

# Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune Restoration Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

## RAB Meeting: February 16, 2006

ATTENDEES: Robert Lowder/MCB Camp Lejeune      Laura Bader/RAB Co-Chair  
Ken Cobb/MCB Camp Lejeune      Richard Mullins/RAB Member  
Daniel Hood/NAVFAC Atlantic      Chuck Kassube/RAB Member  
Gena Townsend/USEPA Region IV      Marvin Powers/RAB Member  
Randy McElveen/NC DENR      J. M. Ensminger/RAB Member  
Matt Louth/CH2M HILL      Ray Humphries/RAB Member  
Chris Bozzini/CH2M HILL      Thomas Mattison/RAB Member  
Donna Laudermilch/CH2M HILL  
Ron Kenyon/Shaw

FROM: Donna Laudermilch/CH2M HILL

DATE: February 23, 2006

### LOCATION

Coastal Carolina Community College, Classroom Building B, Room CB121 in  
Jacksonville, North Carolina

### MINUTES

6:00 PM

#### I. Welcome and Introductions

#### II. RAB Member Drive

**Objective:** The purpose of this discussion was to discuss current RAB membership, discuss open application for new members, and review of the RAB Charter. Mr. Ken Cobb led this discussion.

**Overview:** The RAB updated the list of current members to identify those members not in regular attendance. According to Ms. Bader, Mr. Cross has resigned; and according to Mr. Kassube, Ms. Stephanie Canfield has relocated to Raleigh, NC. Mr. Cobb has not been able to contact Pastor Schwam to verify whether he would like to continue his involvement with the RAB.

As it is the start of a new year, the RAB will be looking for additional participation from the community. A public notice is scheduled to run in the *Globe* and the *Jacksonville Daily News* (in the local section) until February 28, 2006 asking for membership applications. The RAB

was encouraged to invite any concerned citizens to apply on-line or to fill out a hard copy of the application available at this meeting.

The RAB then reviewed the membership requirements as outlined in the Charter:

- Members must reside in or serve the community within Onslow County;
- Members must attend all RAB meetings;
- Members must resign in writing to either of the co-chairs; and
- There is no limit to a member's term if he/she is actively participating.

According to the Charter, the requirements for the community co-chair include:

- The co-chair must be nominated by a RAB member;
- The co-chair must be selected by a majority vote of RAB members;
- The co-chair serves for a period of one year (however he/she can serve a successive term if no other community member is nominated).

Ms. Bader has been acting as the community co-chair for one year, so Mr. Lowder suggested holding elections for a new co-chair at the next RAB meeting.

During the discussion about improving RAB membership, Mr. Humphries suggested sending a letter to city, county, and state agencies to get representatives from these agencies involved in the RAB.

Mr. Mullins recommended use of the USO, Senior Center, or the library if it continues to be difficult to secure a classroom at the Community College for the RAB meetings.

### **III. Knox Trailer Park Site Investigation Project Update**

**Objective:** The purpose of this discussion was to present an update on site activities associated with Knox Trailer Park. Mr. Robert Lowder led this discussion.

**Overview:** The site history of Knox Trailer Park is as follows:

- The Site began as a Civilian Conservation Corps camp before MCBCL was established in 1941.
- A dog-training school, located in southernmost area of the trailer park, operated from 1942-1946.
- In the mid-1970s, EOD responded to a buried live hand grenade and several practice hand grenades.
- Currently, only a few occupied mobile homes remain on site.
- The total site area for the site investigation is 133 acres.
- The trailer park occupies a 38-acre open area, surrounded by a heavily wooded area.

Although there are no documents or data showing this area was ever used as a grenade range, an investigation is being conducted due to the confirmed presence of several grenades. Field investigation activities include:

- Land survey (site boundary, geophysical grids, sampling locations)
- Vegetation clearing
- Digital geophysical mapping
- Monitoring well installation

- Environmental sampling (groundwater, surface water, sediment, surface and subsurface soil).

Vegetation clearing, currently being conducted, is necessary for geophysical mapping in the overgrown areas. All vegetation less than four inches in diameter is mechanically cleared and the vegetation is shredded or mulched and left in place. During clearing activities, subcontractor personnel are escorted by UXO technicians.

The geophysical survey is being conducted using a 100 foot by 100 foot grid network, network established by the land surveyor. During survey activities, all subcontractor personnel are escorted by UXO technicians. The RAB reviewed a read-out from the geophysical survey, which identified numerous subsurface anomalies.

Mr. Powers indicated that he remembered grenade training in the same general area as the trailer park when he was stationed on Base. Mr. Mattison, who had helped move the trailer homes out of that area, indicated that a lot of times the anchors were left in the ground and the concrete pads were left in place, which could contribute to some of the anomalies.

Mr. Kassube asked a question regarding the depth of the anomalies. According to Mr. Daniel Hood, the focus of the geophysical survey is the depth from 0 to 2 feet. This is the expected depth of penetration for a grenade explosion or the expected depth a soldier would bury an unexploded grenade at the end of the day. If the site were a former artillery range, the geophysical survey would include a deeper interval.

#### **IV. Next RAB Meeting**

The Next RAB Meeting will be **May 4, 2006 at 6:00 PM**. Mr. Bob Lowder will secure a location for the meeting and send the information to the RAB members.