

MDSS

MCALESTER DEFENSE SUPPORT SERVICES ANNUAL REPORT

2020 - 2021



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MISSION, HISTORY AND PURPOSE

Mission: "Promoting, supporting and growing the defense industry in Southeastern Oklahoma".

History: The Department of Defense has stated: a local community's active support for its defense industry is a key measurement in the evaluation of the viability of the community and defense facility. Equipped with this knowledge, in 2009 a group of volunteers established the McAlester Defense Support Association which now supports the McAlester Defense Support Services. This non-profit organization (your organization) is crucial in growing and protecting our Defense Industries which grow our economy.

Purpose: MDSS is funded by a partnership which includes MDSA membership, the City of McAlester and McAlester Area Chamber of Commerce.

MDSA/MDSS supports all area Defense Industry: McAlester Army Ammunitions Plant (MCAAP), Defense Ammunitions Center (DAC), Choctaw Defense as well as the Chickasaw Nation Industries Military Division.

We ensure the voice of our community along with the voice of our Military Industry is heard throughout the corridors of the State Capitol as well as our Nation's Capital.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
&
STAFF**

Joshua Hass	Chairman
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Robert Karr	Director

Staff



Jessica Gregg, Executive Director



CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

Another year has come and gone, and MDSS has once again had a successful year advocating for our base, in spite of COVID's best efforts. In year's past, our reports demonstrated how we worked directly with our national representation to facilitate direct hire authority for the base. This year included partnerships with the City of McAlester, Pittsburg County and the State of Oklahoma. This partnership helps to ensure the continued viability and production of MCAAP in the event that the main gate is jeopardized.

After not being able to produce the McAlester Stampede last year because of the COVID, our Executive Team had the idea to do one virtually. As someone that has never completely accepted the virtual meetings, I was skeptical of its success. Jessica and others worked to prove me wrong and it was streamlined and planned well. It was overwhelmingly successful. It was so successful, that in the future, we plan to host a spring virtual and a fall in person Stampede to place ourselves in front of our delegation as much as possible and to further the relationships between us all.

In a new world that we were all working to find some normalcy in, we were able to add additional members and Jessica and McAlester Economic Development director, Kirk Ridenour were able to continue to work hard to figure out where our community stands in the military market. I've seen firsthand the work that Kirk does to stay in front of changes in the military and how McAlester and the surrounding community can best take advantage.

To say that our nation has seen some upheaval in the last year, our community has been able to remain relatively strong and unaffected, largely because of the benefit we have in MCAAP. The board of directors still have full confidence in our executive team and Jessica Gregg, as well as the McAlester City Council and proudly work to support "the home of the MOAB".

I personally find great pride in acting as chairman now for a fourth year and look forward to the future of both MDSS and the McAlester Army Ammunition Plant.

