

COMMANDER'S RETIREE COUNCIL
Fort Rucker, Alabama

The Commander's Retiree Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on 7 Dec 2006. It was the 219th regularly scheduled meeting since the Council was established in 1973.

1. Members present/absent and advisors and guests present were:

MEMBERS (Army Retiree, except as indicated)

PRESENT

COL Bob Bunting, Co-Chair	CSM Charles E. Frye, Co-Chair
COL Charles A. Block (USMC)	CSM James W. Harris
COL Herman S. Heath	CSM William Jolley
LTC Clarence R. Collins	SGM Samuel V. MacMaster
LTC James R. Mellish	1SG John J. McCracken (USAF)
CW4 Robert N. Cooper	1SG Jackie Ray
CDR James E. Cobb (USN)	SFC Joseph N. Barnes
SFC Bennett J. Jergenson	

MEMBERS ABSENT

COL William E. Crouch
COL James E. Hyers

ADVISORS PRESENT

COL Michael Kaminski, CDR, USAAMC	Mr. Chris Moore, RSO
Mr. George W. Steuber, Dep. Garrison CDR	Ms. Elysia Nicolas, PAO
Mr. Tim Laster, DMWR	Ms. Debra Seimer, AG
Mr. Frank Toves, Commissary	

2. CSM Frye called the meeting to order at 1140.
3. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as written.
4. Old Business - None
5. Committee Reports.
 - a. Public Affairs - SGM MacMaster provided a calendar with the following items of interest:
 - (1) Ozark Christmas Parade: 1800, 7 Dec in downtown Ozark
 - (2) 98th Army Band Holiday Concert: 1900, 14 Dec in the Post Theater.
 - (3) AUSA Breakfast 0730, 1 Jan 07 in the Dothan Civic Center.

b. Legislative Affairs- No Report.

c. Health Care - LTC Collins stated Lyster Army Health Clinic would hold its Christmas Party 15 Dec. Patrons should expect some reduction in services on that date. Flu shots will be available to all ID cardholders (including civilian workforce) at the Post Theater 1000-1500, Saturday, 9 Dec 2006.

d. Volunteer Program – Everyone was reminded that volunteer hours run annually 1 January-31 December. Volunteers need to report hours now so certificates can be requested.

e. Consolidated Club System - Mr. Laster is still working the issue about adding the tip on credit payments. Prime Rib nights are moving to the 1st Saturday of the month. The next Prime Rib night is 3 Feb 07.

f. Commissary - Mr. Toves gave the store hours for 24 Dec 06 as 1000-1500 hours.

g. PX - The PX will be open from 0900-1800 on 24 Dec. The PX has issued a schedule of events for the month of Dec.

h. Golf Course - The golf course still has 13 Tee Boxes available for sponsorship. An equipment demonstration day and a unit golf tournament are coming in the month of December. The driving range will begin turning off its lights at 2200 daily starting 11 Dec 06. Mr. Laster mentioned that all Army courses are going to the same three tier fees system. In five years, private carts will no longer be allowed on Army courses.

i. Equestrian Center - COL Heath stated that available riding trails would be reduced due to increased installation training in those areas.

j. Outdoor Recreation - A new game warden building will open officially on 12 Dec. A new tracking system is in place to track hunters.

k. Bowling Alley - Nothing to report.

l. RAD - Nothing to report.

6. Advisors Comments -

a. Mr. Steuber thanked Mayor Bunting of Ozark for getting the joint land use initiative started to ensure that development does not encroach on Ft Rucker. He also presented a note of thanks and a coin to SGM Rodgers on behalf of the CG for his service to the Retiree Council.

b. COL Kaminski stated the pharmacy would be adding a new window to help during peak times. Flu shots are available at the clinic. An attempt is still going to try and move a VA office into the clinic.

7. New Business - Mr. Moore asked the council think about when they would like to hold next year's RAD.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 1240. The next scheduled meeting will be held at the Aviators Landing on 4 January 2007 at 1130.

Approved via-email

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COL. Retired
Co-Chairman

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CHARLES E. FRYE
CSM, RETIRED
Co-Chairman

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