

Annual Federal Legislative Event Promotes Enid



The Enid Chamber of Commerce federal legislative trip to Washington, D.C. was April 16-19. The Enid group consisted of military liaison Mike Cooper, City of Enid officials, Enid Chamber board members, ERDA and other civic leaders. They met with Lucian Niemeyer, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Energy, Installations and Environment, and Richard Hartley, acting Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations, Environment and Energy, who briefed the group on issues facing the Air Force, particularly the shortage of pilots. The Enid group highlighted recent airspace protection legislation in Oklahoma. There were also meetings held with Sen. Jim Inhofe, Sen. James Lankford, Rep. Frank Lucas, and Steve Moffitt, Chief of Staff for Rep. Steve Russell.



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Discussion topics in the congressional meetings included community and legislative support for Vance AFB, Kaw Lake pipeline project, regulatory reform, health care, immigration reform and education. In addition, the Enid Chamber and City of Enid hosted a legislative reception for the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation, legislative staff, and military officials.