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1 teleconference: When you are not speaking, please
2 make sure your phone is on mute. And when you are
3 speaking, unmute your phone.

4 So I'm going to go mute right now.

5 Mr. Burney, please do the roll call.

6 MR. BURNEY: Major General Kenneth Nava.

7 MG NAVA: Here.

8 MR. BURNEY: Ms. Theresa Martinez, Executive
9 Director.

10 MS. MARTINEZ: Present.

11 MR. BURNEY: Colonel Daniel Stark, Chief of
12 Staff.

13 COL STARK: Present.

14 MR. BURNEY: Command Sergeant Major Robbie
15 Cantrell, State Command Sergeant Major.

16 CSM CANTRELL: Present.

17 MR. BURNEY: Command Sergeant Major (Retired)
18 John Torres, Board Member.

19 CSM (R) TORRES: Present.

20 MR. BURNEY: Colonel (Retired) James Keefner,
21 Board Member.

22 COL (R) KEEFNER: Present.

23 MR. BURNEY: Major (Retired) Mark Gonzales,
24 Board Member.

25 MAJ (R) GONZALES: Present.

1 MR. BURNEY: Assistant Attorney General
2 Miguel Lozano.

3 MR. LOZANO: Present.

4 MR. BURNEY: All members are present, sir.

5 MG. NAVA: Thank you, Marty.

6 ITEM NO. 6: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

7 MG NAVA: Okay. In front of you, you should
8 have been mailed or printed on your tablet or however
9 you choose to do it a copy of the State Armory Board
10 agenda, it's item No. 6. I would ask for a motion to
11 approve the agenda as published.

12 COL STARK: This is Colonel Stark. I motion
13 that we approve the agenda as published.

14 MG NAVA: We have a motion. Do I have a
15 second?

16 CSM (R) TORRES: Sergeant Major Torres,
17 approve.

18 MG NAVA: We have a motion by Colonel Stark
19 and a second by Sergeant Major Torres. Any further
20 discussion about the agenda? All in favor say aye.

21 (The Board Members voted unanimously.)

22 MG NAVA: Anybody opposed? Let the record
23 reflect that the agenda passed unanimously. Thank
24 you.

25 ITEM NO. 7: APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 11, 2020, MINUTES

1 MG NAVA: Moving to item No. 7, approval of
2 the June 11, 2020, minutes. I'm assuming again that
3 everybody has had an opportunity to look at the
4 minutes. Again they're provided verbatim by Jan so
5 there should be no real issues with that.

6 Do I have a motion to accept the minutes as
7 published?

8 COL STARK: Sir, this is Colonel Stark. I
9 move that we accept the minutes as published.

10 MG NAVA: We have a motion. Do I have a
11 second?

12 COL (R) KEEFNER: Second.

13 MG NAVA: We have a motion to approve and a
14 second by Colonel Keefner. All in favor say aye.

15 (The Board Members voted unanimously.)

16 MG NAVA: Anybody opposed? Let the record
17 reflect that the June 11, 2020 minutes, have been
18 approved unanimously.

19 ITEM NO. 8: NEW BUSINESS

20 MG NAVA: Moving to item 8 A, Ms. Seyal, we
21 have the approval to terminate the current Santa Fe
22 storefront lease. Would you or Captain Ruiz please
23 present.

24 MS. SEYAL: Yes, sir. Major General Nava,
25 Members of the Board, item A and item B kind of go

1 hand in hand. In item A we are requesting the Board's
2 approval to terminate the lease at 4056 Cerrillos Road
3 in Santa Fe.

4 That termination would be effective on the
5 30th of June. Once we terminate that lease to allow
6 the recruiters to move into a larger facility, we will
7 seek item B, which is approval to move forward with a
8 new lease.

9 We are terminating this lease because it's
10 been in existence since April 2017. And the property
11 manager would prefer that we enter into a new lease
12 rather than modify the terms of the current lease
13 that's in existence.

14 Pending your questions, that's all I have.

15 MG NAVA: Mr. Lozano, have you seen this
16 lease termination agreement, does it meet your
17 requirements?

18 MR. LOZANO: Major General Nava, Members,
19 yes. I have reviewed it. I made some changes prior
20 to submission to the Board. And I believe it is
21 legally sufficient for entry by this Board.

