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Beth Kirkland: Executive Director of Economic Development Council

This July 27, please join us for dinner and our special guest Beth Kirkland. Ms. Kirkland has served as Executive Director of the Economic Development Council since 2007. The Economic Development Council office can give you labor market analysis, local industry insight, job training assistance as well as small business resources all for the economic development of Tallahassee.



Ms. Kirkland has a BS in Computer Science from University of Louisiana at Monroe and a MS in Engineering Systems Analysis from University of Central Florida. In 2009 she was certified in Economic Development from the International Economic Development Council and is an alumna of Leadership Tallahassee Class 17. Ms. Kirkland is currently on the board of Florida's Great Northwest, a 16 county regional economic development organization.

Professional Achievements

- As Director of Partnership Development she raised \$2.5 million of investment in enhanced economic development.
- Implemented a comprehensive program that joined economic and workforce development organizations that had a goal of growing local job and local businesses that resulted in \$4 million of workforce training dollars and tax credits.
- Established a consulting practice on software development for the defense, state government, and small business sectors.

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July 10, 2011

Dear Chapter Members,

I hope to see you all at our July meeting. Beth Kirkland will be our guest speaker. Beth is the Executive Director of the Economic Development Council. With the challenges facing our economy, I think it will be a great opportunity to hear what initiatives are working locally, and what the future might hold.

I was very encouraged to see a great turnout at the June meeting. I hope everyone enjoyed the new meeting room arrangement, the food, and of course, the new air conditioning.

This is the last meeting for the summer. Please join us for a nice evening. We will meet again in September, and will likely transition to quarterly dinner meetings with other events such as an informal happy hour for the months in between. I will see you July 27!

Sincerely,
Terance Keenan

News Briefs

- Gov. Rick Scott and the Cabinet appointed retired Army Col. Mike Prendergast as executive director of the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs during a special Cabinet meeting June 22. Prendergast had previously served as Governor Scott's Chief of Staff. The Tampa native served 31 years of active duty service as a Military Police Officer, with multiple combat deployments in Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as assignments in Africa, Europe and Asia.
- Veterans who live in the Sunshine State now can add a veteran designation to their driver license or identification card. At a July 12 news conference, hosted by the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, Lt. Gov. Jennifer Carroll said the new feature on the driver license is just one way that the state can show appreciation to military veterans.
- MOAA Government Relations Director Col Steve Strobridge was among several association leaders invited to a Thursday White House briefing on the status of ongoing negotiations on options to address the deficit and the debt ceiling. During the question and answer period, Strobridge raised MOAA's concerns that, while all of the various groups have understandable concerns about finding their constituents "alone under the bus", one of the real risks is that cobbling together a mass of major program cuts in a last-minute legislative package raises the likelihood of "doing something dumb." In particular, he highlighted reports that significant changes in the military retirement and health care package are among the options for Pentagon spending cuts.

Dinner Meeting
July 27, 2011
Killearn Country Club
Social 1830, Dinner 1915

DINNER RESERVATIONS

*** Reservation change for this month*** Please email your reservation to terancekeenan@TallaHome.com or call 445-2476.

*You can also mail to Tal-MOAA, P.O. Box 4038, Tallahassee, FL 32315-4038

Time: July 27, 1830 hours, Killearn Country Club

For questions call Terance Keenan @ 445-2476 or email at terancekeenan@TallaHome.com

REMINDER: If you make a reservation and don't show up, you pay. If you don't pay, the chapter is responsible for picking up your tab

Reservations for the Tal-MOAA dinner @\$16.00 (ADVANCED RESERVATIONS ONLY)

Reservations: I request _____ reservations

Entrée selection: _____ Sirloin _____ Chicken

Social hour begins 1830 hours; dinner is served at 1915 hours

Dinner **\$16.00 Each** _____

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Please provide names and titles for name tags

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The Ladies Auxiliary of the Military Officers Association of America, Tallahassee, although affiliated with The Military Officers Association of America, Tallahassee Chapter (Tal-MOAA), is a separate organization. Annual dues are \$12, payable in January. Many members of the Auxiliary are also Associate members of Tal-MOAA.

Meetings of the Ladies Auxiliary are held on the second Wednesday of each month at the Killlearn Country Club at noon. Deadline for all reservations is noon the Monday before the meeting.

The "Friendship Luncheon" for members and friends is held each February, September and December. Guests, family and prospective members are welcome at any meeting.

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