
Commerce
Charlie Cripliver, The Office of Representative
Kay Granger
Jennifer DeWitt, The Office of Representative
Craig Goldman
Chad Edwards, Trinity Metro
Ann Elias, White Settlement Chamber of
Commerce
Ricardo Gonzalez, Texas Department of
Transportation (TxDOT)
Courtney Holt, The Office of Senator Kelly
Hancock
Dan Kessler, NCTCOG

NCTCOG Staff in Attendance (April)

Jackie Castillo
Paul Paine
Kyle Roy
Amanda Wilson

Meeting Summary Outline

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10. Staff Reports, Amanda Wilson, NCTCOG
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 - Scheduling Update
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 - Correspondence
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 - Procedure to Notify of Recurring Member Absences
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Item 1. Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge

Chair Mike Coleman called the Committee to order at 1:30 p.m.

Item 2. Welcome and Introductions

The Chair opened the meeting with committee and audience member introductions.

Item 3. Approval of April 17, 2023 Meeting Summary (Action)

The motion to approve the meeting summary was made by Councilmember Dan Chisholm. Jack Adkison seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 4. Tenant Command Presentation: Fleet Logistics Support Wing

The Chair introduced Capt. J.T. Ward, who is the Deputy Commodore of the Fleet Logistics Support Wing (VR-59), so he could give an overview of the history and current operations of the command. The Chair asked if the command was originally co-located with the American Airlines training center because the base was still being built, and Capt. Ward said yes. The command was established following the bombing of Pearl Harbor, and he outlined the composition of the Navy VR command. The unit is always operating across the Middle East and Pacific commands to provide airlift support and transportation capability. It is the largest airwing in the Navy and is a mix of active duty and active reserve personnel. The unit averages over 30,000 flight hours a year. The command has supported and is supporting major operations, including Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Inherent Resolve, humanitarian relief, and disaster recovery operations. The scope of the command is large and includes components in Bahrain, Japan, Hawaii, California, Washington, Texas, Louisiana, Florida, New Jersey, and Italy. His explanation of daily operations focused on global coverage that supports daily flights outside

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the continental United States. The command has very close ties to the local community due to the high reservist manning and activity. He shared that the unit's priorities for the future include maintaining the manpower, support, and equipment of the reserve component of the squadron and expanding the organic maintenance capability and range of their transport network with the C-130/40 platforms.

Maj. Gen. Kevin Pottinger asked if the command is charged with a medical support mission, to which Capt. Ward replied that they are equipped to treat walking wounded and to facilitate transportation to higher echelons of care, but this is a secondary mission since they do not have a chartered medical mission.

Capt. McLean asked Capt. Ward to speak about the gray 737s, and Capt. Ward explained that those aircraft are two new C-40/737 transport aircraft that will be flown by the Marine Corps squadron. In response to a question from the Chair, Capt. Ward shared that although he grew up in San Angelo near Air Force Base Shepard he was the first member of his family to serve in the military. Dan Kessler asked him to speak about the significance and importance of NAS JRB's geographic placement, and he explained that the facility's location in the central United States provides the unit the capability to rapidly respond to any needs across a wide geographic area.

Item 5. Lockheed Martin Update

Ken Ross, Director of Communications and Public Affairs and Lockheed Martin, provided an update on Lockheed Martin's operations at NAS JRB and in the surrounding community. He outlined how Lockheed Martin is able to support the Ukrainian armed forces through the aeronautics facilities at NAS JRB and the missile and fire control facility in Grand Prairie. He then reviewed the company's achievements in developing aircraft and weapons systems from World War II through the end of the Cold War, focusing on the evolution of their manufacturing facilities and processes.

He then summarized Lockheed Martin's recent efforts to reduce environmental impacts, resource consumption, and waste during the conduct of their operations. He noted that even as its workforce grew by roughly 5,000 employees the company still met outlined targets to reduce consumption and environmental impacts. He also presented the company's mitigation strategies for noise reduction in the local community during test flights including increased altitudes and flight path alteration. In addition, Lockheed Martin has developed relationships with community organizations, including local schools and universities to encourage the development of young professionals in STEM fields, groups that provide veterans with mental health and job placement services, and the Tarrant Area Food Bank.

