

To: BOS
Subject: Economic Development Update - Greater Williamsburg Partnership & Greater Williamsburg Business Incubator (Launchpad)

On Jun 12, 2019, at 1:44 PM, Noel, James, Jr. <inoel@yorkcounty.gov> wrote:

Neil,

I am pleased to report that the reorganization of the Greater Williamsburg Partnership (GWP) has been completed and the Launchpad transition will be concluded this month. The GWP Board of Directors formally approved the Memorandum of Agreement, moving the GWP under the Greater Williamsburg Chamber and Tourism Alliance, Business Council on June 6th. A copy of the fully executed agreement is attached. The functional transition will occur July 1, 2019. In a parallel move the Greater Williamsburg Business Incubator (Launchpad) will be moving under the College of William & Mary's, Alan B. Miller Entrepreneurship Center. The Launchpad will be relocating from its current location in Newtown to Tribe Square, next to the William & Mary campus. The new space is part of William & Mary's new Alan B. Miller Entrepreneurship Center and will provide the Launchpad tenants direct access to many new human and physical business resources. The Memorandum of Understanding facilitating this transition will be considered by the EDA at their June 25th meeting. This is an EDA action because York County's funding for the Launchpad flows through the EDA. The City of Williamsburg and James City County will act on this matter at their June meetings. This will be considered by their City Council and Board of Supervisors respectively. York County's funding (EDA & County) for both organizations will remain level. York County representatives will continue to serve on advisory boards for both entities.

In a related announcement the GWP just received notification that it has received a \$600,000 grant from the EPA for brownfield assessment and redevelopment planning. The funds can also be used for leveraging existing state programs that provide site mitigation funding. A local match is not required. The grant funds are available for a period of three years. The City of Williamsburg is the fiscal agent for the grant. The next step in the grant process is hiring an engineering firm to implement assessment and redevelopment plans for brownfield sites.

Steven Meade, Chairman of the GWP and Vice Chairman York County EDA, recently responded in writing to a reporter's inquiry regarding the GWP and Launchpad reorganization. I thought his answers were excellent and provide great information regarding this new structure. His response is listed below.

- What prompted the interest in having GWP come in under the chamber's wing?
Answer: Several matters that were being discussed in a short period of time: (1) Senate Bill 942 created the opportunity for restructuring of the Greater Williamsburg Chamber & Tourism Alliance and an expansion of roles for the Chamber; (2) the desire to enhance and strengthen the Greater Williamsburg Partnership's administration and change its focus on how to approach economic development; and (3) the College of William & Mary's decision to relocate the Alan B. Miller Entrepreneurship Center into Tribe Square, which created an opportunity to co-locate the Launchpad small business incubator with William & Mary and to share space and facilities. Those discussions started independently but with fortuitous timing quickly became a way to consolidate regional efforts.
- What's the benefit of this move for the GWP's initiatives and activity?

Answer: Stability is a core concern. By transitioning into the Chamber, GWP gains a physical footprint, office space for its programs and a home. It also gains administrative support with an existing, successful group of professional administrators and support staff, such as communications and marketing professionals. GWP can leverage the existing programs and functions of the Chamber, while helping to bring a regional economic development focused program into a welcoming new home. All of this translates to the ability to focus more on the core mission and goals, but also to operate from a more stable platform and have the flexibility to branch out into new approaches to economic development.

- Will this move usher in any new initiatives or projects of the GWP?

Answer: Eventually, we believe that this transition will lead to new initiatives. This combination of economic development and traditional chamber of commerce functions is common in a lot of other states and we expect it to foster new ideas and approaches here. For now, we are satisfied with the progress GWP has made since 2016 and satisfied with initiatives and projects that are on-going. We have evidence that the GWP approach is working from the announcement this week that the GWP, partnering with the City of Williamsburg, has been selected by the State for a Brownfields Grant of \$600,000; this is wonderful evidence that the hard work of the past three years is starting to return dividends. The most important initiative of the GWP is the regional cooperation demonstrated by James City County, York County and the City of Williamsburg in looking past boundary lines and working to find solutions and approach economic development in a cooperative, regional way that will ultimately benefit the citizens of our communities.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this information

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<Memorandum of Agmt. between GWCTA and GWP, signed.pdf>

From: Craig Quigley <cquigley@hrmffa.org>
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Ladies & Gentlemen, below please find this week's edition of *Executive Insight Brief* from The Roosevelt Group.

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EXECUTIVE INSIGHT BRIEF | JUNE 7, 2019
TOP STORIES

Russia Escalates Dangerous and Provocative Behavior

[Moscow and Washington are both blaming each other](#) for a near collision between two warships in the East China Sea on June 7th.

Russian naval forces are claiming that the American ship, USS Chancellorsville, changed course to cut across the path of the Russian destroyer and eventually came within the dangerously small distance of 50

meters.

