

**MINUTES OF THE 9 DECEMBER 2003  
AREA COMMANDER'S QUALITY OF LIFE POLICY BOARD**

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4. COL Smarsh then asked for members to approve the minutes from the last meeting. All members approved the minutes as written.

5. Old Business

a. Mr. Thomas. Correction to last minutes, paragraph 4.e.: cost to do the re-design of the pool was \$85K vice \$85M.

b. Mr. Lupton. Responded to request to increase personal check-cashing limits at NEX to \$400. He explained that the NEX does not have the funds to be able to cash larger sums of money than \$150 day or \$450 a week. The international students are cashing their government checks at the NEX, which are about \$1,000 to \$1,400 each. The NFCU will not cash them because they do not have social security numbers. Mr. Lupton will look into how the limit could be increased at the NEX.

4. New Business

a. LCDR Lane. The actual number of students available for casual work to support admin functions will probably go away next year because our military numbers in 2004 will decline significantly. This is because DLI has established additional classes, so we will be able to enroll students into those classes, as well as the recruiting numbers being reduced by about 80.

b. Mr. Lupton. Working on getting SBC to come and reprogram the phone system so that it will ring into the barbershop.

c. GSCM(SW) Murphy. We had 15 of our single sailors participate in the Thanksgiving gift basket program through the chapel.

d. Mr. Thomas. Quality of Life/MWR:

- Our NPS MWR website is updated continuously and kept very up-to-date with the latest information on what's going on at MWR.
- We are publishing the Peacock Press every two months instead of every month.
- Provided some details on the Army/Navy Game events conducted by MWR.
- Provided info on status of locker shortage at gym and change in procedures of issuance of towels.
- Discussed funding shortfall for sailing program and initiative involving the civilian community.
- We had 600 for our Thanksgiving Day brunch.

e. CAPT Herron. We will be graduating almost 200 students on Friday; classes will resume on 6 January. Also, we have opened up our New Student Orientation to **any** newly reporting personnel.

f. Ms. McDonough. Commented on the difficulty DRMI international students have with transportation, such as to the airport, because taxi's can't get on to the base due to security issues. There is an additional expense to hire DLI to provide transportation for the students to be transported to the airport. It would be a big help to our students to have taxi service because they live on base.

g. CAPT Nick Davenport. We will be providing a limited amount of flu vaccines at NPS tomorrow.

h. Mr. Collier. Briefed members on the role of the Residential Communities Initiative (RCI). Provided information on the construction schedule of housing at La Mesa Housing and Presidio of Monterey Annex. Mr. Collier opened up for questions from members. Mr. Collier and Mr. Dausen responded to member's questions regarding various RCI issues.

Mr. Dausen. Explained that there is a shortage of funds due to change in interest rates since the original plan was established. Some of the projects are being re-examined to find out how they will be funded, such as the shuttle service to/from the housing areas to the base.

i. COL Smarsh. Provided update on the construction projects on base.

j. Mr. Dausen. Provided information on the rebuilding of the East and West Wings of Herrmann Hall and the status of the extensions being done to Glasgow Hall.

## 5. Miscellaneous

a. None.

6. Closing Remarks. COL Smarsh thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 0955. The next Quality of Life Policy Board meeting is scheduled for 0900, Tuesday, 9 March 2004, in the La Novia Room, NPS.