22 MG NAVA: Thank you, sir. Board Members,
23 what are your questions for Ms. Seyal?

24 COL STARK: Kelly, this is Colonel Stark.
25 Are there any cancellation fees, any financial

1 encumbrances by terminating this lease, anything we
2 should be aware of?

3 MS. SEYAL: No, sir. We don't incur any
4 expenses for the termination of this lease.

5 COL STARK: Thank you.

6 MG NAVA: Any other Board Members, questions
7 for Ms. Seyal?

8 If not, I would entertain a motion to approve
9 the termination of the current Santa Fe storefront
10 lease and allow me to sign on behalf of the State
11 Armory Board.

12 COL STARK: Sir, this is Colonel Stark. I
13 move we approve the termination of the lease and
14 afford you the opportunity to sign on behalf of the
15 State Armory Board.

16 MG NAVA: I have a motion. Do I have a
17 second?

18 MAJ (R) GONZALES: I'll second, sir.

19 MG NAVA: We have a motion and a second by
20 Major Gonzales. Any discussion on this matter?
21 Hearing none, all in favor say aye.

22 (The Board Members voted unanimously.)

23 MG NAVA: Anybody opposed? Okay. So let the
24 record reflect that we passed the approval to
25 terminate the Santa Fe storefront lease unanimously.

1 Ms. Seyal, as you mentioned the approval of
2 the new Santa Fe storefront lease is contingent upon
3 that. Did you want to talk about the new storefront
4 lease?

5 MS. SEYAL: Yes, sir. So in the new lease
6 agreement, the Recruiting group was moved down a
7 floor. This would increase their square footage from
8 1,403 feet in the lease that we've just agreed to
9 terminate and raise that square footage to 2,000 feet.

10 The current rent amount is 1,695, which on
11 1 October would increase to 2,500. We have seen the
12 paperwork in which Lieutenant Colonel Armijo has
13 submitted that increase to Guard Zero.

14 This lease would be a one-year term with four
15 additional option years to renew. If we don't amend
16 anything. That will just continue automatically for a
17 five-year period.

18 So pending your questions, that is all I
19 have.

20 MG NAVA: Thank you. Mr. Lozano, have you
21 seen this lease agreement and does it meet your needs?

22 MR. LOZANO: Major General, Members, yes.
23 I've reviewed this and made basically technical
24 changes, no substantive changes. And it is legally
25 sufficient for execution by this Board.

1 MG NAVA: Thank you, sir. Board Members,
2 what are your questions for Ms. Seyal regarding this
3 new lease?

4 COL STARK: Kelly, this is Colonel Stark.
5 The rent of 2,500 for the increased square footage, is
6 that within sort of the fair market value for a
7 property of this kind and in that location?

8 MS. SEYAL: Yes, sir, it is. We did a
9 property valuation for fair market value prior to
10 entering into the lease. And it is a fair price.

11 COL STARK: Very good, Kelly. Thank you.
12 That's the only question I had.

13 MS. MARTINEZ: General Nava, this is Theresa.

14 Kelly, the only thing I have to say is once
15 the Board approves this lease, that we get a work
16 order and a copy of the lease immediately, SDMA, so
17 that we can do a purchase document that would be
18 effective July 1 so that we do not have it after the
19 fact.

20 MS. SEYAL: Roger that. We'll make sure that
21 happens.

22 MS. MARTINEZ: Thank you.

23 MG NAVA: Thank you, Theresa. Okay. Any
24 other questions or points of clarification needed on
25 this storefront lease?

1 Hearing nothing, I would ask for a motion to
2 approve this new Santa Fe storefront lease and
3 authorize me to sign on behalf of the State Armory
4 Board.

5 COL STARK: Sir, this is Colonel Stark. I
6 move we accept this new lease and authorize you to
7 sign on behalf of the State Armory Board.

8 MG NAVA: We have a motion. Do I have a
9 second?

10 CSM (R) TORRES: Sergeant Major Torres. I
11 second it.

12 MG NAVA: Thank you, Sergeant Major. We have
13 a motion and a second. Any further discussion?
14 Hearing none, all in favor say aye.