The American [account](#) of events in the East China Sea refutes the Russian claim of victimhood. According to the U.S Navy, the behavior of the Russian ship was “unsafe and unprofessional.”

It is important to note that this is not the first time our near-peer adversaries have undertaken provocative action that threatens to endanger lives as well as raise tensions to dangerous levels. This event is similar to the near collision of Chinese and American warships in the South China Sea in 2018 and in 2013.

These actions seemed to be provocation from Beijing. [Read more here.](#)

This is the second time in three days that U.S. forces have been [victim to dangerous Russian behavior](#). Earlier this week, a Russian Sukhoi SU-35 fighter made three passes at an American P-8A Poseidon patrol plane, according to a Navy statement issued Tuesday. While 6th Fleet officials deemed two of the three passes safe under international rules for aerial intercepts, the second pass by the Russian “Flanker-E” jet veered directly in front of the American aircraft, creating “wake turbulence” that unlawfully endangered the aircrew. [See the 7th Fleet’s statement here.](#)

More News on the Army’s NGSW

The U.S. Army is looking to update its armaments for the 21st century. [Reports indicate](#) that both the M4A1 and M249 are due to be replaced by significantly more technologically sophisticated weapons. Up to two \$250 million dollar production contracts will be awarded by 2021 to firms that can field prototype weapons which incorporate a new 6.8mm round, improved optics, facial recognition technology, target tracking, and a ballistic computer capable of accurately predicting projectile impact from up to 600 meters away.

[Click here for more.](#)

USS Kennedy Gets Its Island

The U.S. Navy's next aircraft carrier, the Ford-class John F Kennedy, reached an important milestone last week as its iconic control tower or ["island" was installed](#). The 550-ton steel object was lowered by crane onto the deck of the carrier where it is currently being welded firmly into place. With the island installed, the carrier is 90% structurally complete and is expected to launch later this year and enter service in 2024. At a cost of \$11.3 billion dollars, the Navy calculates that the [USS Kennedy](#) will be roughly 15% cheaper than the first ship in its class, the Gerald R Ford.

Shangri-La 2019 Conference

The [17th annual Shangri-La Dialogue](#) wrapped up in Singapore on June 2nd. The annual summit serves as an open forum for states with Asian-Pacific security interests to interact and discuss pressing issues. Like the preceding years, the 2019 meeting took place in the Shangri-La Hotel in Singapore and was dominated by questions concerning U.S.-China relations. The Chinese delegation was headed by Wei Fenghe, the Minister of Defense, marking the first time in a decade such a high-ranking Chinese official attended the dialogue. [Click here for more](#).

Trump's UK Visit/Honoring D-Day

A state visit to the United Kingdom by President Trump was poorly received by the British public. The public elected to fly an inflatable "Baby Trump Balloon" during the President's visit as a [form of protest](#). The anti-Trump coalition said in a statement, "this is about sending a strong message that people in the U.K. don't accept the divisive right-wing policies that Trump stands for, and that inviting him for a state visit is totally inappropriate."

World Leaders Honor Heroes Who Saved the World from Tyranny

President Trump and first lady Melania Trump continued their commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the D-Day invasion of Nazi-occupied northern France by Allied forces. The president joined French President Emmanuel Macron in [honoring the fallen, as well as all who participated](#), on the very site

of the invasion—the beaches of Normandy.

"There was never a more important event than the event 75 years ago today, think of that," Mr. Trump told Fox News' Laura Ingraham just before the D-Day ceremony..."These were incredible, brave people who were just being blown up, and you have the graves all over. I mean, these were people that knew they were going to die. It was - it was horrendous." Mr. Trump went on to say that the invasion "led to something very special....This was a very, very horrific day, but it was also a very special day, and it's an honor to be here." [Read full story here.](#)

US - UK Relations

Both the U.S. and the U.K. are still strong diplomatic partners, however, in recent times it seems the relationship is not as strong as it once was. The two nations are split on various geopolitical issues including Iran and [Huawei](#) (Britain has agreed to let the company build parts of its 5G network, whereas the United States has been rolling back the presence of the Chinese company within its borders.)

U.S. officials have stated that Britain's use of Huawei 5G could cause deep fissures within the alliance, as the U.S. would be severely limited when it comes to sharing intelligence, at the hands of the Chinese governments suspected 'involvement' with the company.

Update on Iran

Military tensions between the U.S. and Iran appear to have subsided slightly in the past week. The U.S. deployed the Abraham Lincoln Carrier Strike Group in the Persian Gulf, following the discovery of intelligence suggesting planned attacks against U.S. interests in the Middle East, namely U.S. military bases and oil reserves of the UAE and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

The [conflict was deepened](#) as the U.S. Navy observed small Iranian ships armed with cruise missiles near their position. Iran refuted the claim made by the U.S. that the small dhows were armed with cruise missiles to give Iranian

forces covert offensive capabilities against U.S. ships, instead citing defensive maneuvers for the Iranian Navy.

