Delegation:

Hon Paul Papalia CSC MLA - Minister for Tourism; Racing and Gaming; Small Business; Defence Issues; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests

Mr Tim Fraser – Chief of Staff to Minister Papalia

Purpose of Visit –

The primary purpose of the visit to Honolulu was for Minister Papalia to attend the Australian American Leadership Dialogue (AALD) - Honolulu Dialogue. The Honolulu Dialogue is centred on discussions regarding defence issues in the Asia/Pacific region.

Minister Papalia was also invited to attend meetings at US Pacific Command (USPACOM) and the Asia Pacific Centre for Security Studies (APCSS) at the completion of the Dialogue sessions.

The Minister was able to represent Western Australia as Minister for Defence at the AALD Honolulu Leadership Dialogue and the meetings with USPACOM and APCSS.

Sunday, 15 October 2017

Departure from Perth Western Australia and arrival in Honolulu, Hawaii, USA

Welcome Reception hosted by the Australian Consul-General – Mr Jeff Robinson

During the Welcome Reception Mr Robinson, Mr Mark Vale – Co-Chair, Australia American Leadership Dialogue (AALD), and Mr Richard R. Vuylsteke – President East-West Centre, spoke briefly to the delegates regarding the Honolulu Dialogue.

Monday, 16 October 2017

Session I: Defence Issues in the Pacific Region

The U.S. Administration has its anxieties over North Korean nuclear issues at the heart of its Pacific policy. It is informing a major portion of its approach to the other big players in the region – China, Russia, Japan, South Korea and Taiwan. The session discussed these directions and broadened into the Administration’s engagement with the multilateral element of regional arrangements and the issues of global rules on the global commons as they affect this zone.

Session II: Defence and Deterrence

The North Korean delinquency has brought to the region issues of deterrence not so intensely displayed since the Cold War. Items discussed included; does US extended deterrence apply
reliably and what is at stake for regional powers if it does not? Is the North Korean weapon a problem for its patrons as well as its adversaries and is proliferation of nuclear capabilities inevitable?

**Lunch Session: Cooperation and Interoperability in the South Pacific Between Australia and the U.S.**

The US Coast Guard was cited as having a unique history and experience with establishing cooperative agreements and cultivating interoperability among organisations. The discussions applied similar concepts to a United States – Australia shared vision for regional security, with broader application to topics within the Australian American Leadership Dialogue.

**Session III: Security: Resource Security and Humanitarian Issues**

Discussions centred on the role of the military changing rapidly across virtually every sector of complex crisis response and increasingly requiring more multi-disciplinary cooperation between national governments and across disparate government agencies; in evidence in the case of complex disasters in the Asia-Pacific region where the scope, frequency and intensity of climate related events require increasing response support by the military. The session addressed the simultaneous defence, diplomatic and development challenges of maintaining peace and security while responding to ever increasing natural and human induced disasters.

**Session IV: “Whole of Society” Approach to Cybersecurity**

Cyber threats are among the gravest national security dangers to any nation. Hawaii’s unique position within the U.S. defence community makes the State a prominent target for cyber-attacks and the State’s geographic isolation, similar to Australia, introduces unique challenges. Protecting Hawaii’s island homeland requires cooperation and collaboration among federal, state and local government agencies along with the education and the private sectors in order to develop and maintain a strong cybersecurity posture. The session engaged with multi-sectoral representatives to share a whole-of-society approach to cybersecurity that can be applied in other locations.

**AALD 10th Anniversary Dinner**

Welcome provided by Major General Rick Burr, Deputy Chief of Army, Australian Department of Defence and Director, Australian American Leadership Dialogue.

**Tuesday, 17 October 2017**

The day was spent at USPACOM for briefing sessions from the different sections of the defence forces:

- **Session I: Pacific Army**
- **Session II: Marine Forces Pacific**
- **Round Table hosted by Chief of Staff Major General Schneider**
- **Session III: Pacific Air Forces Dialogue**
- **Session IV: Pacific Fleet Dialogue**

The briefings were followed by a barge tour of the USS Arizona Memorial at Pearl Harbour and the day ended with a Reception Dinner at Hickam Air Force Base.
Wednesday, 18 October 2017

Asia Pacific Centre for Security Studies

Asia Pacific Centre for Security Studies – short briefing on the centre and the work carried out.

The Minister then travelled to USPACOM headquarters and met with the following staff officers:

➢ Deputy Foreign Policy Adviser, USPACOM;
➢ Director of Logistics, Engineering and Security Cooperation, USPACOM;
➢ Deputy Directors of Current Operations, USPACOM; and
➢ Director of South Asia and Oceania, USPACOM.

With each of the above meetings the Minister made an introduction and overview to the new WA State Government providing a briefing on Defence West and the State's capability to provide marine support services to visiting naval vessels.

During the meetings the Minister was able to reinforce the strong relationship between the US and Western Australia.

The Minister issued an invitation to attend the Indian Ocean Defence Expo and Conference to be held in Perth in 2018.

Meeting with China Policy Research Group, USPACOM

The China Policy Research Group provided the Minister with a detailed briefing on China.

Thursday - Saturday, 19 - 21 October 2017

Depart Honolulu 19/10/17, due to airport curfew overnight in Sydney 20/10/17 and arrive Perth 21/10/17.