

STATE ARMORY BOARD OCTOBER 4, 2023

The Indiana State Armory Board convened at 9:59 A.M., Wednesday, October 4, 2023, in the Adjutant General's Conference Room, located on the second floor of Building One, Indiana Joint Force Headquarters at Stout Field, Indianapolis, Indiana 46241, pursuant to notice given to all concerned.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

BG (Ret.) Michael A. Kiefer – President
BG (Ret.) Ronald W. Henry – Vice President
COL (Ret.) Marjorie K. Courtney – Member
COL (Ret.) Timothy R. Warrick – Member
COL (Ret.) Todd D. Townsend – Member

OTHERS PRESENT:

BG Justin Mann – Director of Joint Staff
BG Michael Grundman – Director, State Operations
Ms. Terri Levy – Executive Administrative Assistant to the Director, State Operations
Mr. Jason Thompson – General Counsel, Adjutant General's Office
COL (Ret.) John Silva – Controller, Adjutant General's Office
Mrs. Mary Carrico – Director State Purchasing and Contracting Office
Mr. James Mahern – Director, State Facilities Office
Mr. John Piper – Indiana National Guard Solutions Group
Dr. Vonda Brooks – Indiana National Guard Solutions Group
SFC Joshua Stephens – Ceremonial Unit Operations Non-commissioned Officer in Charge
CPT Cooper Allen – Secretary of General Staff
Mr. Steven Hines – Base Operations Manager – Camp Atterbury
Mr. Ethan Lawson – Assistant to General Counsel
Miss Mary Barbee – Business Administrator – Recorder

THOSE ABSENT:

MG R. Dale Lyles – The Adjutant General – Secretary-Treasurer
Mrs. Stephanie Brossman – Field Auditor
Mr. Jason Brady – Director, Construction and Facilities Management Office (CFMO)

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Brigadier General (Retired) Kiefer, who presided, acknowledged enough members were present to establish a quorum and called the meeting to order at 9:59 A.M.

Motion to approve the minutes of the July 26, 2023, meeting was made by Colonel (Retired) Courtney, seconded by Colonel (Retired) Warrick and carried.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Colonel (Retired) Silva began his brief by informing the Board the Indiana State Board of Accounts was in possession of the State Armory Board's financial documents for review. He indicated there were no objections nor corrections to the reports. Colonel (Retired) Silva hopes this will continue for future submissions.

The balance on the Special Programs account was reported as being \$464,675.33 which includes expected receivables in the form of room payments and balance due from Ivy Tech State College.

Colonel (Retired) Silva pointed out that PRŪV Mobility had made their initial deposit of \$8,200.00. The Board was alerted the annual rent from PRŪV Mobility would be received at a later date.

On the Special Programs' Profit and Loss Statement, Colonel Silva reported profits for the account included the PRŪV Mobility deposit, collection of service fees at Camp Atterbury and Muscatatuck Urban Training Center (MUTC), and the collection of late fees as well as the collection of room rents from students housed at the MUTC Cyber Academy. Total Income for the Special Programs Account for the 1 July through 18 September reporting period was \$51,932.53. Expenses for the above referenced period were \$31,121.62 – this included the purchase of furniture, internet service, cleaning services, meeting meals, service fees, and office supplies. Net Income for the Special Programs Account was \$20,810.91.

The Main State Armory Board Account had an opening balance of \$2,173,048.81. Colonel (Retired) Silva reported that there had been no change to Certificates of Deposit since the last meeting; he stated that when the First Merchants Bank CD was scheduled for renewal, the rate on that CD and all subsequent renewals should see an increase in the rate of return. Total Assets for the State Armory Board for the reporting period of 1 July through 18 September was \$3,073,048.81,

Colonel (Retired) Silva reminded the Board the Danville Local Armory Board would return to Danville at the completion of construction/remodel of the Danville Armory. Total Liabilities and Equity for the above cited period was \$3,073,048.81.