An official within the U.S. military community was quoted saying “It seems tensions have dropped some, but we are still watching very closely.” At the moment, it appears Iran has removed cruise missiles from the dhows and other small ships in the area. Such a tour de force by the U.S. Navy in the region intended to show the U.S.’s ability to rapidly respond to threats while intelligence suggested Iranian officials were doubting U.S. military readiness.

[Read more](#)

China and the Arctic

China’s efforts to extend their global influence increasingly focuses on the warming Arctic and the opportunities presented by it. Following Xi Jinping’s visit to Moscow on Wednesday, the Russian oil company [Rosneft](#) announced

Chinese willingness to invest in Arctic oil projects. This partnership is particularly interesting given Russia’s position as China’s only land-based access to the Arctic Circle and follows a series of events displaying Chinese commitment to the Arctic, as a Shanghai-based ship builder unveiled China’s second ever ice-breaker earlier this year.

Quick Hits

Parkland cop arrested

Former Sheriff’s Deputy [Scot Peterson was arrested this week](#) on 11 different charges including child neglect, culpable negligence and perjury. Peterson has been heavily criticized for not intervening during the Parkland School Shooting which took place on February 14th, 2018, despite being the only armed security guard on premise during the incident.

B-1 Lancer readiness

A report from a House Armed Services Committee subpanel found [B-1 Lancer](#) readiness is at an all-time low. U.S. long range strike capabilities could be

severely hindered with the neglect of the Lancer fleet, especially as current estimates place less than ten B-1's out of sixty-three fully mission-capable. The proposed legislation to emerge from the report has given the Air Force mandates to report progress of improvements to B-1 readiness and plans for future usage to HASC on March 1, 2020.

North Korean Diplomat's Fate Remains Unclear

The North Korean diplomat who was reported by South Korea's largest newspaper to have been executed by a firing squad is [actually alive](#) and is currently residing in state custody.

Kim Hyok Chol is a special envoy to the United States who is still being investigated for the role he played in the failed Hanoi summit that took place between North Korea and the United States in February. After the meeting between President Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un ended abruptly without reaching a deal, sources say [Kim Hyok Chol](#) had been “almost deprived” of power since the aftermath of the failed summit. Chol was spotted in a public appearance with the North Korean leader over the weekend. Although Kim Hyok Chol is alive and seemingly well, sources claim that he could still face heavy punishment.

North Korean diplomats and officials have a history of disappearing from the public eye for extended periods of time. Diplomats and officials tend to resurface alive. For example, Kim Yong Ju, the brother of Kim il Sung, disappeared for an astounding two decades in the mid 1970's and reappeared in 1993.

U.S. Takes Further Steps to Oust Turkey from F-35 Program

The United States has decided [to stop accepting any more Turkish pilots](#) who had planned to train in the United States on F-35 fighter jets, three U.S. officials said, in a sign of an escalating dispute over Ankara's plans to purchase Russian air defenses. The two NATO allies have sparred publicly for months over Turkey's order for Russia's S-400 air defense system, which Washington says poses a threat to the Lockheed Martin Corp F-35 stealthy fighters, which Turkey also plans to buy.

This Day in History

1498

Christopher Columbus leaves on his [third voyage](#) of exploration.

1546

The [Peace of Ardres](#) ends the war between France and England.

1654

[Louis XIV](#) is crowned king of France.

1712

The Pennsylvania Assembly bans the importation of slaves.

1767

[Daniel Boone](#) sights present-day Kentucky.

1776

[Lee Resolution](#), or the Resolution for Independence, is presented to Continental Congress by Richard Henry Lee of Virginia. Though, because some of the finer details had to still be worked out, the colonies decided to convene several weeks later. On July 2nd, 12 of the 13 states voted in favor of the resolution (New York, failing to follow the footsteps of superior New Jersey, abstained). However, this date would be largely forgotten for two days later, when Thomas Jefferson's edited [Declaration of Independence](#) was adopted.

1863

Mexico City is [captured](#) by French troops.

1863

Rebels turned back at [Milliken's Bend](#), Louisiana, in a failed attempt to relieve the Confederate garrison at Vicksburg. The South's last major stronghold on the Mississippi had fallen to General Grant, fittingly, on July 4th.

1866

Chief Seattle dies near the city named for him. [Read more here.](#)

1903

Professor Pierre Curie reveals the discovery of [Polonium](#).

1932

Over 7,000 war veterans—who became known as the “[Bonus Army](#)” - march on Washington, D.C., demanding their bonus pay for service in World War I.

Feeling the harsh brunt of the Great Depression, the desperate veterans camped out in Washington, until the Army (led by Douglas MacArthur) and police forcibly pushed them out.

