

City of Copperas Cove City Council Agenda Item Report

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Agenda Item No.

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**SUBJECT: HOTDA Executive Director Reports covering October through
December 2015 and January through March 2016.**

1. BACKGROUND/HISTORY

In the October 2015 meeting of the Copperas Cove EDC Board of Directors, a payment to the Heart of Texas Defense Alliance in the amount of \$17,000 was approved for a yearly membership in the organization.

2. FINDINGS/CURRENT ACTIVITY

Attached are copies of the HOTDA Executive Director's Report, covering October through December 2015 and January through March 2016. These reports describe the Executive Director's activities as they relate to HOTDA's Strategic Plan.

CCEDC will receive these reports quarterly and will send them to the City Council for their information.

3. FINANCIAL IMPACT

Expenditure of \$17,000 made in October 2015.

4. ACTION OPTIONS/RECOMMENDATION

Information only.

HEART OF TEXAS DEFENSE ALLIANCE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR THE PERIOD: 1 OCTOBER – 31 DECEMBER 2015



<p>•OBJECTIVE •6-1B</p>	<p>GOAL 6-1: ANALYZE LOCAL, STATE, AND NATIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING FUTURE PLANS THAT POTENTIALLY IMPACT FORT HOOD'S FORCE STRUCTURE, FUNCTIONS, MISSIONS, AND CAPABILITIES; ASSESS AND ADDRESS REGIONAL WEAKNESSES AND THREATS; SEEK OPPORTUNITIES THAT SUSTAIN FORT HOOD'S AUTHORIZED STRENGTH.</p> <p>EVENT/ACTIVITY:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple engagements with FH leadership, HQDA officials (to include Sec Fanning), and elected officials at all levels regarding the announced 3350 force reductions on FH.
<p>OBJECTIVE 6-2D</p>	<p>GOAL 6-2: MAINTAIN EFFECTIVE LINKAGES WITH KEY FH, DoD AND LEGISLATIVE DECISION MAKERS</p> <p>EVENT/ACTIVITY:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple engagements (telephonic, email, in person) with staffers and members regarding continued budget challenges and the impact of decreased funding in FY16 and FY17. Key messages remain focused on maintaining maximum lethality in the force and transparency in the process. • 12-14 Oct: Attended AUSA and met with numerous senior DoD leaders and legislative staff members. • 14 Oct: Met with Staffers from Cornyn, Carter, Williams and Granger to discuss key items related to FH. • 22 Oct: Attended Garrison Cdr update at TAMU-CT for local leaders in community. • Facilitated multiple engagements supporting the NTC visit and follow-on AARs. • 13 Nov: Supported Sen Cruz's team on the Academy Selection Panel. • 17 Dec: Supported the AUSA Membership meeting with Gen Abrams, FORSCOM CG
<p>OBJECTIVE 6-3</p>	<p>GOAL 6-3: STRENGTHEN THE "ONE VOICE" APPROACH TO ARTICULATE THE REQUIREMENTS OF FORT HOOD AND THE CENTRAL TEXAS DEFENSE COMMUNITY TO EXTERNAL AUDIENCES.</p> <p>EVENT/ACTIVITY:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 29 Sep: Attended the CenTex Sustainable Communities Partnership Meeting – focus on regional MRF. • 18 Nov: Met with Ft Polk Progress to discuss possible support to "defense alliance". • 30 Nov: Attended and helped facilitate initial Medical Community Meeting at Seton Med Center. • Multiple engagements with community leaders from Lampasas to Temple to Gatesville, providing HOTDA overview brief, updates on situations in the Army, DoD, and Region, and routinely provided recommendations for specific input to State and Federal officials from the Region.

