

Military Liaison Council Minutes 17 January 2007

The Military Liaison Council held its mid-year meeting at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel – Pentagon City, Alexandria, Virginia on Wednesday, 17 January 2007. Mr. Jeff Geoffroy, Military Co-Chair, opened the meeting at 5:30PM EST. The following members participated:

Mr. Jeff Geoffroy - Military Sector Co-Chair
Mr. Jim Mecsics – Private Sector Co-Chair (via teleconference)
Mr. John Bonsee – Private Sector Co-Vice Chair
Mr. Greg Steele – Military Sector Co-Vice Chair/USCG Rep
Mr. Jeff Spivey – Past ASIS President
Ms. Kathleen Kiernan – Council VP
Mr. Kurt Fecht – Representing Naval Criminal Investigative Service
Col Gene Smith – US Army Rep
Mr. Chuck Callahan – Representing US Navy
Mr. Jan Durham – USMC Rep
Ms. Rose LeVitre
Lt Col Joe Rector – Certification Board Liaison/Recorder (Representing USAF)
Mr. Dave Ramirez – Guest/2nd Vice Chairman, Miami Chapter
Dr. Allen Gallegari – Guest
Mr. Tom Gotlieb – Guest
Mr. Mike Lowe – Guest/US Army
Mr. Randy Smith – Guest/USMC
Mr. Ron Feathersen – Guest/USMC

The following areas were discussed:

Presentation for ASIS Emerging Trends Symposium

Mr. Geoffroy discussed our presentation for the ASIS Emerging Trends Seminar to be held in San Antonio in May 2007. He reviewed our proposal that was submitted and approved by ASIS. Mr. Geoffroy will moderate the session with the senior service security representative briefing 10-15 minutes on their service's transformation efforts since 9/11. Service reps need to provide a draft of their portion of the presentation to Mr. Geoffroy by 20 February.

2007 MLC Business Plan

- Mr. Mecsics reviewed the MLC business plan for 2007. Members are asked to review and submit any updates/changes to Mr. Mecsics by 5 February. Mr. Mecsics must submit the final plan by 7 February.

ASIS Seminar Presentation(s)/Activities

- Mr. Geoffroy led a discussion on presentations and activities for the ASIS Annual Seminar in September.

- At previous teleconferences Mr. Geoffroy solicited ideas for presentations at the Annual Seminar. Ideas submitted include “recycling” our Emerging Trends presentation. Joe Rector recommended a series of service presentations on Military Police/Security Operations in Iraq/Afghanistan. Joe Rector will craft a proposal and forward to the MLC membership for comment prior to the February submission date.

- Mr. Geoffroy asked the membership to submit ideas for the MLC booth operation to include storyboards, brochures, DVDs, etc.

Certification Working Group Update

- Mr. Mike Lowe, US Army, provided an update on the efforts of the certification working group. He reviewed the group's mission, background, purpose, plan of action and milestones. Mr. Geoffroy briefed us that the Marine Corps has contracted out a comparison study which will review each of the services training courses/requirements which will form a baseline for the working group's efforts. A copy of Mr. Lowe's presentation is attached.

Membership Update

- Mr. John Bonsee briefed on his latest efforts to recruit international members to the Military Liaison Council. His efforts with the Canadians are bearing fruit. He and Mr. Geoffroy recently held a teleconference with Lt Col Dave Schuster from the Canadian Armed Forces Provost Marshal's Office. He is eager to participate. John Bonsee will follow up with Lt Col Schuster on whether he is willing to conduct a presentation on the paper he recently wrote concerning force protection in the Canadian Armed Forces.

- John has made contact with the British Embassy which has provided names of contacts in the UK. So far, he has been unable to connect with these individuals. Joe Rector offered to provide him the contact information for the RAF Regiment exchange officer (Wg Cdr Dyson) assigned to the Air Force Security Forces Center at Lackland AFB.

- Mr. Tom Gotlieb discussed possible recruitment of prospective members from Central and South America. One of the challenges he highlighted will be the language barrier. Most ASIS activities are in English and not Spanish.

- Jerry Zellars developed a spreadsheet for prospective members. The spreadsheet solicits information on their background, skills and what they can do for ASIS and the MLC. Jerry and John sent emails to all of the folks who expressed interest at the Annual Seminar. So far they only received two responses, one of which is from CDR Wes Latchford assigned to USSTRATCOM. This led to a discussion where Jim Mecsics recommended we have a NORTHCOM Rep on the MLC. Greg Steele also recommended we have a Department of Homeland Security Rep on the MLC as well. Colonel Gene Smith volunteered to contact key joint commands for possible representatives to serve on the MLC.