15 (The Board Members voted unanimously.)

16 MG NAVA: Anybody opposed, say nay. Let the
17 record reflect that this new Santa Fe storefront lease
18 has passed unanimously.

19 MG NAVA: The next item on our agenda under
20 new business is ratification of the MOU for the
21 Department of Health to use the Espanola Armory.

22 Ms. Seyal.

23 MS. SEYAL: Good afternoon, Members of the
24 Board. I would be most comfortable if Mr. Lozano
25 would address this particular memorandum of

1 understanding. We had very little play in this. So I
2 feel like he probably can provide better details than
3 I can.

4 MR. LOZANO: Major General, Members, I hate
5 to defer as well. But I think Ms. Carrasco-Trujillo
6 might be able to better explain and answer questions.

7 I have reviewed the MOU and believe it to be
8 legally sufficient for the 60-day purpose. And I have
9 agreed with Sonya that it was okay for Major General
10 Nava to enter the MOU pursuant to a ratification after
11 the fact by this Board.

12 MG NAVA: Okay. Perfect. So, Sonya, I'm
13 going to let you off the hook for a second. Let me
14 speak for a minute first, and then I will let you play
15 cleanup and finish up the discussion.

16 Members of the Board, as you know we've been
17 very involved with the COVID-19 response. And the
18 Department of Health deemed recently that the
19 alternate care sites that we established in Gallup and
20 in Farmington were no longer required.

21 And as such they began immediately looking
22 for a location to store the equipment that basically
23 was purchased by the State of New Mexico Department of
24 Health for this COVID response and be able to maintain
25 it in the event that we need it once again in the

1 fall.

2 Although none of us know what is potentially
3 out there, there is the potential that we will have a
4 resurgence of COVID-19 in the fall. And it would
5 coincide with our normal influenza season, in which
6 case our already tight hospital space and intensive
7 care unit bed space would become a problem.

8 These alternate care sites were never fully
9 utilized. But again the State of New Mexico invested
10 quite a bit of money in the equipment and the
11 infrastructure that goes with it. So they are again
12 looking for a place to store this equipment.

13 I mentioned to them that I have some National
14 Guard Readiness Centers that are not currently fully
15 utilized and they ought to look at them as potential
16 locations for storage.

17 They did look at the Espanola Armory. And
18 because of its proximity to Santa Fe, because of what
19 it has available, they think it would be a reasonable
20 location for them to store this alternate care site
21 equipment.

22 So again we're talking about beds,
23 ventilators, pulse ox machines, things of that nature
24 that need to be inventoried and properly climate
25 controlled so that they don't get ruined.

1 So what we've suggested was a short-term fix,
2 at least now in the short term, an agreement with the
3 State Armory Board. And then longer term, if they
4 determine that this is going to work for them, we can
5 look at that Armory in general longer term.

6 The unit that is stationed in the Espanola
7 Armory is set to deploy this fall to the CENTCOM area
8 of operations. And they will be gone for a year.

9 I want to say there are approximately 25
10 soldiers that are assigned to the Espanola detachment.
11 And that clearly is not fully utilizing that facility
12 as it was intended.

13 So they needed a solution. I had a solution
14 available to them. We went down this path of
15 constructing and creating a memorandum of
16 understanding between us and the Department of Health,
17 which is similar to other agreements that we have
18 entered into with other entities; say, for example,
19 the City of Deming.

20 And so that's what's been constructed. And
21 what we are asking for is ratification by the State
22 Armory Board for the action that I've already taken.

23 Sonya, go ahead and fill in any gaps.

24 MS. CARRASCO-TRUJILLO: Sir, Members of the
25 Board, I think that that's a pretty good summation.

1 The only thing I would draw the Board's
2 attention to is this MOU will be in place for 60 days,
3 at which time we hope by then we'll have enough
4 information to determine whether or not we need to
5 have a formal lease. And that would be presented at
6 the next available State Armory Board meeting. But
7 beyond that I don't have anything to add.

