



City of Virginia Beach

Military Economic Development Advisory Committee

2025-2026 Annual Report to City Council

Chair: RADM (Ret) Robert Katz

Date: August 17, 2026

Executive Summary

During the fiscal year covering the period of July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026, the Military Economic Development Advisory Committee volunteers and liaisons

- Met 5 times, 1 of which was a joint meeting with Norfolk and Portsmouth MEDAC.

Our most significant accomplishments are detailed below, along with recommendations for your consideration.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Military Economic Development Advisory Committee is to serve as an advisory agency to the Virginia Beach City Council to enhance the coordination efforts with local military base commanders and their various installation tenants.

Accomplishment of Goals and Objectives

Over the past fiscal year, the agency, through its appointed volunteers and its liaisons, worked on the following key matters in furtherance of its mission:

1. Continued support to assist Portsmouth MEDAC organization
 - a. Including Portsmouth Military Affairs group in the Joint MEDAC endeavors with Norfolk.

- b. Annual joint meeting organization to promote fluid understanding of the goals throughout Hampton Road's Military Economic Development Advisory Committees.
- 2. Outreach to Navy and other Military Commands
 - a. While members of MEDAC did not conduct site visits to NAS Oceana or JEB Little Creek-Fort Story in 2025-2026, the installation Commanding Officers and their Community Plans and Liaison Officers were regular attendees at MEDAC meetings and provided updates. Site visits impose a security and logistical burden on the installations; additionally, Commonwealth of Virginia public notification requirements made productive and effective site visits difficult.
 - b. With several former NAS Oceana and JEBLCFS Commanding Officers serving as members of MEDAC, engagement between the Committee and the installations continues to be healthy and robust.

Membership and Attendance

- The attendance report is attached
- The volunteer hours report is attached

Financial Report (N/A)

This agency is an advisory committee that does not need nor have a budget

Goals and Objectives for the Coming Year

- Continue collaboration with Norfolk and Portsmouth MEDAC
- Command Briefings and Military Outreach
- Continue to highlight workforce opportunities for transitioning military and their families.

Recommendations to City Council

The Military Economic Development Advisory Committee respectfully requests the continued support of the Virginia Beach City Council on the Committee's strategic military affairs engagement and business community development initiatives and efforts through City Council direction and with the assistance of the City's Department of Economic Development.

Closing

Should you have any questions or desire a formal City Council briefing from our agency, please contact Robert Katz, MEDAC Chair at robertdkatz@hotmail.com and or the City Staff Liaison, Ihsane Mouak at imouak@vbgov.com & MEDAC City Staff Recording Admin, Natacia James at njames@vbgov.com.

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2025-2026 Volunteer Record

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