The Chair said many of the meeting attendees had family members that were employed by Lockheed Martin or General Dynamics and recognized the outsize impact the company has had on the development of the local community. Councilmember Gary Stuard asked Ken Ross how many F-16s have been delivered from the new production plant in South Carolina, Mr. Ross answered that two platforms have been delivered since beginning production operations several months ago. Dan Kessler thanked Mr. Ross for coming to present this information and detailed the number of initiatives the company has joined to support the RCC and NCTCOG, including the Defense Safety and Security Committee and the Department of Defense Agile Curriculum program. He also outlined how transportation development projects near the base will also benefit Lockheed Martin.

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Item 6. Legislative Update

Amanda Wilson provided an update on the 88th Texas Legislature. SB 1308, which makes it an offense for a person to intentionally or knowingly operate an unmanned aircraft over an airport or military installation or in a way that interferes with military operations, was signed by the Governor and takes effect Sept. 1, 2023. Capt. McLean explained how the military has not been permitted to ground drones operating in restricted airspace but not flying directly above the base. He specifically stated that the base has the capability to ground and retain unauthorized drones in their airspace but cannot do so, even though they have observed about 200 unauthorized flights per month. Dan Kessler congratulated key individuals for their efforts and stated that working with law enforcement to implement the legislation will be a focus of the safety and security initiative. Amanda then presented SB 423, which provides the Texas military forces with the ability to use unmanned aircraft for training and operations and was also signed by the Governor.

There were also several bills of interest that did not pass. HB 1068 would have prohibited construction of meteorological monitoring towers within 50 nautical miles of a military installation. HB 2789 would have made authorized accessory dwelling units on property by right. SB 147 would have prohibited foreign governments and individuals from purchasing land near military installations. SB 491 would have precluded local governments from imposing limitations on construction heights on parcels related to their distance from other parcels.

Amanda then outlined two more pieces of legislation that were signed into law: (1) SB 1524 which expanded the range of services TxDOT can provide to federal military installations, and (2) SB 2127 which is a sweeping preemption of local governments from enforcing ordinances related to numerous government codes, including Local Government Code. She closed by presenting information on funding for the Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant (DEAAG), which received an appropriation of \$30 million for the 2024-2025 biennium. Capt. McLean said DEAAG funding had previously been awarded to strengthen the physical security of the NAS JRB flight line and associated structures by introducing two-factor authentication at vehicle and pedestrian entry points.

Item 7. NAS JRB Fort Worth Update

Capt. McLean said “Fat Albert,” a C-130T previously assigned to the Blue Angels, is now on display at the NAS JRB Commercial Gate. Water runoff and previous security incidents on the flightline bordering Lake Worth have prompted the base to undertake brush clearing and initiate discussions about maintenance and construction along the fence and flightline. In addition, the base has secured funding for clearing brush within and up to 20 feet outside the fence line. He said they may request assistance from local governments to clear areas more than 20 feet outside the fence line. Capt. McLean also presented updates on the mission assurance study being conducted by the Navy to ensure the installation is prepared to support operations; this assessment will examine how water, power, phone utilities, and personnel are brought into the base. In addition, he said a new Installation Development Plan is being prepared for the base and asked NCTCOG staff to attend a meeting on Thursday, July 20 at 1 pm.

In addition, the 301st Fighter Wing will return from a deployment in August. Capt. McLean went on to state that a security project is expected to be let within the next two months; the project will construct a retaining wall around the base’s Nimitz housing, which has experienced erosion recently, and reconstruct portions of the base’s fenceline nearby. He went on to share that a fighter training detachment will be present on the base conducting flight operations from August to

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October and advised that there will be an increase in activity and noise. He said the training operations were being temporarily relocated due to migratory bird patterns, but, if successful, could become an annual occurrence. The base is looking for a nonprofit partner organization to administer the Star Base program, which would facilitate STEM instruction for elementary-aged children; the goal is to open the Star Base classroom this spring. Finally, he said the base change of command ceremony would take place on Nov. 16 and shared a short biography of the incoming base commander. He also stated that he would attempt to introduce the incoming commander at the October RCC meeting if schedules permit.