8 MG NAVA: Okay. So, Board Members, again
9 this is General Nava. I have entered into a
10 memorandum of understanding between our State Armory
11 Board and the Department of Health for the use of the
12 Espanola Armory for a 60-day period of time, after
13 which we will bring it back as a formal matter to the
14 State Armory Board of what our longer-term solution is
15 going to be.

16 So I am requesting a motion to ratify this
17 MOU from one of our Board Members.

18 COL STARK: Sir, this is Colonel Stark. I
19 move we approve and ratify the MOU as previously
20 described.

21 MG NAVA: So we have a motion to ratify the
22 MOU. Do I have a second?

23 MAJ (R) GONZALES: I'll second it, sir.

24 MG NAVA: Okay. Seconded by Major Gonzales.
25 Thank you. Any further questions on what we've done

1 up to this point on this? Hearing nothing, all in
2 favor say aye.

3 (The Board Members voted unanimously.)

4 MG NAVA: Nobody is opposed. So let the
5 record reflect that the ratification of this MOU, this
6 60-day MOU, passed unanimously.

7 The next item on new business is to discuss
8 the name of the New Mexico National Guard Headquarters
9 Onate Complex.

10 Let me set some context here. And this is a
11 discussion. There is no decision that is going to be
12 made today. But it is a discussion that we should
13 have. And again I invite all the Board Members to
14 please chime in with your personal thoughts on this
15 matter.

16 We have seen recently in our country this
17 effort to take down statues and to rename things, it's
18 happening everywhere, from an effort to rename current
19 active duty installations to the removal of statues
20 throughout the nation.

21 And this is all subsequent to the unfortunate
22 killing of George Floyd and all the civil unrest and
23 things that happened as a result of the protests.
24 Again many of these protests started out as peaceful
25 protests hijacked by individuals that were bad

1 actors and created looting and all kinds of other
2 things going on.

3 In our State of New Mexico, there's been a
4 recent push regarding specifically Don Juan de Onate
5 and efforts to rename things, to take his statues down
6 in Santa Fe. The obelisk at the center of the Plaza
7 was recently very badly vandalized.

8 And I believe that the mayor has issued an
9 executive order that some of these things are going to
10 be removed or maybe already have been removed, I don't
11 know.

12 We were recently approached by one of our
13 local news affiliates, asking what the plan of the New
14 Mexico National Guard was regarding the name of the
15 Onate Complex as well as a statue that I have in front
16 of my headquarters.

17 Let me get that response. I think it was a
18 very well written response by my public affairs team.
19 And I'd like to share that with you and just give you
20 my thoughts on this real quick. So hang on a second
21 here. Since I'm running such an efficient meeting,
22 you all get to wait for just a second.

23 So I'm going to read you the response that
24 was prepared by Joe Vigil and his team. I think it
25 was very, very good. This is what was submitted:

1 "The New Mexico National Guard is committed
2 to fostering an environment that promotes and
3 practices diversity, equality, and inclusion. Our
4 soldiers and airmen come from different ethnic
5 backgrounds, and many of them have both Hispanic and
6 Native American heritage.

7 "The New Mexico National Guard has a legacy
8 of service that is represented by numerous historic
9 displays which recognize the contributions of Native
10 Americans, Hispanics, and all service members who have
11 served this great state and country.

12 "The New Mexico National Guard is proud to
13 have collaborated with our state's tribal leaders on
14 how to honor their service to our state and nation.
15 Those talks resulted in the display built around our
16 headquarters flagpole to commemorate the service of
17 Native Americans.

18 "That display is located not far from the
19 Onate display, which represents the first militia that
20 served the Spanish territory of New Mexico. The
21 history of the New Mexico National Guard is important,
22 it is not to be forgotten, as we continue to serve our
23 citizens as one team regardless of heritage.

24 "Our organization emphasizes healthy dialogue
25 with respect to customs, courtesies, traditions, and

1 each other. With that said there are no current plans
2 to change displays or names of our training facilities
3 at this time."

4 That was what was sent to our media partners.
5 I think it was a very well written piece. And Joe did
6 a great job of incorporating some of my thoughts on
7 this matter.

8 I think what our country is currently
9 experiencing with regard to toppling these statues is
10 a slippery slope that we will regret for many years to
11 come. Figures in history, all of them, are very
12 complex individuals, very multifaceted.

