

MINUTES
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, January 24, 2022

TIME: 1:15 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Palmer, Vice Chairman DeMordaunt, Representatives Gestrin, Youngblood, Dixon, Harris, Holtzclaw, Monks, Syme, Blanksma, Addis, Manwaring, Mitchell, Okuniewicz, Shepherd, Gannon, Rubel, McCrostie

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Syme, Mitchell, Rubel

GUESTS: George Kelley, Krystal Jimenez, Trace Giles, Stewart Harris, Ernesto DiVittorio, Joshua Tidwell, U. S. Air Force, Mountain Home Air Force Base; Nick Veldhouse, IAHD

Chairman Palmer called the meeting to order at 1:18 p.m.

Chairman Palmer appointed **Reps. Manwaring** and **Rubel** as proof readers for the session.

Colonel Ernesto DiVittorio II, Commander, 366th Fighter Wing, Mountain Home Air Force Base, presented a State of the Gunfighters address to the committee. The Mission Statement for the 366th Fighter Wing is "Prepare mission-ready Gunfighters to conduct military operations anytime, anywhere." The wing vision is "To be the Nation's most lethal and agile wing. One team consisting of empowered, innovative and resilient Gunfighters." He stated the Mountain Home Range Complex is a Regional Training Center and has a total economic impact to the area of \$650 million. Colonel DiVittorio quoted former Secretary of Defense, Mattis when he said, "The Mountain Home Range Complex is a National Treasure." Lead wing designation was received in 2021. Over the past 12 months the Gunfighters have deployed to over 25 locations worldwide.

MOTION: **Rep. De Mordaunt** made a motion for the committee to dissolve into an executive session for the purpose of hearing an unclassified briefing given by intelligence experts from the Mountain Home Air Force Base. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Captain Stewart Harris and **Staff Sergeant George Kelley**, 366th Fighter Wing, Mountain Home Air Force Base, presented an unclassified briefing to the committee.

Chairman Palmer reconvened the public meeting at 2:25 p.m.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:26 p.m.

Representative Palmer
Chair

Joyce McKenzie
Secretary