Profit and Loss for the State Armory Board saw a Gross Profit of \$9,321.11. Expenses included \$7,586.32 from HYCA--most of those expenses were for advertising and will be reimbursed at a later date. Other expenses included \$6,884.80 by the IGR, the bulk of their expense due to the cost of meals. The expense for the recent visit of Slovakian dignitaries was

\$6,670.79. MUTC's expenses totaled \$6,165.03. Total Expenses during the 1 July through 18 September reporting period was \$141,751.74. Colonel (Retired) Silva told the Board if they had questions about any of the expenses, he could go over them in detail, if requested. This prompted Colonel (Retired) Warrick to inquire about Sease, Gerig and Associates' activity since the last meeting of the Board, to which Colonel (Retired) Silva replied there had been a Leader's Luncheon in the amount of \$5,000.00 as per their agreement. He indicated the firm schedules eight (8) lunches throughout the year.

As of 30 June 2023, Local Armory Boards (LAB) reported \$385,417.54 throughout the state. Colonel (Retired) Silva indicated those funds are also tracked by the Indiana State Board of Accounts. Colonel (Retired) Townsend asked whether or not Shelbyville had a Local Armory Board. Mr. Mahern replied historically, there was no LAB for Shelbyville as the armory was connected to the flight facility; having a LAB would present security concerns, due to the nature of their operations.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Colonel (Retired) Courtney, seconded by Colonel (Retired) Townsend, and carried.

5. MR. JASON THOMPSON, GENERAL COUNSEL, WILL ADDRESS LEGAL ISSUES AFFECTING THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE.

Mr. Thompson presented the Board with a black-walled copy of the 1936 deed (attached) and trust of the Marion armory, as well as a white paper (attached) to summarize the main points of the original document. Mr. Thompson stated that until a few months prior to the Board Meeting, he had been in contact with the city of Marion regarding the divestiture of the armory. Mr. Thompson believes that the 'radio silence' he encountered was the result of local, municipal elections to occur in November.

Mr. Thompson directed the attention of the Board to the 'white paper' and Article IV from the original 1936 deed. He stated his interpretation of the original document indicates that the property could be turned back over to the trustees by the Board stating that they no longer possessed an interest in the property, or they could wait until after the municipal election and reengage in discussions with the city of Marion. He stated there was no way of proving the debt had been paid off, nor any proof the trustees had fulfilled their obligations by deeding the property to the State Armory Board; therefore, the thing to do was to have a court settle the matter.

Mr. Mahern stated that Mr. Brady had authored a letter stating that there is no need for the property in Marion and that the property is eligible for historical preservation. He further indicated delaying the decision on what to do about the Marion armory would entail a burden on the State of Indiana by it being required to assume full responsibility for the cost of utilities at the armory.

Mr. Thompson concluded his brief by suggesting the Board wait until after the November 7, 2023, election determines the political leadership of Grant County so that he might be able to schedule a time to meet with those persons and resume discussion regarding the property.

6. MRS. MARY CARRICO WILL PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON CURRENT STATE ARMORY BOARD CONTRACTS, TO INCLUDE A REQUEST FOR FUNDING TO SUPPORT THE STATE FACILITIES OPERATIONS CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT CAMP ATTERBURY, INDIANA ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH 2023 AND WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH 2023.

Mrs. Carrico informed the Board of the 14 – 15 November 2023 state Facilities Operations Conference taking place at Camp Atterbury and thanked them for their \$21,400.00 support of personnel who would be in attendance. She explained a motion was not needed for the monetary support of the conference due to having been given delegative authority by the Board.

Mrs. Carrico informed the Board of several design contracts currently under way:

Columbus Armory Riggers Facility: \$676,000.00 – 100% federally funded.

Columbus Armory Modernization: \$5857,704.00 – 100% state funded.

Bloomington Armory Modernization Design: \$844,234.00 – 59% federally funded, 41% state funded.

Service Contracts for the Energy Management Control Systems Phase 3: \$690,000.00, and Phase 4: \$689,875.00, respectively. Both Phases are 100% federally funded and include all of Indiana, minus Camp Atterbury and Muscatatuck.

Mrs. Carrico provided the Board with a list of contracts that had been completed, beginning with the Hamilton County new construction contract in the amount of \$29,405,000.00, indicating the split of funds was 75% federal and 25% state.

Martinsville Modernization -- \$ 6,397,000.00 – 57% federally funded, 43% state funded.