13 And if we look hard enough, every one of our
14 founding fathers, every one of those individuals who
15 are memorialized throughout Washington, D.C., for
16 example, somebody could find something on them and
17 justify why they shouldn't have a statue put up for
18 them.

19 The statue that is in front of our
20 headquarters is a beautiful piece of art. It is
21 depicting Onate pointing to the north. It is a fact
22 that he was one of the individuals that helped the
23 European people come to this part of the world.

24 And so it is a fact that he did that. It is
25 not depicting any of the atrocities of which he's been

1 associated. And so it is an appropriate statue of the
2 individual that is responsible for the Spanish militia
3 that was here in the State of New Mexico.

4 Those of you that know me know that I am
5 committed to the history of New Mexico. I love the
6 military history of New Mexico. And Don Juan de
7 Onate, the fact is that he was here in New Mexico and
8 he was the one that established that.

9 It is not to be taking away from our Native
10 American brothers and sisters who were here before
11 him. And I think that we have done some to
12 commemorate their service and what they've done. And
13 we could do more.

14 I don't know if you heard recently,
15 Representative Deb Haaland was a part of a prayer
16 service that was done virtually. And part of it was
17 captured. I don't know if KOB-TV was the one that was
18 hosting it. But some of her comments really resonated
19 with me. And I very much appreciated her comments.

20 One of the things that she said was that
21 every pueblo in New Mexico, as you come to one of
22 their feast days, you will smell freshly baked bread
23 that's made in a horno.

24 That would not have happened if it were not
25 for the Spanish settlers that came here, because they

1 brought the flour, they brought the technology, they
2 taught the Pueblo Indians, they shared their culture.

3 She referred to some meetings that she
4 attended with Spanish land grant recipients here in
5 the State of New Mexico. And she mentioned how she
6 felt like she was with her aunties and her uncles when
7 she was among these people, that their tie to the land
8 was something that she could very much associate with,
9 because it was something shared in common between the
10 Pueblo Indians in New Mexico and the Spanish folks
11 that are here in New Mexico, the Hispanic folks.

12 New Mexico has a very complex history. And I
13 for one do not intend to allow our history to be
14 forgotten. I think that we can do more with our
15 museum.

16 We've brought in a new historian who's coming
17 on board now. I will swear him in on the 1st of July.
18 He's coming to us from Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He
19 is the command historian for the schoolhouse there.
20 He is coming to the New Mexico National Guard.

21 I think a series of talks about what happened
22 during the Spanish colonial period of time, what
23 didn't happen, and talking from different perspectives
24 would be something that would be good and maybe
25 helpful for the entire people of New Mexico. And

1 that's something that I look forward to having him
2 start when he comes here.

3 So my preference is that statue is going
4 nowhere, that statue is staying right where it's at.
5 That's an appropriate place for that statue. The name
6 of our facility, however, is something that I would
7 like to discuss.

8 So the New Mexico National Guard State Armory
9 Board has for the longest time prevented the name of
10 individual locations in honor of individuals. Now
11 we've kind of done it. And maybe we've done it well,
12 maybe we haven't done it so well.

13 There is a plaque outside this headquarters
14 commemorating the service of Lieutenant General Edward
15 Baca. But there are no Armories, there are no
16 Readiness Centers throughout the State of New Mexico
17 named for individuals. If you look at the trend in
18 federal DOD installations, they generally are starting
19 to move toward citing the location as opposed to
20 individuals.

21 So something for consideration is this is the
22 headquarters in Santa Fe, New Mexico. It's the New
23 Mexico National Guard Headquarters. Could it be
24 called the Santa Fe New Mexico National Guard
25 Headquarters, could it be called something that cites

1 the location, which is Santa Fe, New Mexico, and not
2 necessarily Onate.

3 Onate has been a controversial figure in
4 history probably since he was alive. And I don't know
5 that the New Mexico National Guard, with all the great
6 work that we've done and will continue to do, needs
7 that distraction necessarily.

8 All right. With that I'm going to shut up.
9 Board Members, what are your thoughts? And I would
10 like each Board member to please give me your thoughts
11 so we have some discussion. Again no decisions are
12 being made today, just discussion. So we'll start
13 with Major Gonzales.

