



**Central Montana Defense Alliance – Executive  
Special Meeting  
October 14, 2010  
Chamber Video Conference Center**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

David Weissman	George Campanella	Owen Robinson
Ken Van Sickle	Dave Bertelsen	Joe Briggs
Greg Doyon	Steve Malicott	

**COMMITTEE GUESTS:**

Bonnie Keller	Cheryl Ulmer
Andrew Person	Jamie Wise

**CHAMBER STAFF:**

Tom Alfrey

**Discussed C27J announcement:**

The following areas were discussed:

- It has been announced that Great Falls is a preferred location for the placement of a C27J Squadron (4 airplanes). The number of C27J's has been trimmed to 38 vs. the original announcement of 70
- If the F15's leave when anticipated, we will have work to do to fill the gap of missing jobs (could lose 40-60 % of current jobs, mostly maintenance related)
- Timing: C27J's will likely arrive in 2014
- RPA's announcements will not be known until the spring or winter of 2011
- RPA's are adaptable to airport locations – working on FAA issues
- Would like justification for moving F-15's to California (Expense issue)
- Welcome ideas
- Importance of JLUS - is being amended to include flight corridors ie., the Hays MOA
- How fill job gap?
  - Additional C27J's
  - Longer use of F-15's
  - RPA's
  - Work on verbal commitments to keep current number of jobs in tact

- Work on companion missions
- Next steps
  - Trip to DC – when?
  - Meeting with the Governor
- Information requested:
  - Data card (information) from existing C27J squadrons
  - Information on how/why Great Falls was selected
- E-medical Records Mission – should know by end of year.
- Continue pursuit of C130's

Discussions and activities will continue

Respectfully submitted,  
Tom Alfrey