Dan Kessler encouraged the local community to use the return of the 301st as a welcome back opportunity to build relations with the military personnel assigned to NAS JRB. Capt. McLean said he would try to ensure that the specific times, dates and plans for their return were shared.

Item 8. RCC Development Review Tool Comment Process and Recent Project Submittal

Kyle Roy reviewed the commenting process for the newly updated RCC Development Review Tool and outlined the steps for new RCC staff or delegates to register with the site to comment on projects. He then presented a recent project submitted to the online Development Review Tool:

- **Lake Worth: Project 166**—The project is a requested zoning change from a residential classification to a commercial classification. The property is currently vacant and located at 7034 Edgemere Place, west of Lake Worth Boulevard. The parcel ID is A 188-2A01. The parcel falls within the 70 dB Noise Contour and falls within the Accident Potential Zone (APZ) II of NAS JRB Fort Worth. A letter was provided to the city stating that the proposed action is consistent with Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) recommendations. Commercial uses are generally compatible in the APZ II, but the property owner should coordinate with city staff and the base on any new construction to ensure recommended sound attenuation and maximum floor to area ratio measures are taken in office areas or any areas where the public is received.

Item 9. JLUS Update

Amanda Wilson provided an overview of recent work on the JLUS Implementation Grant. She reviewed data and maps from a land use analysis that showed the changes in parcel compatibility over two timeframes, 2006-2020 and 2016-2020. She said the data shows the efforts of the RCC and local governments to develop and redevelop parcels according to the JLUS recommendations and Department of Defense guidelines have resulted in greater parcel compatibility overall. She said there were very few instances of parcels not being redeveloped appropriately. She said this information can be shared with the Department of Defense as proof of the efforts the Department has taken and is making to support the communities adjacent to military installations. Dan Kessler emphasized that this analysis also shows local community support for NAS JRB Fort Worth. The Chair added that the analysis also reflects how much development has occurred in the community in the past few years.

Item 10. Staff Reports, Amanda Wilson, NCTCOG

- **Defense Community Safety and Security Committee Update:** Paul Paine said the focus of the next several committee meetings will be ways to improve communications channels and funding sources. He was pleased to have key leaders from NAS JRB Fort Worth, NCTCOG, state organizations, and local governments involved in the committee.

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He said fencing repair and expansion, drone response, and stormwater management will be starting points for addressing base safety and security concerns. Capt. McLean praised the creation of the committee and outlined areas to improve cooperation between military personnel, local law enforcement and first responders.

- **Transportation Project Implementation Update:** Dan Kessler provided updates on several projects:
 - Las Vegas Trail: Design is underway, and the estimated let date is 2025.
 - Meandering Road: Right of way and property acquisition is ready to begin, and construction contracts are being negotiated. The let date is estimated to be 2024.
 - State Highway 199 and Interstate Highway 820 Interchange: TxDOT Fort Worth District held a public meeting and shared design schematics with an estimated let date of 2027. He expressed some concerns on the width of the designed rights of way but praised the design process.
 - State Highway 183: Project staff are ready to begin meeting with the base to discuss roadway and intersection design on the approach to the installation.
- **Scheduling Update:** The next RCC meeting will take place Monday, October 16, 2023, in Westworth Village.
- **Media Alerts:** Included in the packets.
- **Correspondence:** Included in the packets.
- **Attendance Reports:** Included in the packets.
 - Amanda Wilson said the new RCC bylaws required staff to develop a procedure to report voting member absences to local governments. This new procedure will take the form of a notification to the city manager when a voting member accrues three consecutive absences without providing an excuse. A letter outlining the new procedure will be transmitted to each city manager, and RCC members will be copied.

Item 11. Public Comments

Capt. McLean encouraged members to attend the Association of Defense Communities' annual Installation Innovation Conference in Orlando, Florida. The conference is a forum for dialogue between military leaders, industry experts and community leaders on avenues for funding improvements in military communities.