14 MAJ (R) GONZALES: Okay, sir. And I'm glad
15 you picked me first, because I've got a little bit to
16 say on that since I've been involved as a community
17 activist in Santa Fe for many, many years. I've
18 served on county boards and everything to protect
19 historical rights of villages and everything else.

20 Just to let you know, I've been asked to sit
21 in on the Governor's Racial Advisory Board meeting
22 tomorrow. So I'm just going to sit back and listen to
23 what they have to say.

24 But I agree with you 100 percent, sir. My
25 degree was in New Mexico history. I'm in the heart of

1 the old capital of New Mexico here in Espanola, the
2 Santa Cruz area, that area in here. I'm a caballero.

3 We just had our statue taken out of the
4 cathedral. I wasn't happy about that because I truly
5 feel that we're all equal. No race is better than the
6 other.

7 And it seems like, with the removal of
8 DeVargas, which in many ways reflects our lady being
9 brought to New Mexico, La Conquistadora, being that
10 it's the novena time now and everything, I've been
11 feeling like our history is being erased.

12 I don't want that to happen. I don't want
13 that to happen to anybody's history. History, good or
14 bad, is a reminder of either the good things that
15 happened and a reminder not to let the bad things
16 happen again.

17 And me, my opinion, I don't believe that a
18 bunch of young little -- I don't know. I don't want
19 to use a bad word here. Immature young people are out
20 there preaching revolution and everything else, when a
21 lot of them -- I teach here -- don't even know their
22 own history.

23 I see that every year. I see there are kids
24 that have lost moral and ethical values not because
25 they are bad kids, but because they haven't been

1 taught the old ways, their culture, their tradition.
2 And I don't think statues should be taken down just
3 because they feel that a revolution is due.

4 What I do agree on, sir, because I was there
5 when the plaques to all the Native American people
6 were put around the flagpole -- I think I was the FMS
7 at the time and I think Delano -- or I just retired
8 and Delano put that.

9 I think we have a chance right now to make a
10 goodwill effort with some of these statues that need
11 to be placed somewhere that they're going to take
12 down. Being as we've led in the historical part of
13 New Mexico, whether it's military or civilian, maybe
14 these displays can be put together somewhere on one of
15 our sites for everybody.

16 Native American which we have, Spanish.
17 Maybe the Kit Carson statue or whatever that they want
18 to take down. Put them in a centralized location that
19 honors everybody. Maybe that's an olive branch
20 somehow. I don't know, it would require planning.

21 As far as the headquarters, if it does have
22 to be changed. And if this Board decides to change
23 it, I agree with you, we've never named anything as
24 far as individuals. But how about groups?

25 I can think of one group that's part of our

1 history that a lot of people, whether you're Native,
2 Anglo American, or Hispanic, is our Bataan veterans.
3 Maybe The Bataan Veterans. I don't know, I'm just
4 throwing stuff out there.

5 But I'm going to side with you, sir. I think
6 our traditions, everybody's traditions, it doesn't
7 matter what color you are, has to be preserved. And I
8 think this is an opportunity that with minds together
9 maybe it can be a win/win situation and the Guard
10 takes the lead on it. That's all I have to say, sir.

11 MG NAVA: Thank you, Mark. I appreciate
12 that.

13 Sergeant Major Torres, what are your thoughts
14 on this?

15 CSM (R) TORRES: Okay. I love everything
16 that Mark said. And I agree. My faith is very
17 strong. In Santa Fe, holy faith, you know. My
18 opinion, especially in this time that we're going
19 through, our faith needs to be strong.

20 Whatever decision it may be, it doesn't
21 matter. We need something to keep us together. And
22 if it's the New Mexico Army National Guard, you know,
23 with the name of Santa Fe, the holy faith, you know, I
24 like Santa Fe.

25 I like what Mark said, I like the Bataan

1 because of our Bataan soldiers. And I think we need
2 more faith, more help, regardless of religion. I'm
3 not saying the Catholic religion or any other
4 religion. It's the faith of the man upstairs.

