

CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA

AGENDA # 23

A G E N D A R E P O R T

DATE September 2, 2003

ITEM Military Appreciation Support

INITIATED BY Military Affairs Committee

ACTION REQUESTED Support Military Appreciation Picnic

PRESENTED BY John W. Lawton, City Manager

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RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Commission encourage community support of the Military Appreciation Picnic and make a donation to the Military Affairs Committee.

MOTION: I move the City Commission declare its support of the Military Appreciation Picnic by making a \$500 donation to the Military Affairs Committee in support of the MAC Picnic.

SYNOPSIS: Representatives from the Military Affairs Committee requested the City's support by co-sponsoring the Military Appreciation Picnic. This is an annual event designed to show community support for the military presence in and the impact on our community.

In past years the Fairgrounds was operated by the City of Great Falls through an inter-local agreement with Cascade County and the cost of using the Fairgrounds for the MAC Picnic was underwritten by the City Commission. The Inter-local agreement expired in December 2002 and the Fairgrounds is now owned and operated by Cascade County. The Military Affairs Committee once again, asked the City to participate as a co-sponsor and pay the fee for the use of the Fairgrounds. It was decided that a donation would be appropriate, but the Military Affairs Committee should contact Cascade County for the donation or co-sponsorship of the Fairgrounds facilities. Every item for the picnic is donated and the work provided by volunteers.