Respectfully,

Joshua Hass

2020 - 2021 Financial Report

	MDSA		MDSS	
	Jun-21	Year to Date	Jun-21	Year to Date
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 16,845.38	\$ 12,347.68	\$ 5,978.53	\$ 4,871.33
MONTHLY INCOME	\$ 1,832.40	\$ 37,444.20	\$ 7,198.64	\$ 62,125.02
MONTHLY EXPENSE	\$ 2,396.13	\$ 33,510.23	\$ 5,189.85	\$ 59,004.03
ENDING BALANCE	\$ 16,281.65	\$ 16,281.65	\$ 7,987.32	\$ 7,992.32
PROGRAM INCOME	\$ 1,832.40	\$ 37,444.20	\$ 7,198.64	\$ 62,125.02
Membership Dues	\$ 1,832.40	\$ 37,444.20	\$ -	\$ -
Stampede Registration	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Program Support	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,487.41
MDSA - Salary & Benefits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,078.67	\$ 22,982.40
City of McAlester - Salary & Benefits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,847.34	\$ 32,170.67
City of McAlester - Reimbursables	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 272.63	\$ 1,484.54
Misc. Revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
CONTRACT SERVICES	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 255.00	\$ 1,425.85
Office Rent	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Website	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Accounting Fees	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 255.00	\$ 1,425.85
OPERATIONS	\$ 407.61	\$ 4,030.57	\$ 5.00	\$ 55.00
Bank Service Charge	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5.00	\$ 55.00
Community Events	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Luncheons & Briefings	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ -
Credit Card Expenses	\$ 107.61	\$ 1,561.57	\$ -	\$ -
Dues & Subscriptions	\$ -	\$ 625.00	\$ -	\$ -
Postage & Shipping	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ -
Printing & Copying	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Professional Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Program Support	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Conference Travel / ADC	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Misc. Expenses	\$ -	\$ 1,394.00	\$ -	\$ -
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SALARY & BENEFITS	\$ 2,078.67	\$ 28,469.81	\$ 4,929.85	\$ 57,523.18
Salary & Benefits	\$ 2,078.67	\$ 28,469.81	\$ 3,665.27	\$ 42,266.02
Federal Payroll Taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,102.58	\$ 13,436.16
State Payroll Taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 162.00	\$ 1,821.00
STAMPEDE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Capitol Reception	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Meals	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Meetings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Staff Reception	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Travel	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
VIP Dinners	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contingencies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -



MCAAP HOSTS GOVERNOR STITT AND OK CONGRESSIONAL MEMBERS

McAlester Army Ammunition Plant (MCAAP) hosted Governor Stitt, Senator Hamilton, Representative Grego, and Oklahoma Secretary of Education, Ryan Walters for a tour on June 22nd, 2021. (Photo above)

McAlester Defense Support Services Chairman, Joshua Hass, attended the tour to thank the Governor for their recent investment in the Haywood Road / Highway 270 Interchange improvement project.

The City of McAlester and Pittsburg County collectively provided approximately 40% of the project cost and the State of Oklahoma agreed to fund the remaining through the Oklahoma Department of Transportation.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

2020 was a year like no other! Individuals, businesses and families across the world saw a change in daily life. The greatest impact it had on our organization was that it limited opportunities for us to coordinate tours of MCAAP and opportunities to share about the benefits of Membership.

Fortunately, we were able to participate in four tours during 2021 and received four new members over the fiscal year.

Staffers from Senator Lankford's office had the opportunity to Tour MCAAP May 4th, 2021. (Two photos at the top of the page). Those in attendance:

- Ms. Courtney Fellows, Military Legislative Assistant
- Mr. Sebastian Borda, Military Legislative Correspondent
- MAJ Jeremy Tillman, Legislative Liaison
- Mr. Caleb Cochran, Southeast Field Representative



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Executive Director, Jessica Gregg, received a new opportunity to advocate for MCAAP on a state level, when she was nominated by Governor Stitt to represent McAlester on the Oklahoma Strategic Military Planning Commission (OSMPC) in October 2020.

OSMPC is a commission that works to prevent Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) and increase military value of all Oklahoma Installations.

There are five installations in the state and the Army National Guard; who participates as a non-voting member. Together OSMPC Commissioners review and assign funding opportunities from the Oklahoma Department of Commerce to support each of the installations.

As part of Jessica's duty for her role on the commission she presented the MCAAP "Plant Briefing" to Leadership Oklahoma on January 7th, 2021. Each Commissioner shared about their installation and the importance it has in their community.



