



23 October 2020 - Pentagon Visit



Juan G. Ayala (MajGen USMC, Ret)
Director, Office of Military and Veteran Affairs



Agenda



- **Purpose of the Trip**
- **Traveling Party**
- **Offices Visited**
 - ✓ "Asks"
 - ✓ Takeaways
 - ✓ Action Items
- **Way Forward**
- **Q & A**



Overall Themes

City of San Antonio Team



- 4th year with the Mayor, key civic leadership
- Advocate for additional military missions
- Ask for specific missions
- Highlight San Antonio's tangible support of the military
- Receive input from senior military/civilian leaders
- Advocate for San Antonio
- Thank the Department of Defense
- October 2020 San Antonio Team
 - ✓ Mayor Ron Nirenberg
 - ✓ President/CEO San Antonio Economic Development Foundation, Jenna Saucedo-Herrera
 - ✓ Director, Office of Military and Veteran Affairs, Juan G. Ayala (MajGen, USMC, Ret)





Lieutenant General Ronald Place Director, Defense Health Agency (DHA)



"Asks"

- Increase DHA's consolidated footprint in San Antonio
- Designate Brooke Army Medical Center (BAMC) as a "Trauma Center of Excellence"
- Continued support of the Secretary of the Army Designee (SECDES) Program
- Expand Uniformed Services University College of Allied Health Services locally

Take-aways

- LTG Place highly concerned about disproportionate costs they must pay in Texas (BAMC) for treating the uninsured
- DHA supporting AstraZeneca trials -- San Antonio one of three key markets
 - SA picked due to large Hispanic population -- DHA requested support for marketing and promoting trials to secure 1200 participants

Action Items

- City's State legislative program addressing health service cost issue
- OMVA working with U.S. Army (ARNORTH) leadership regarding DHA site selection
- Request City's COVID-19 Response media team to promote DHA/AstraZeneca trials





General John Raymond

Chief of Space Operations

United States Space Force (USSF)



“Asks”

- Advocate for San Antonio to be location of HQ U.S. Space Command
- Consider San Antonio as first location of choice for new USSF missions/organizations

Take-aways

- Space Force is contemplating three new commands that will consider site selection within the next few years
- JBSA will be designated for a 5G pilot location
 - 5G supports US Space Command and US Space Force future efforts
 - 16th Air Force also critically important to space affairs

Action Items

- Stay informed regarding new missions
- Will Space Command survive new administration?



Honorable James McPherson

Under Secretary of the Army



“Asks”

- Department of Defense’s 2022 & 2024 Warrior Games held in San Antonio
- Continuation/support of Secretary of the Army Designee Program (SECDES)
- Designate BAMC as a “Trauma Center of Excellence”
- Extended invite to visit BAMC -- learn more about local workforce programs and see first hand U.S. Army/City of San Antonio partnership

Take-aways

- Working through some personality conflicts b/w some staff leadership and United States Veterans Chamber of Commerce (leading Warrior Games proffer)

Action Items

- OMVA works with Army North/United States Veterans Chamber of Commerce to secure Warrior Games in San Antonio
- Along with BAMC leadership, continue strong advocacy of SECDES Program





Honorable Robert Saleses

Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense



“Asks”

- Meeting requested by the Mayor
- City would like continued/increased partnership/cooperation with the DoD in response to the COVID-19 crisis

Take-aways

- Saleses’ staff considering how to further partner with the City
- Director, Defense Support of Civil Authorities interested in supporting Warrior Games in San Antonio

Action Items

- SAEDF to connect Saleses’ team to a community labs group
- OMVA follow-up regarding both Warrior Games and COVID-19 cooperation/partnership





Honorable Jennifer Miller

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Energy, Environment & Installations



"Asks"

- **Base HQ U.S. Space Command or component parts in San Antonio**
- **Base 16th Air Force's information warfare missions in San Antonio**
- **Consider San Antonio first for new USAF missions (example: Special Warfare Wing)**

Take-aways

- **San Antonio faring well in evaluation process**
- **Next Defense Community Infrastructure Program (DCIP) process should include significantly more funding than the first round**

Action Items

- **Consider "Community Partnership" education program to align HS/college programs with military hiring needs**
- **Working with Joint Base San Antonio to submit a DCIP project**
- **Continue to monitor USAF Space Command announcements**
- **SAEDF researching DoD's community partnership program for applicability in SA Works program**





General Daniel R. Hokanson

Chief, National Guard Bureau

(NGB)



"Asks"

- Consider additional National Guard missions at Martindale Army Air Field/San Antonio
- Thanked NGB for decision to designate a State Partnership Program (SPP) between the 149th Fighter Wing and the Egyptian Air Force
- Consider San Antonio for additional F-16 basing

Take-aways

- N/A (Gen. Hokanson has been at his post for a few weeks)

Action Items

- OMVA follow-up with Texas National Guard regarding ground units being based at Martindale Army Air Field -- and provide support, as appropriate





General Charles Q. Brown

Chief of Staff, United States Air Force

Mr. Shon Monasco, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force

Wayne Peacock/President & CEO USAA (call in)



"Asks"

- Choose San Antonio as the site for HQ U.S. Space Command
- San Antonio to be the first choice to base 16th Air Force's information warfare missions
- Hold USAF's 75th anniversary celebration in San Antonio (2022)
- Hold DoD Warrior Games in San Antonio (2022 and 2024)

Take-aways

- Gen Brown impressed with San Antonio workforce efforts
- Gen Brown commended USAA and business community for support of Airmen and military families

Action Items

- Continue to monitor HQ Space Command announcements
- Formal invitation to General Brown for next Fiesta event





CURRENT STATUS



- **SECDES Program part of the City's State Legislative Agenda**
 - ✓ Working with state House/Senate representatives to craft language in the law
 - ✓ Law will facilitate collection of medical costs to the military & ease financial burden on patients
- **Advocacy to grow DHA footprint continues**
 - ✓ In December, additional DHA staff were transferred to Ft. Sam Houston (~220/Physical Disabilities Agency-{700})
- **Continued monitoring for additional missions, to include USSPACECOM or USSF units**
 - ✓ USSPACECOM and USSF have new units on the horizon
- **Warrior Games – Met with Pentagon and City officials to finalize 2022 Warrior Games in San Antonio**
 - ✓ On track
- **Working with JBSA to identify potential DCIP projects**
- **National Guard ground unit movement to Martindale Army Airfield and rotary wing assets to Lackland AFB**
 - ✓ On track
- **USSPACECOM survey taking place Saturday, 12 December 2020**
 - ✓ *4-star General: "Mayor's visit to the Pentagon moved the needle" & "Only city visit I have been asked to host"*



Q & A