Atterbury UTES Building 633 -- \$2,149,500.00 – 100% federally funded.

Atterbury Water System and Utility Improvement Phase 4 -- \$1,215,827.00 – 100% federally funded.

Indiana Minus Electric Vehicle Charging Stations -- \$633,200.00 – 100% federally funded.

Energy and security at CSMS 1 and CAIN -- \$626,575.00 – 100% federally funded.

Mrs. Carrico also reported the below listed contracts associated with Camp Atterbury, receiving 100% federal funding:

All Ranks Club, Building 330 -- \$3,146,500.00

300 Block Operation Allies Welcome Reset -- \$1,840,043.00

Barracks Buildings 316 and 317 -- \$1,575,000.00

Muscatatuck Battalion Headquarters -- \$1,126,500.00

600 Block Operation Allies Welcome Reset -- \$957,850.00

CAIN Paving -- \$847,232.00

Building 448 Addition -- \$645,865.00

Atterbury Electric Vehicle Charging Station -- \$616,000.00

Mrs. Carrico also reported Camp Atterbury was receiving NAF funds for the renovations for Buildings 518 and 519.

Colonel (retired) Townsend asked Mrs. Carrico about the Martinsville armory project having been reported at 9 or 10 million dollars at the prior meeting, but was awarded \$6,400,000.00 this report, was the difference an indication that construction costs were starting to decrease. Mrs. Carrico indicated the \$9,000,000.00 reported included the design of the project and the \$6,400,000.00 was strictly the construction budget for the project.

Mrs. Carrico concluded her brief by informing the Board over \$72,000,000.00 in contracts had been done during fiscal year 2023, and nearly \$9,000,000.00 purchases had been made during fiscal year 2023 as well.

7. MR. JAMES MAHERN WILL PROVIDE A BRIEFING ON STATE FACILITIES, INCLUDING DISCUSSION OF THE ANNUAL STATE FACILITIES OPERATIONS CONFERENCE TAKING PLACE NOVEMBER 14TH AND 15TH 2023 AT CAMP ATTERBURY, INDIANA; AS WELL AS INFORMATION REGARDING THE HAMILTON COUNTY GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY, TAKING PLACE IN ATLANTA, INDIANA ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2023.

Mr. Mahern began his brief by thanking the Board, in advance, for their financial support of the Annual State Facilities Operations Conference at Camp Atterbury on November 14 and 15, 2023.

Mr. Mahern asked the Board to provide financial support in the amount of \$12,000.00 for the Hamilton County property groundbreaking to take place on October 19, 2023. The Hamilton County property is 55.64 acres of land in Atlanta, Indiana and is the future site of the

next Indiana National Guard Armory. He stated 12 acres of the property had been leased to a local farmer.

Motion to approve \$12,000.00 to cover the costs of the Hamilton County groundbreaking was made by Colonel (retired) Courtney, seconded by Brigadier General (retired) Kiefer, and carried.

Mr. Mahern then presented the Board with a list of on-going facilities projects around the state with the exceptions of Camp Atterbury and the Muscatatuck Urban Training Center. He stated this list was comprised of projects which were of a state interest, state property interest, or a state financial interest. He explained that the list was for informational purposes, and he would provide updates to the projects as the year progressed.

8. MR. JASON BRADY WILL PROVIDE A BRIEFING ON CONSTRUCTION AND FACILITIES MANAGEMENT OFFICE ACTIVITIES, TO INCLUDE AN UPDATE OF THE SHELBYVILLE MILCON PROJECT AND THE SHELBYVILLE MAINTENANCE SHOP PROJECT.

Mr. Brady had another engagement and Mr. Mahern briefed the Board in his absence concerning the Shelbyville Military-construction and Shelbyville Maintenance Shop Projects.

Mr. Mahern stated that the FMO was recommending the divestiture of the Shelbyville Maintenance Shop as there is no federal interest in the property and the cost of maintaining utilities was a 100% State of Indiana expense.

Colonel (retired) Townsend recalled from his experience at the Shelbyville location, the property was not useful. Brigadier General Mann stated the Adjutant General was 'fully on-board with divesting' of the property.