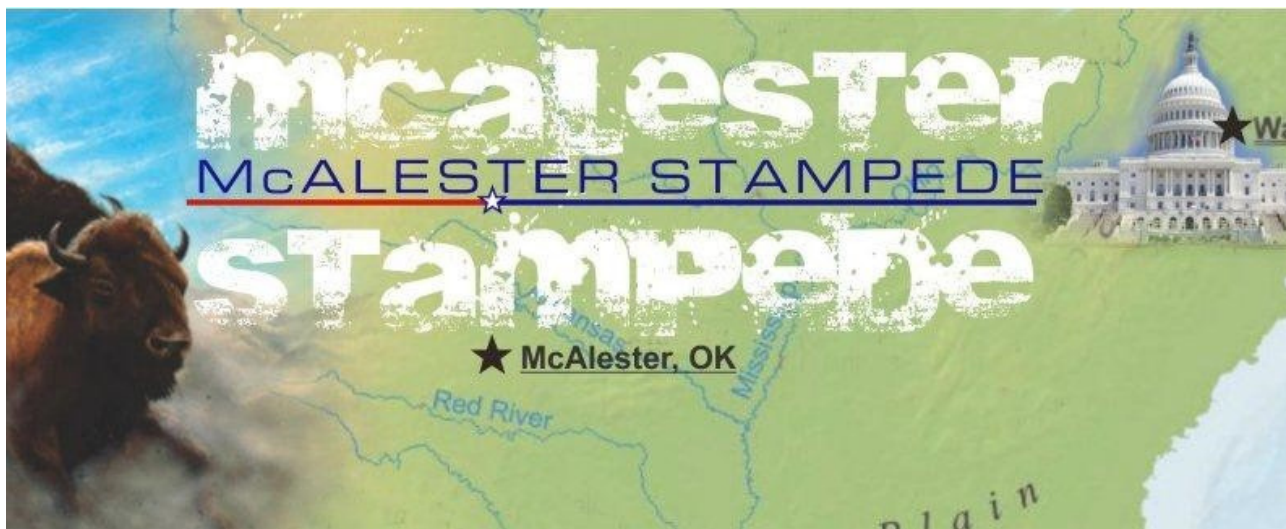
MCAAP HOSTS BRYSON PANAS

Bryson Panas, State Director of Senator Inhofe's office toured MCAAP on May 26th, 2021. (Pictured top left) Bryson was joined by Southeast Field Representative for Senator Inhofe's office, Spencer Hall.

MCAAP HOSTS OKLAOMA AEROSPACE AND DEFENSE

McAlester Army Ammunition Plant hosted team members of the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Defense. (Pictures above) Those in attendance:

- Mr. Geoffrey A. Camp, State Director
- Mr. Brent Wright, BG USAF (Ret.)
- Ms. Leshia M. Pearson, Aerospace and Defense Manager
- Ryan Tillison, Aerospace and Defense Recruiter



McALESTER VIRTUAL STAMPEDE 2021

McAlester Defense Support Association was unfortunately unable to host its normal Stampede event in Washington, D.C. in the fall of 2020 due to the pandemic. As a result, we hosted our first-ever virtual event!

Community members met with Army Leadership through Microsoft Teams on March 18th, and then federal Congressional Members and Staff on March 24th, 2021.

We focused on three talking points:

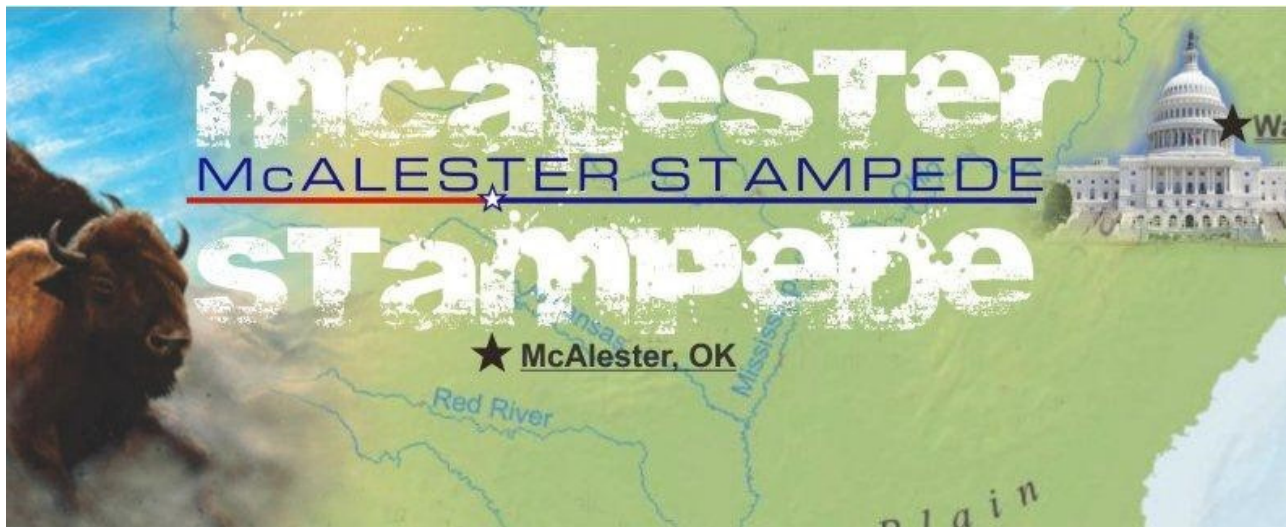
- Energy Security and Resiliency
- Haywood Road / Highway 270 Improvement Project
- Hypersonic Missiles

ARMY LEADERSHIP

- JPEO (Armanents & Ammo) - BG Vince Malone (ASA ALT)
- COL Gavin Gardner - Commander, JMC (AMC)
- SOPD ASA (IE&E) - Mr. Jack Surash (SES) (ASA IE&E)
- A/DASA E&S - Ms. Christine Ploschke
- Chief of Army Partnerships - Mr. Ivan Bolden (G-9)
- BRAC - Mr. Andy Napoli (ASA IE&E)
- SDDCTEA - BG (P) Heidi Hoyle [Defense Access Roads (DAR) Program]
- RCCTO - Mr. Robert Strider, Army Hypersonic Project Office (ASA ALT)
- Army Hypersonic Project Manager - Ms. Carolyn Farmer

ARMY SUMMARY

From our meetings with Army Leadership we learned ways we as a community can support our installation. We presented three talking points to the appropriate representative in the Army and we took guidance received to our Congressional Meetings on the 24th of March. We learned:

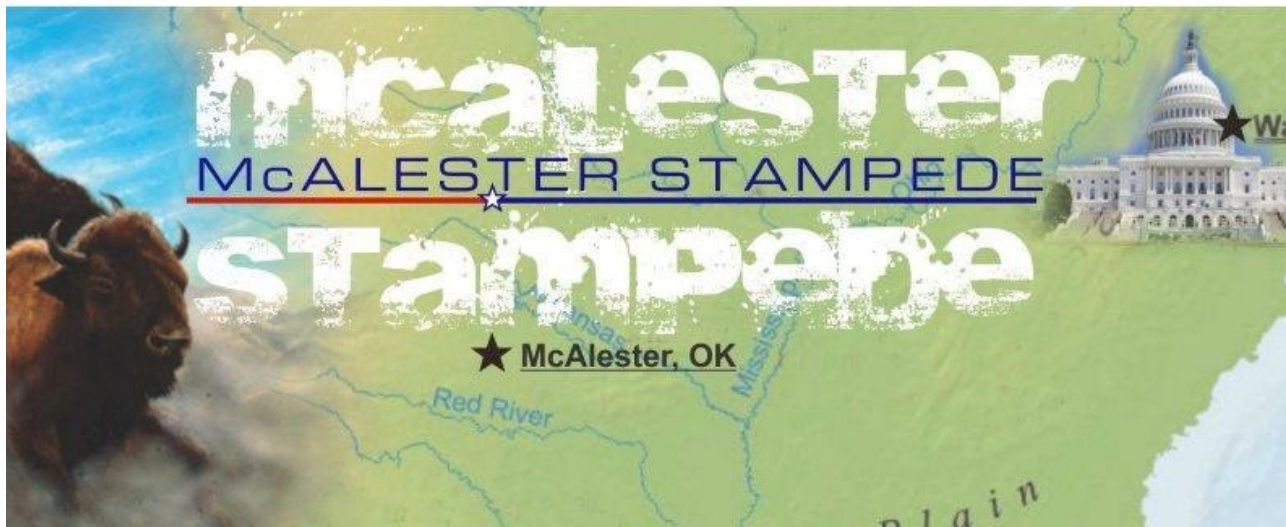


ARMY SUMMARY

- Energy Security and Resiliency - There is still a great need for installations to become energy independent. There is a need for congressional intervention to allow our installation to collect enough from the mineral rights to ensure infrastructure and increased security needs are addressed.
- Haywood Road / Highway 270 Interchange Improvement Project- Col. Gavin Gardener, Commander of JMC, voiced support in the need to improve the infrastructure discussed. The Army indicated two programs our defense community could pursue; however, thanks to the State of Oklahoma and our community partners, the \$4.9 Million project is fully funded.
- Hypersonic Missiles - Our community was able to share our understanding of the new hypersonic weapon and how MCAAP's capabilities fit in supporting the mission. The Program Managers for Hypersonic Missiles were very supportive and appreciated our community's interest in supporting the mission. However, due to the classification of the program, they were unable to indicate where they are planning to store or load, assembly and pack the asset.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPANTS

- Ben Robinson - Oklahoma Secretary of Military and Veteran's affairs
- Randall McIntire - Chairman of the Oklahoma Strategic Military Planning Commission
- Kirk Ridenour - Economic Development Director, City of McAlester
- Shelley Free - Superintendent, Kiamichi Technology Centers
- Krystal Bess - Executive Director, McAlester Area Chamber of Commerce
- Mike Mitchell - Chief Operating Officer, Commercial, Chickasaw Nation Industries
- Joshua Hass - Business Owner, Josh Hass Insurance
- Jayme Clifton - Community Development Director, City of McAlester
- Kevin Priddle - Executive VP/Cashier, The Bank N.A.
- Brian D. Lott, Commander's Representative, MCAAP
- Robert D. Mabray - Civilian Deputy, MCAAP
- John Ross - Chief of Staff, MCAAP
- Steve Cox - Director, Engineering and Public Works, MCAAP
- Brad Rutledge - Chief, Depot Operations, MCAAP
- Robert Vaughan - P.E., Infrastructure Solutions Group
- Toni Ervin, Assistant City Manager, City of McAlester
- Jessica Gregg, Executive Director, McAlester Defense Support Association



CONGRESSIONAL SUMMARY

Community members presented to Congressional Members and their staff on March 24th, 2021. We took guidance received from our Army Leadership meetings on the 18th of March and briefed each Congressional member individually and their staff in a group.

Similar to our experience with the Army, each Congressional Member and their staff were very attentive to each of our talking points. From these meetings, Senator Inhofe and Congressman Mullin requested information from the Army Hypersonic Program Officer, which prompted the officer to visit MCAAP in late May 2021.

Our organization was connected to our Oklahoma Secretaries for Transportation and Energy; prompting the state to commit to funding the Haywood Road/ Highway 270 Interchange improvement project.

We continued to work with Senator Inhofe and Senator Lankford's offices to develop report language to support drilling at MCAAP to develop energy and security. We learned the language has passed in the House and is in review during the Senate mark-up at this time.

Overall, we saw action! We saw an unprecedented amount of support for our defense community. We could not be more thankful for their guidance, dedication, and efforts.

As we continue 2021, we plan to return to Washington, D.C. November 1st-5th. To thank our Army Leadership and Congressional Members and Staff for believing in our defense community!

CONGRESSIONAL MEMBERS AND STAFF

- Senator Jim Inhofe
- Senator James Lankford
- Military Legislative Assistants
- Congressman Lucas
- Congressman Mullin
- Congresswoman Bice
- Congressman Hern
- Congressman Cole