1942

[Battle of Midway](#) comes to a [close](#) after four days of intense sea-air fighting.

During the battle, underdog American forces decisively turn the tide of the Pacific theater by shocking the Imperial Japanese Navy—sinking four of their carriers. Following the losses suffered from the crippling defeat, coupled with the high production of vessels by the American home front, meant the Japanese would be on the defensive for the remainder of the war.

1942

The Japanese invade [Attu](#) in the [Aleutian](#) Islands. This island of Kiska had been invaded the preceding day.

1968

In Operation Swift Saber, U.S. Marines sweep an area 10 miles northwest of Da Nang in South Vietnam.

1981

Israeli F-16 fighter-bombers destroy Iraq's only nuclear reactor.

See more at [Historynet.com](#) and [History.com](#).

Look Ahead

Monday, June 10

9:00 AM EDT

Meeting: Health and Human Services Department

Topic: Biodefense Science

Location: TBA

10:30 AM EDT

Meeting: Defense Department; office of the Secretary

Topic: National Security Education Recommendations

Location: Mayflower Hotel, 1127 Connecticut Avenue NW

5:00 PM EDT

Book Discussion: The Center for Strategic and International Studies

Topic: Foreign Affairs

Location: CSIS, 1616 Rhode Island Avenue NW

Tuesday, June 11

8:00 AM EDT

Workshop: The RAND Corporation

Topic: Homeland Security

Location: RAND, 1200 South Hayes St., Arlington, Va.

8:30 AM EDT

Meeting: Interior Department; Geological Survey

Topic: National Geospatial Updates

Location: Interior Department, 1849 C St. NW, South Penthouse Conference Room

9:00 AM EDT

Meeting: Veterans Affairs Department

Topic: Gulf War Veterans Health

Location: VA, 810 Vermont NW, Sonny Montgomery Conference Room 230

9:00 AM EDT

Meeting: Health and Human Services Department

Topic: Biodefense Science

Location: TBA

9:00 AM EDT

Meeting: Labor Department; Veteran's Employment and Training Service

Topic: Veterans Employment and Training

Location: Labor Department, Frances Perkins Building, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Conference Room N4437 A B & C

9:15 AM EDT

Meeting: Defense Department; office of the Secretary

Topic: Women in the Military Issues

Location: Hilton Alexandria Mark Center, 5000 Seminary Road, Alexandria, Va.

10:00 AM EDT

Discussion: The Atlantic Council, the American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce, and the Athens Exchange Group

Topic: Foreign Affairs

Location: Atlantic Council, 1030 15th St. NW, 12th Floor

12:00 PM EDT

Discussion: The Cato Institute

Topic: Foreign Affairs

Location: Cato Institute, 1000 Massachusetts Avenue NW, F.A. Hayek Auditorium

Wednesday, June 12

8:00 AM EDT

Meeting: Defense Department; office of the Secretary

Topic: Military Science Programs

Location: Executive Conference Center, 4075 Wilson Boulevard, Third Floor,

Arlington, Va.

8:30 AM EDT

Meeting: Interior Department; Geological Survey

Topic: National Geospatial Updates

Location: Interior Department, 1849 C St. NW, South Penthouse Conference Room

9:00 AM EDT

Meeting: Veterans Affairs Department

Topic: Gulf War Veterans Health

Location: VA, 810 Vermont NW, Sonny Montgomery Conference Room 230

9:00 AM EDT

Conference: The Heritage Foundation, the U.S. Institute of Peace, and the Embassy of Georgia

Topic: Foreign Affairs

Location: USIP, 2301 Constitution Avenue NW

10:00 AM EDT

Discussion: The Heritage Foundation

Topic: Foreign Affairs

Location: Heritage Foundation, 214 Massachusetts Avenue NE, Lehrman Auditorium

10:00 AM EDT

Markup: House Armed Services Committee

Topic: National Defense Authorization Act

Location: 2118 Rayburn House Office Building

1:00 PM EDT

Book Discussion: The Center for Strategic and International Studies

Topic: Defense

Location: CSIS, 1616 Rhode Island Avenue NW

Thursday, June 13

8:00 AM EDT

Meeting: Defense Department; office of the Secretary

Topic: Military Science Programs

Location: Executive Conference Center, 4075 Wilson Boulevard, Third Floor,
Arlington, Va.

x:30 AM EDT

Forum: The National Defense Industrial Association, the Mitchell Institute for
Aerospace Studies, the Air Force Association and the Reserve Officers
Association

Topic: Defense

Location: Capitol Hill Club, 300 First St. SE

10:00 AM EDT

Meeting: Defense Department; Office of the Secretary

Topic: Military Family Readiness Issues

Location: The Pentagon, PLC2 Pentagon Library & Conference Center, Room
B6.

Have a fantastic weekend!