Motion to divest of the Shelbyville Maintenance Shop property and turn it over to the Indiana Department of Administration was made by Colonel (retired) Courtney, seconded by Colonel (Retired) Townsend, and carried.

9. MR. JOHN PIPER/DR. VONDA BROOKS WILL PROVIDE A BRIEFING ON THE CYBER ACADEMY, LOCATED AT MUSCATATUCK URBAN TRAINING CENTER (MUTC) IN BUTLERVILLE, INDIANA.

Mr. Piper informed the Board there were 57 students currently enrolled in cohort 6 at the Cyber Academy, stating it was the largest cohort since the inception of the Academy. Of those students currently in attendance, 11 are affiliated with the Indiana National Guard and 9 are females. He stated that the resident hall has 33 out of 36 beds filled with an income of approximately \$230,000.00.

Mr. Piper reported cohort 7 has 10 applicants. He explained to the Board there is a desire to expand the current resident hall beginning with cohort 8, due to an increase of students. He also stated that the classroom is scheduled to reopen in January once the repairs to the HVAC has been completed.

Brigadier General (retired) Kiefer asked if there were measures in place to track what was happening with graduates of the Cyber Academy. Mr. Piper explained that most of the students who graduated from the Academy were getting jobs, however, there has only been one graduate who secured a job within the state pay system; most students have graduated and taken jobs outside the state of Indiana.

10. SERGEANT FIRST CLASS (SFC) JOSHUA STEPHENS OF THE CEREMONIAL UNIT WILL ADDRESS THE BOARD CONCERNING A FINANCIAL REQUEST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,486.80 TO PROVIDE EQUIPMENT FOR THE NEW CEREMONIAL UNIT SUPPORT PROGRAM.

Brigadier General Mann approached the Board with his 'philosophy' concerning the Ceremonial Unit and the role of the Active Guard Reserve (AGR) soldier, stating they are the stewards of the Indiana National Guard, and they would be assuming the additional duty of participating in the Ceremonial Unit in an effort to be more responsive to community relations requests. He stated this could be accomplished by utilizing the AGR force who would in-turn recruit traditional soldiers to become a part of the Ceremonial Unit.

Sergeant First Class Stephens approached the Board with a request for \$13,486.80 to support the purchase of color guard kits. Color guard kits consist of two rifles, two slings, two flag staffs, two harnesses, a United States flag and an Indiana State flag. He explained it was the intention of Ceremonial Unit leadership to develop regional groups of personnel to assist in community requests for a color guard. He stated the regions would be based in Fort Wayne, Evansville, and Gary. Armory managers would assume possession of a color guard kit and use them to support local events.

Sergeant First Class Stephens explained AGR personnel would attend a two-day course of instruction at the Regional Training Institute (RTI) at Camp Atterbury where they would learn basic skills needed to be a member of a color guard as well as specific military funeral honors such as casket carry and firing party.

Sergeant First Class Stephens stated the Ceremonial Unit currently has 62 banners placed in armories throughout the state, encouraging people to volunteer to become a part of the unit and to increase awareness of the Ceremonial Unit and its role within the Indiana National Guard.

Motion to approve the request to purchase color guard kits was made by Colonel (retired) Warrick, seconded by Colonel (retired) Courtney, and carried.

11. CAPTAIN (CPT) COOPER ALLEN WILL MAKE A REQUEST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,448.00 TO COVER EXPENSES FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S INDIANA NATIONAL GUARD VETERAN'S DAY LUNCHEON TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2023.

Captain Allen introduced himself as the Secretary to the General Staff and that he had been asked to put together, what he hoped would become an annual Veteran's Day lunch for Guard members, and alumni. This year's event would take place on Thursday, November 9, 2023, at the Guggman Haus Brewing Company's Festhall, located at 1701 Gent Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana. Captain Allen stated it was a free event and this years' event should be the start of a good tradition.

Brigadier General (retired) Henry asked how the information would be passed down to the alumni as to his knowledge, there was no system in place. Captain Allen replied there was a new hire in the command section, Mrs. Heather Salinas who is the full-time alumni representative. Mrs. Salinas was working on gathering the information from historical listings and current information from the J1. Captain Allen explained an eMail would be sent to persons on the acquired lists where the recipient could respond.

