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Lt. Governor Evelyn Sanguinetti announces four new appointments for military committee

CHICAGO - Lieutenant Governor Evelyn Sanguinetti has announced the appointments of four public members to serve on the Interagency Military Base Support and Economic Development Committee (IMBSEDC), which coordinates Illinois' activities on and to act as communication center for issues relating to the military bases in the state.

The new appointed members are Scott Lohman, a partner of Lohman Companies/LB Benefits; retired major general Yves Fontaine, president and founder of Fontaine Consulting, LLC; Aaron Lawlor, Lake County Board Chairman; and Zach Mottl, chief alignment officer of Atlas Tool Works Inc.

The lieutenant governor serves as chairman of the IMBSEDC committee and is an advocate for the state's military bases and their surrounding communities.

"We feel much honored to have these outstanding leaders to be part of our committee. Their wealth of knowledge and expertise will be valuable for the committee and consequently for the future of our state's military," Sanguinetti said.

The military and the defense industry directly and indirectly contribute nearly 150,000 jobs and \$13.3 billion in economic activity across Illinois. Although it only represents close to 2 percent of the state's gross domestic product, the economic impact in the areas surrounding our three active military base installations and defense industry statewide is significant.

Illinois' major active military bases are: Scott Air Force Base near Belleville, Rock Island Arsenal near Rock Island, and Naval Station Great Lakes near North Chicago.

"I look forward to helping advocate for the military facilities located in Illinois, and to help promote the Rock Island Arsenal in the Quad Cities Bi-State area," said Lohman, a resident of the Quad Cities area.

Lake County Board Chairman Aaron Lawlor, added, "I'm honored to have the opportunity to advocate and protect the interests of our country's only boot camp and the Navy's largest training facility, Naval Station Great Lakes. This base is a tremendous economic asset to Lake County, and a big contributor to the state economy with its more than 8,000 jobs."

MG Fontaine added, "I am joining this committee to continue to assist our soldiers and their families in any way I can. I am also committed to continue to assist the community with maintaining and increase the strong community – military relationships in Illinois."

"We have a significant opportunity to increase the benefit our military assets bring to Illinois. From ensuring those who served transition to good jobs in private industry, to increasing the amount of defense work and federal dollars coming to Illinois," said Mottl.

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Dear editors, the following are the appointees' bios. Please use as needed.

Scott Lohman is a partner of Lohman Companies/LB Benefits. Lohman Companies is a family-owned independent insurance agency specializing in employee benefits. Lohman is in business with his brothers, Brett and Todd Lohman.

In the insurance industry, Lohman is a life member of the Million Dollar Round Table and a member of the Quad City Estate Planning Council. He served as president for the Rock Island County Independent Agents and the Quad City Society of Financial Service Professionals. He is a past board member of Rock Island County Life Underwriters.

He has participated in a number of organizations including the City of Moline Police and Fire as commissioner from 2000 to 2015; the IL Quad City Chamber of Commerce as past chairman; the Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce as a board member; the Chamber's Military Affairs committee as chairman; the Quad Cities Community Defense Alliance as past chairman; the Niabi Zoological Society as past chairman; Make-a-Wish Foundation as grantor; and Moline schools project graduation as past co-chairman.

Lohman graduated from St. Ambrose University with a degree in business administration. He earned his Chartered Life Underwriter designation (CLU) from the American College.

He is married to Pam Lohman. They have two children, Pierce, 18, and Paige, 16.

Major General (Ret.) Yves Fontaine has served 36 years in the United States Army as a logistics officer. Throughout his career, Fontaine lead the U.S. Army Sustainment Command in support of two contingencies operations and lead the LOGCAP and EAGLE programs; served as commanding General of the 21st Theater Sustainment Command leading the logistics efforts in Europe in coordination with our NATO allies; was the G4 (logistics) for the U.S. Army-Europe involved in the drawdown of U.S. contracts in Kosovo; as well as the G4 for the 82nd Airborne Division and G4 and chief of staff for the U.S. Special Operations Command, Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

His awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal; the Legion of Merit with two Oak Leaf Clusters; the Bronze Star Medal; the Defense Superior Service Medal; the Meritorious Service Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters; the Army Commendation Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster; the Combat Action Badge; and the Master Parachutist Badge.

His expertise lies in strategic planning, business, leadership, and logistics. Fontaine Consulting, LLC provides strategic planning and logistics expertise to corporations seeking expansion.

Fontaine holds a bachelor of science degree in management from LaSalle University, a master's degree in business administration from Webster University and a Master's degree in advanced military studies from

the Army's Command and General Staff College School of Advanced Military Studies. He is a graduate of the Army War College.

He and his wife, Kathy, have four daughters and five grandchildren.

Aaron Lawlor was elected chairman of the Lake County Board in December of 2012 at the age of 30, becoming the youngest board chairman in the history of Lake County.

Aaron has served on the County Board since 2009 and is currently in his third term representing District 18, which includes all of Vernon Hills and Indian Creek, as well as portions of Hawthorn Woods, Long Grove, Mundelein and unincorporated Lake County.

As chairman, Aaron is working to promote economic development, invest in transportation infrastructure and enact new measures for government accountability.

Prior to joining the County Board, Lawlor served in senior positions with Sen. Mark Kirk (R) and the late comptroller Judy Baar Topinka. He was recognized as one of 40 emerging leaders selected from across the state for the inaugural class of the Governor Jim Edgar Fellows Program in 2012.

Lawlor is a lifelong resident of Vernon Hills and a graduate of Libertyville High School. He holds a bachelors of arts degree from Lake Forest College and a master's in business administration from the Lake Forest Graduate School of Management.

Zachary Justin Mottl is the fourth generation of his family to own and operate Atlas Tool Works Inc. The company, founded in 1918, is a precision manufacturing facility offering a broad array of metal manufacturing services. Key markets include defense and aerospace, medical, telecom and electronics, and industrial products. He is the company's Chief Alignment Officer (CAO).

In 2009, Mottl was appointed by Burr Ridge Mayor Gary Grasso to his Economic Development Committee, where he continues to serve.

He has served two terms on the Technology and Manufacturing Association of Illinois (TMA) board of directors, and in 2013 he served as TMA's 76th chairman becoming the youngest chairman to serve the association. Today, Mottl serves as the chairman of the TMA PAC and Government Relations Committee and completed a second term on the board of trustees for the TMA Education Foundation Trust.

Mottl also serves on the Industrial Advisory Board for the University of Illinois at Chicago Department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering.

In 2015, Mottl was appointed by U.S. Commerce Secretary Penny Pritzker to serve a two-year term on the Manufacturing Council, which serves as the principal private sector advisory committee to the U.S. Secretary of Commerce.

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