5 Santa Fe, the City of the Holy Faith. If we
6 could include Santa Fe, the holy faith, in there with
7 what Mark says, the Bataan, and if we could get a
8 combination of both somehow, Bataan with soldiers and
9 Santa Fe, the faith that we need.

10 That's my opinion. I believe a lot in faith,
11 I believe a lot in the man upstairs, I believe a lot
12 in the guidance that He gives us and He has given us,
13 which, of course, the faith that we had is what
14 brought many of our soldiers back. And the ones that
15 were not brought back or did not come back, they're
16 not forgotten because of the faith that we have.
17 That's all I've got to say.

18 MG NAVA: Thank you, Sergeant Major.
19 Sergeant Major Cantrell, what are your thoughts?

20 CSM CANTRELL: Sir, thank you very much.
21 I've been checking some of the active duty
22 installations and their quests to change some of their
23 naming conventions to honor soldiers that represent
24 that state that had good service to their nation
25 instead of some of these confederate officers that

1 some of these sports are named after.

2 However, I'm not saying that's what we should
3 do here. I do like the Bataan name. I don't
4 necessarily think that we have to put Santa Fe in the
5 name of it because it is located in the holy city. We
6 know that based on where it's located. I do like the
7 sound of Bataan Training Complex or something like
8 that.

9 MG NAVA: Thank you, Sergeant Major. Jim,
10 what are your thoughts?

11 COL (R) KEEFNER: Sir, thanks. First of all,
12 I appreciate your steadfastness and backbone and just
13 digging your heels in a little bit, not just
14 arbitrarily going with the current tide that's out
15 there. I think we're going through a period now where
16 we've got going on what's going on. And this is going
17 to pass here pretty soon.

18 So first of all, I'm in lockstep with your
19 position regarding maintaining the statue in front of
20 your headquarters. As for the name of the
21 headquarters complex, the idea of Bataan is great.

22 But I would also like to see some flexibility
23 added to the bylaws and allow a facility, an armory or
24 training area, to be named after an actual individual,
25 living or deceased.

1 There are a number of names that come to mind
2 that I won't mention now. But I just think it's great
3 to have that flexibility for the State of New Mexico
4 and the National Guard. That's all I've got.

5 MG NAVA: Thank you, Jim. Appreciate it.
6 Colonel Stark.

7 COL STARK: Sir, I would like to agree with
8 Colonel Keefner and put before the Board that we go
9 ahead and allow names to be used. And if you want to
10 name this facility the Dan Stark Headquarters, I would
11 be honored to accept that. Okay. Enough levity.

12 I concur on the statue wholeheartedly. I
13 think that statue and our other honors for Native
14 American and other members of our community is
15 appropriate. And so I think we should stick with
16 that.

17 I do think that we should change the name. I
18 do not think we should leave it as Onate because we're
19 also an organization that's built about respect. And
20 like it or not, that name at this juncture doesn't
21 necessarily show the respect to all of the members of
22 our community.

23 And why would we want to offend somebody if
24 we could reasonably avoid it. And I think it shows
25 respect to the community in which we serve to not do

1 that. Leaving the statue again I think is totally
2 appropriate. I think Mark's suggestion of Bataan is
3 inspired. I actually like that an awful lot.

4 I would point out that we are a government
5 agency and there is separation of church and state.
6 So a name that is the city where we are located is
7 appropriate, but to do it for other reasons perhaps I
8 would oppose. That's all I have, sir.

9 MG NAVA: Thank you, Dan. Theresa. Theresa
10 Martinez.

11 MR. MONTANO: This is Larry, sir. What are
12 you asking?

13 MG. NAVA: I'm asking Theresa for her
14 thoughts on this topic.

15 MR. MONTANO: She said to let you know, sir,
16 that she is in an interview right now so she had to
17 step away from the meeting.

18 MG NAVA: Oh. That's not good. The one
19 second you get called by the boss and you're not even
20 there. All right.

21 Mr. Lozano, you're not a member of the Board
22 itself, you're an advisor to us. You probably have
23 been privy to some discussions amongst other agencies
24 or whatnot in your role with the Attorney General's
25 Office. I would like to hear your thoughts on this

1 matter.