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FOR THE PERIOD: 1 OCTOBER – 31 DECEMBER 2015

	<p><u>GOAL 6-4: FACILITATE MUNICIPAL ENTITY COORDINATION WITH DEFENSE INDUSTRIES.</u></p>
<p>OBJECTIVE 6-4</p>	<p><u>EVENT/ACTIVITY:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitated a meeting between TAMU-CT and OTC regarding future intern and shared studies opportunities that would enhance both organizations. • 7 Oct: Attended presentation from Comptroller Hegar to GKCC and other local leaders. • 23 Oct: Attended and briefed at the I-14 Strategic Highway Coalition meeting in Beaumont, TX. Will brief at the upcoming meeting in College Station on 21 Jan. • 19 Nov: Attended the Bell County Water Symposium. • Multiple engagements regarding JLUS and OEA Force Reduction grants. Continue to provide support and monitor process as needed. • Multiple engagements regarding DEAG program and project submission. Beginning to rework the packet to resubmit in early March to ensure award next round.
	<p><u>GOAL 6-5: FACILITATE MILITARY SPOUSE AND VETERAN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES.</u></p>
<p>OBJECTIVE 6-5</p>	<p><u>EVENT/ACTIVITY:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 Nov: Attended the P20 Conference and supported as a Panel member. • Published the 3rd and 4th Quarter Veterans Inventory Initiative Reports.
	<p><u>GOAL 6-6: SUPPORT INITIATIVES TO GROW ENROLLMENTS AND FACILITATE EFFORTS THAT ENCOURAGE, CREATE, AND FUND DEFENSE-RELATED RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES AT REGIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS.</u></p>
<p>OBJECTIVE 6-6</p>	<p><u>EVENT/ACTIVITY:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22-23 Sep: Attended the Military Friendly TAMU-CT Symposium • 22 Oct: Met with MCEC to discuss CCL and other key topics. • Continue to work with multiple educators as we look at ways to enhance opportunities for Soldiers, Family members and others who transition to the area to better themselves through education.

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FOR THE PERIOD: 1 JANUARY – 31 MARCH 2016



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	<p>EVENT/ACTIVITY:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple engagements with FH leadership, HQDA officials (to include Acting Sec of the Army Murphy), and elected officials at all levels regarding any future force structure changes on FH.
	<p>GOAL 6-2: MAINTAIN EFFECTIVE LINKAGES WITH KEY FH, DoD AND LEGISLATIVE DECISION MAKERS</p> <p>EVENT/ACTIVITY:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple engagements (telephonic, email, in person) with staffers and members regarding continued budget challenges and the impact of decreased funding in FY16 and FY17. Key messages remain focused on maintaining maximum lethality in the force and transparency in the process. • 14 Jan: Met with MG Colt (Div West) to discuss future mobilization efforts at NFH and RTI initiative with TXNG. • 27 Jan: Met with Sec Hammack (ASA-IEE) and key leaders to discuss energy initiatives/solar at FH. • 29 Feb – 2 Mar: Attended ADC Installation Innovation Forum and met with numerous senior DoD leaders and other defense community organizations. • 20-22 Feb : Attended NTC visit with leaders from the community and Cong Williams. • 30 Mar: Supported the AUSA Membership meeting with Gen (R) Thurman, NCFA
	<p>GOAL 6-3: STRENGTHEN THE "ONE VOICE" APPROACH TO ARTICULATE THE REQUIREMENTS OF FORT HOOD AND THE CENTRAL TEXAS DEFENSE COMMUNITY TO EXTERNAL AUDIENCES.</p> <p>EVENT/ACTIVITY:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11 Jan: Met with Dr Craft and others regarding funding for After School programs. • 25 Jan, 22 Feb, 28 Mar: Attended and helped facilitate the Regional Medical Forum. • Multiple engagements with community leaders from Lampasas to Temple to Gatesville, providing HOTDA overview brief, updates on situations in the Army, DoD, and Region, and routinely provided recommendations for specific input to State and Federal officials from the Region.

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	<p><u>GOAL 6-5: FACILITATE MILITARY SPOUSE AND VETERAN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES.</u></p>
	<p><u>EVENT/ACTIVITY:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 28 Jan: Attended and briefed at the Workforce Solutions Board Meeting. Published the 1st Quarter Veterans Inventory Initiative Report.
	<p><u>GOAL 6-6: SUPPORT INITIATIVES TO GROW ENROLLMENTS AND FACILITATE EFFORTS THAT ENCOURAGE, CREATE, AND FUND DEFENSE-RELATED RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES AT REGIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS.</u></p>
	<p><u>EVENT/ACTIVITY:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 23-24 Feb: Attended the Education Summit on FH. Continue to work with multiple educators as we look at ways to enhance opportunities for Soldiers, Family members and others who transition to the area to better themselves through education. Continue discussions with local and State officials on CCL efforts.