- Jeff Geoffroy briefed that he met with the Chief of Staff of the National Guard Bureau. The NGB is interested in having representation on our council.

- Our final membership discussion focused on the size of the MLC, the proper mix of military and civilian members, and the skill set of folks we are looking to have on the MLC. Currently our membership is capped at 16 members while most of the other ASIS Councils are larger. John Bonsee and Jerry Zellars will lead a working group which will include Jim Mecsecs, Greg Steele and Joe Rector to make recommendations back to the council on these issues.

Miami Chapter – Military Appreciation Banquet

- Mr. Dave Ramirez, Chapter Chairman of the Miami Chapter, briefed on the Military Appreciation Banquet his chapter sponsors annually. Their latest event held on 10 January was attended by 210 people. He solicited the support of the MLC and proposed that similar events be held nationally. We then discussed possible ways the MLC could support this event. Mr. Geoffroy suggested we form a military appreciation committee. Joe Rector suggested Dave Ramirez craft an article about the Miami Chapter's banquet which the MLC would sponsor for Security Management Magazine. Dave agreed to draft the article. It was also suggested we approach the ASIS Foundation to sponsor 5 military members to attend the Foundation Banquet at the Annual Seminar.

MLC Leadership Transition Planning

- Mr. Geoffroy discussed the leadership transition for the MLC. Both his and Mr. Mecsecs terms end next December (2007). Mr. Steele and Mr. Bonsee will move into the Chair positions. Two new Co-Vice Chairs are needed. Mr. Sam Brinkley and Colonel Gene Smith have agreed to serve as the Co-Vice Chairs for the next term. Jeff Geoffroy discussed the need to codify the leadership transition procedures. He will get with Kathleen Kiernan and Valerie Resultan to see what other councils have established in the way of procedures.

MLC Committee Membership/Assignments

- Mr. Geoffroy discussed current committee memberships and assignments. Currently, most of our committees are not true committees and only have one person serving on them. As a council, we are mandated to have certain committee while others are optional. Mr. Geoffroy expressed his desire to formalize the position of Scribe/Recorder for the meeting. By default, Joe Rector has been performing this function. Mr. Geoffroy asked that all members review the list of committees and indicate which ones they would like to serve by the next teleconference. Committees available are as follows:

- Membership
- Communication
- Certification Board Liaison
- Strategic Development
- Chapter Liaison
- Annual Seminar
- Webmaster
- Session Reviewer
- Alliances and Partnerships

- Articles
- Book Reviews

Major Action Items

- Service reps provide draft briefs of their portion of the Emerging Trends presentation to Mr. Geoffroy by 20 February. (OPR: All service reps)
- Review and submit any changes to the 2007 MLC business plan to Jim Mecsics by 5 February. (OPR: All members)
- Submit final 2007 MLC plan to ASIS by 7 February. (OPR: Jim Mecsics)
- Draft annual seminar presentation proposal and forward to MLC membership for review by 29 January. (OPR: Joe Rector)
- Submit ideas for the MLC booth for the annual seminar to Mr. Geoffroy by 7 February. (OPR: All members)
- Follow up with Lt Col Schuster on Canadian presentation for annual seminar ASAP. (OPR: John Bonsee)
- Provide RAF Regiment Exchange Officer contact information to John Bonsee ASAP. (OPR: Joe Rector)
- Contact key joint commands for possible representatives to serve on the MLC. (OPR: Col Gene Smith)
- Review membership composition, numbers and skills. (OPR: John Bonsee/Jerry Zellars; OCR: Mecsics/Steele/Rector)
- Draft article on Miami Chapter Military Appreciation Banquet for Security Management Magazine. (OPR: Dave Ramirez)
- Form Military Appreciation Committee. (OPR: Jeff Geoffroy)
- Approach ASIS Foundation to sponsor 5 military members to attend the Foundation Dinner at the Annual Seminar. (OPR: Jeff Geoffroy)
- Check with Kathleen Kiernan and Valerie Resultan on leadership transition procedures from other councils. (OPR: Jeff Geoffroy)
- Volunteer for council committees by 7 February. (OPR: All members)

Mr. Geoffroy closed the meeting at 7:10PM EST. ***The next MLC teleconference will be scheduled for Wednesday, 7 February 2007, at 12:00PM EST.***

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Recorder

Approved/Disapproved

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RAYMOND F. (JEFF) GEOFFROY

Council Military Co-Chair

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