2 MR. LOZANO: Oh. Major General, Members, I
3 guess I don't really want to jump into this.

4 MG NAVA: No problem.

5 MR. LOZANO: I would say just generally that
6 first off I do like the idea of naming it after
7 Bataan. But I think beyond that I'm going to bow out
8 in terms of whether we should or should not do that.

9 MG NAVA: No problem. I appreciate that. I
10 wanted to give you that opportunity again. I don't
11 know that you've had the opportunity to hear this
12 discussion amongst others or not.

13 But, you know, like I said, I feel strongly
14 about New Mexico's history, all of it. I think that
15 again there are some great opportunities right now for
16 us to help further New Mexico's history and tell the
17 complete story, complete stories.

18 And like Mark said, it is not only to
19 remember the good things that have happened but
20 remember the bad things that have happened and avoid
21 them again in the future.

22 Marty, did I miss anybody on our State Armory
23 Board?

24 MR. BURNEY: No, sir, you did not. But I do
25 have a question. I know I'm not a Board Member, I'm

1 just an administrator. But a clarification if I may,
2 sir.

3 MG NAVA: Sure.

4 MR. BURNEY: On the leases that you all voted
5 on and passed, I believe they're not the final ones.
6 I believe that, if I heard Miguel correctly, there
7 were some changes that he made. And I don't have
8 that.

9 I apologize for that. I don't have them and
10 I didn't present them. I just want to clarify that
11 the proposals to accept them are going to be on the
12 changes that he made. Once we get them, I can print
13 them and forward them for your signature. I just
14 wanted to clarify that, sir.

15 MR. LOZANO: Mr. Burney, Major General,
16 Members, I believe you have the changes that I made.
17 I made them quite sometime ago, when we initially
18 tried to do this. I think they probably were in these
19 drafts.

20 MG NAVA: Very good, Marty. The Board
21 approved the most current versions. Thank you,
22 though.

23 So thank you very much. Again it will be
24 reflected in our minutes that we had this discussion.
25 There is no action being taken at this point. I do

1 anticipate that, at some point in the near future,
2 we'll have more discussions and possibly take some
3 action regarding these items. But that will be at a
4 future meeting.

5 ITEM NO. 9: OLD BUSINESS

6 MG NAVA: There is no old business scheduled
7 for today's meeting.

8 ITEM NO. 10: ANNOUNCEMENTS;

9 ITEM NO. 11: NEXT MEETING

10 MG NAVA: There are no announcements other
11 than we have a State Armory Board meeting scheduled
12 for -- please remind me of the date and time there,
13 Marty.

14 Colonel Stark is telling me September 17.
15 Does that sound right?

16 MR. BURNEY: Yes, sir. That is the next
17 regularly scheduled SAB meeting.

18 MG NAVA: Okay. Did we give it a location?

19 MR. BURNEY: We have not, sir, that I'm aware
20 of.

21 MG NAVA: Okay. I think we're still waiting
22 to see what happens in COVID-19. It may be a virtual
23 meeting. We'll set that later as we get closer.

24 So September 17 at 1000 is the next regularly
25 scheduled State Armory Board meeting.

1 ITEM NO. 12: CLOSING REMARKS

2 MG NAVA: I would like to thank all of you
3 for what you're doing and thank you for taking time to
4 attend this meeting. And Recruiting really thanks
5 you, because they would be in a big jam if we didn't
6 have this special meeting to get them a storefront in
7 Santa Fe, New Mexico.

8 On behalf of the citizens of New Mexico and
9 the Department of Health, again thank you for
10 ratifying the MOU. We'll bring that before the
11 next -- actually we're going to have to do something
12 different, aren't we, Sonya, because the 60 days is
13 going to run out before our next scheduled State
14 Armory Board meeting. We'll talk about that later,
15 we'll figure that out.

16 Okay. Everybody please stay safe. To the
17 maximum extent, continue being smart about your
18 personal behaviors to try to avoid this COVID-19. New
19 Mexico is doing well with COVID-19, trying to get our
20 state back up and running with our economy.

21 There is a press conference at 1500 hours
22 today with the Governor. We are all anxiously waiting
23 to see what she says. If you're sick, stay home.

24 (At 1:45 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.)

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