

**Army ROTC Advisory Board Minutes**  
**28 SEP 2023, 1:00-2:30 pm**  
**Zoom Meeting**

**Present**

- Chairman, COL (Ret.) Barry Baer
- COL (Ret.) David Ray
- Mr. Kevin Ruelas
- LTC Aaron Sager
- Mr. Damian Friend
- COL (Ret.) Dale Farrand
- BG Jesse Morehouse

LTC Lynae Place  
MAJ Rich Sandrock  
Ms. Meggan Foster

Quorum 60%, 11 members

**Absent**

- MAJ Sarah Howes
- COL (Ret.) Michael Stowell
- Mr. Jeff Sears
- Ms. Lisa Darrah

**Introduction of board members**

- Present board members introduced themselves to the new PMS and gave a brief summary of their own personal backgrounds

**Introduction of new PMS – LTC Lynae Place**

- LTC Place discussed her background within the Medical Corps – she was an AROTC Cadet at Montana State Univ, commissioning in 2005, she has ties to Colorado with several family members living in the area
- LTC Place will be focusing on two things during her time here at CU:
  - o 1] Recruitment: improving presence on Facebook and Instagram
  - o 2] Cadet Summer Training: enhance the training for our MSIII Cadets who will be going onto CST in the summer, foundational knowledge
- Mr. Baer asked length of the PMS assignment here at CU – LTC Place said it's a 3-year assignment, but depends on the current PMS's career path if that timeframe will be shortened
- Mr. Baer asked about PMS experience with boards – LTC Place stated she doesn't have experience with boards

**Program update**

- LTC Place discussed Cadet majors of CU-Boulder
- LTC talked about the scholarship status for the Golden Buffalo Battalion (GBB)
  - o Mr. Baer remarked how high the scholarship numbers are
  - o LTC Place outlined the national scholarship winners
- LTC Place went through the Fall 2023 schedule of events for the GBB
  - o Mr. Farrand announced that a GBB alumni group (class of 1993, plus others) will be attending the CU's homecoming weekend events as well as a tour of the AROTC lounge and meet-n-greet with LTC Place and hopefully some current Cadets and Cadre
    - Mr. Farrand will share a link with the information
  - o Mr. Baer brought up the Tri-Mil Competition occurring on 05 OCT – LTC Place reviewed some of the events that make up the competition
- LTC Place highlighted 3 outstanding Cadets from across the entire program

- Mr. Baer inquired about the CU-Boulder commissioning set for 22 DEC, apparently there was a misunderstanding about CU's finals week and when we can officially hold the commissioning ceremony, this led to questions about if the commissioning can be moved any earlier
  - o Ms. Foster added clarity to the CU-Boulder finals schedule: 16-20 DEC is finals, 21 DEC is CU Conferral date, and 22 DEC is the earliest commissioning can occur
  - o Mr. Friend asked when Mines would hold their commissioning – tentatively set for 16 DEC

#### **Program going forward**

- Mr. Baer expressed the desire of the individual members of the board to help the program especially with mentoring
- Mr. Baer also stated the members of the board can assist with recruiting
- Mr. Ruelas discussed the usage of his land for ROTC events, as well as his involvement with the "Designing for Defense" course here at CU-Boulder
- LTC Place and Mr. Friend want to meet up at Mines to visit the program
- Mr. Baer discussed adding LTC Aaron Roof to the CU-Boulder ROTC Hall of Fame – he's going to introduce this topic during the November meeting
- Mr. Farrand and Mr. Baer recommended that LTC Place meet the head of the students veteran's office on the CU campus
- Mr. Baer stated he would like the November meeting to be in-person, in the PMS office on 16 NOV 2023
- Mr. Ruelas asked about Mines staffing with CPT Illies out-of-the-office
- Mr. Friend said he'd help set-up a meeting between Mines president and the PMS
- Mr. Ruelas said members of the board would like an opportunity to come into a MS class and add their perspective

***Meeting closed at 2:33 pm***

***Next meeting set for 16 NOV 2023, 1:00-2:30 pm ... in person preferred with online option TBD***