

**Alaska Military History Museum Advisory Task Force  
First Organizational Meeting Notes  
July 12, 2018 – Anchorage**

**Meeting held at Atwood Building - Anchorage, AK**

**Meeting called to order by Chair Paul Dunscomb at 4:15 p.m.**

**Task Force Members Present:** Ric Davidge, Mike Haller, Dennis Parrish, James Renkert, Kaleigh Wotring

**Participating via Phone:** Craig Fleener, Russell Vanderlugt, Angela Linn

**Absent:** Jean Pollard

**Governor's Office:** Governor Walker, John Hozey, Ken Jennings

**Others in Attendance:** Jeff Deitz, Rob Stapleton, John Parrott, Paul Bauer, Eleonore Lawson, Joe Cline, Ted Spencer (on phone) Gary Olson, BRAVO 369 Foundation (on phone), Benno Cleveland(on phone), Don Frederich, Carole Anderson, Lars Gleitsmann

**Governor Walker** – Welcomed and thanked all for participating in the task force. He reviewed the significance the military pays in Alaska and wants to make sure the state is capturing and preserving Alaska's rich military history - past, present, and future. He noted that 30% of Alaska's population is military. He would like the first step for the task force to determine if we are doing enough. And if not then where should we start to ensure this history is preserved.

**Chair Dunscomb** – Alaska has a history that deserves to be chronicled. The task force needs to discuss its mission and what can it do that's not already being done. And needs to look at military assets – what is out there?

**Board Comments** –

Many suggested importance of forming a coalition of existing museums and collaborating & supporting each other.

There is a need to inventory existing museums.

It was noted that the Tuzzy Consortium Library in Barrow has military artifacts.

**Public Comments** –

Concern about military aircraft in rural Alaska and corrosion

Important to preserve oral history and to acquire physical history

**Next Meeting** will be held in Anchorage, week of August 20<sup>th</sup> (doodle poll members to determine best date)

**Meeting adjourned at 5:19 p.m.**