Colonel (retired) Townsend asked how many people were expected to attend, to which Captain Allen stated he had planned on 250 attendees with extra servings in case he did not estimate high enough.

Motion to approve the Adjutant General's Veteran's Day Lunch was made by Brigadier General (retired) Kiefer, seconded by Colonel (retired) Courtney, and carried.

12. MR. STEVEN HINES WILL PRESENT THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET FROM CAMP ATTERBURY'S COMMANDER'S PROGRAM. PROPOSED BUDGET AMOUNT \$96,022.50; FUNDS FROM THIS PROGRAM ARE MADE POSSIBLE BY LEASES WITH PRŪV AND THE NRA.

Director of State Operations, Brigadier General Michael Grundman began the brief stating the Camp Atterbury's Commander's Program is a new program which was established as a result of the lease with PRŪV Mobility: a civilian corporation who will be testing autonomous vehicles on Camp Atterbury's North Side.

Mr. Hines introduced himself as the Camp Atterbury Base Operations Manager. He stated PRŪV Mobility's relationship with Camp Atterbury would be to occupy an area indicated in the attached map where testing of autonomous vehicles could take place, indicating there are hopes the vehicles could be developed for the defense industry.

Mr. Hines briefed the Board it was the intention of the Commander's Program to receive monies from PRŪV Mobility's lease and use those funds to create flexibility in programs that are currently not funded through state or federal dollars, such as community day, alumni day, and special ceremonies.

When asked where the monies from the PRŪV Mobility lease would be used, Mr. Hines replied the monies would be used anywhere a need presented itself on Camp Atterbury.

Mr. Thompson emphasized anything that would need to happen South of Hospital Road would use methods which were already in place. He further indicated in the event PRŪV Mobility needs to expand, they could possibly do that; however, the current lease affords them the opportunity to establish their program.

Brigadier General Grundman explained to the Board the monies from the lease with PRŪV Mobility would go into the State Armory Board's Special Programs account and be put back into events or programs anywhere on Camp Atterbury, there was no expense to the Board. Colonel (retired) Silva agreed and reemphasized the line item already included on the Special Programs' Balance Sheet was their initial deposit, the lease monies would come into that account for the duration of the lease.

Brigadier General (retired) Kiefer made the motion to allow the Camp Atterbury Commander's Program to utilize the monies received from the PRŪV Mobility lease to support enhancements/programs on Camp Atterbury. Seconded by Colonel (retired) Townsend and carried.

13. PUBLIC COMMENTS.

There were no visitors in attendance at the meeting.

14. REMARKS FROM THE ADJUTANT GENERAL.

In the absence of Major General Lyles, Brigadier General Mann thanked the Board for the opportunity to present the brief of the activities of the Indiana National Guard. He stated personnel from the 163rd Field Artillery Battalion had returned from their successful Central Command (CENTCOM) mission in the Middle East.

The 152nd Cavalry completed their mission at the Siani with a remarkable performance; Brigadier General Mann stated he had been visiting the unit during their deployment and witnessed a remarkable week of the unit performing sling load missions. He informed the Board of the exemplary efforts of the Reconnaissance Drone Unit assigned to the Southwestern U.S. Border volunteering during their off-duty time to assist the local community; that unit is scheduled to return to Indiana by the end of October.

Brigadier General Mann stated Recruiting's mission was set at 1,260 accessions for the year; they came in at 1,210, which was 27-28% of the market share and he anticipates 2024 will prove to be a better year.

15. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING.

There being no further business to discuss, the next meeting of the Indiana State Armory Board was determined to take place on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, at 10 o'clock in the Adjutant General's Conference Room, located on the second floor of building 1, Stout Field, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Motion to adjourn The October 4, 2023 State Armory Board Meeting was made by Colonel (retired) Courtney at 11:32 A.M., seconded by Brigadier General (retired) Henry, and carried.

_____ *Michael A. Kiefer* _____
BRIGADIER GENERAL MICHAEL A. KIEFER, INNG (RET)
PRESIDENT, INDIANA STATE ARMORY BOARD

_____ *R. Dale Lyles* _____
MAJOR GENERAL R. DALE LYLES, INNG
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL, SECRETARY-TREASURER