

EXECUTIVE ORDER MJF 96-12

Governor's Military Advisory Commission

WHEREAS: the State of Louisiana has a vital interest in the affairs of the various military components within the state, including the federal military installations located within its borders, the national guard, and the active and retired military personnel who are domiciled in the state; and

WHEREAS: in the past, the State of Louisiana has successfully employed a coordinating body to provide a forum for these various military components and to serve as a liaison between the various military entities and representatives of civilian interests; and

WHEREAS: various situations will continue to arise which necessitate the continued use of such a coordinating body;

NOW THEREFORE I, M. J. "MIKE" FOSTER, JR., Governor of the State of Louisiana by virtue of the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby re-create and re-establish the Governor's Military Advisory Commission, and do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: The Governor's Military Advisory Commission shall be composed of at least 19 members appointed by the governor who shall serve for a term concurrent with that of the governor. Membership shall consist of the following:

- A. The Adjutant General of Louisiana, or the Adjutant General's designee.
- B. The chairman of the State Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, or the chairman's designee.
- C. The secretary of the Department of Economic Development, or the secretary's designee.
- D. The commander of each major military installation located within the State of Louisiana, or the commander's designee.
- E. Military personnel, including active and retired personnel; state and local government representatives, and citizens interested in military affairs.

In addition to the members appointed by the governor, the speaker of the House of Representatives and the president of the Senate, or their designee, shall also be members. One of the members shall be appointed chairman by the governor.

SECTION 2: The Governor's Military Advisory Commission shall meet regularly at the call of the chairman. Special meetings may also be held at any time at the call of the chairman, the governor or the secretary of the Department of Economic Development.

SECTION 3: The Governor's Military Advisory Commission shall have the following duties:

- A. Provide a forum for the discussion of issues concerning the major military installations in the state and active or retired military personnel, and their families, who reside in the state.
- B. Formulate goals and objectives which enhance cooperation and understanding between the military components, our congressional delegation, the communities interfacing with the military components, the general public, and state, federal and local governments.
- C. Strengthen the role of the state in securing defense related business for Louisiana businesses and in selling Louisiana products to military bases within the state.
- D. Collect and study information related to supporting and strengthening military presence within the state.
- E. Review proposed legislation on military affairs.
- F. Advise the governor on measures and activities which support or enhance defense installations or military families within the state.

SECTION 4: Support staff for the Governor's Military Advisory Commission shall be provided by the Department of Economic Development. Members shall serve without compensation but may receive reimbursement, contingent upon the availability of funds, for travel and per diem expenses in accordance with state guidelines and procedures.

SECTION 5: This executive order shall be effective upon signature.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, on this 22nd day of May, 1996.

M. J. "Mike" Foster, Jr.
Governor

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