

# NAF Accounting Working Group Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 24, 2017

0900-0930 EDT

## Attendees

- MC&FP
  - Paulette Freese, Mike Curtis
- DFAS – Indianapolis
  - La Zaleus Leach
- Army Secretariat
  - Coleen Amstein, Eric Alberts, Gerald Holliday
- Army IMCOM G9
  - Will Anderson, Sonia Daugherty
- Army OACSIM-IS
  - Elizabeth Femrite
- AFSVA
  - Tina Hudson, Marcus Whitehead, Tom Marsh, Peter Nation, Marivic Penman
- MCCS
  - Ray Winkelhausen, Courtney Pulis, Christine Brokaw
- Army – DFAS – Texarkana
  - Lena Anderson
- Navy CNIC
  - Nancy Stephens, Jeffrey Potter
- Grant Thornton (GT)
  - Jeremy Blain, Ariane Whittemore, Jack Renner

## Welcome and Introductions – Ms. Paulette Freese

- Ms. Paulette Freese welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for participating.
- Ms. Freese noted that DoD has ongoing and future cross-functional groups to study increasing efficiencies, currently including Lodging. She stated that our NAF Standard General Ledger and cooperative actions such as this Working Group give us an advantage if/when NAF Accounting becomes a focus.

## Action Items from Previous Meeting – Mr. Mike Curtis, MWR & Resale Policy

- MC&FP to complete one-on-one meetings with the Services to review 2016 Program-Metric Report results and analyses. Meetings completed with Navy and Air Force. Dialogue with USMC ongoing. Rescheduling the Army meeting.

## Joint Accounting Initiative Update – Mr. Jeremy Blain, Grant Thornton and Ms. Paulette Freese, MWR & Resale Policy

- Mr. Blain reported that Grant Thornton is currently in the analysis phase of the ongoing Joint NAF Comparative Analysis. Grant Thornton has had productive meetings with all four Services.
- Mr. Blain stated that Grant Thornton will review results with each Service, before presenting findings and recommendations to senior leaders.

- Mr. Ray Winkelhausen asked if senior leader meeting would be in September. Mr. Blain stated that this is the goal but it will depend on leadership availability.

### **OSD Update – Mr. Mike Curtis, MWR & Resale Policy**

- Mr. Curtis stated that MC&FP is working to create a Tableau Server portal via a Grant Thornton contact who works with Army PA&E and the Army's Office of the Chief of Chaplains. The portal is online and MC&FP is working to ensure that only relevant personnel will have access. This effort will allow MC&FP and Services direct access to Tableau visualizations.
- Mr. Curtis noted he has completed the FY16 NAF Program-Metric Report analysis meetings with the Navy and Air Force. Mr. Curtis noted that meetings with the Army and USMC are pending. He also stated that the focus is on validation of the data in the repository, and this effort has helped identify and resolve issues. This process can also help show GAO that we are proactively verifying and analyzing our data to ensure its validity.
- A GAO review is beginning and the next step is the entrance conference. The objectives are in the pending NDAA; one of which is a review of budgeting, funding, and accounting for MWR. Mr. Chris Wright is the primary action officer for OSD for this study. Ms. Freese clarified that the review is specifically looking at MWR Program Categories, and more information will be coming to the Services through their Secretariats through Mr. Wright.
- Mr. Curtis offered a reminder of the NAF IT Strategic Facilitation Session, and noted that Grant Thornton will be providing an update on the Joint NAF Accounting System Solution at the end of the Session. Ms. Paulette noted that the Session is focused on strengthening NAF IT across board. Objectives for deliverables include: write NAF IT Policy, and the future of NAF IT in terms of domains. The Grant Thornton ERP update will occur 1000-1200 on Thursday, and Ms. Freese will arrange an optional dial-in for NAF Accounting folks.

### **Wrap Up**

- Mr. Curtis summarized the topics noted above and concluded the meeting, commenting that the next NAFSGL Working Group session will occur on Thursday, September 21.

### **Action Items Summary – Current Meeting**

- MC&FP to schedule and conduct one-on-one meetings with Army and USMC to review 2016 Program-Metric Report results and analyses.