

COMMANDER'S RETIREE COUNCIL
Fort Rucker, Alabama

The Commander's Retiree Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on 7 September 2006. It was the 216th 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	SGM Lloyd M. Rogers, Secretary
COL William E. Crouch	SGM Samuel V. MacMaster
COL James E Hyers	1SG John J. McCracken, Jr. (USAF)
LTC Clarence R. Collins	SFC Joseph N. Barnes
LTC James R. Mellish	SFC Bernett J. Jergenson, Jr.
CDR James E. Cobb (USN)	

MEMBERS ABSENT

CSM William Jolley	1SG Jackie Ray
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ADVISORS PRESENT

Mr. George W. Steuber, Dep. Garrison Cdr
Ms. Martha Frausto, USAAMC
Mr. Mike O'Meara, Commissary
Mr. Tim Laster, DMWR
Mr. Chris Moore, RSO
Ms. Lori Yerdon, PAO
Mr. Michael Cafferty, AAFES

2. COL Bunting called the meeting to order at 1130.
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 of events. The dates

for the National Peanut Festival were changed. Noted were the scheduled Ft Rucker Wiregrass Appreciation Days from 11-16 September 2006. The next Horse Show is scheduled for 14-15 October 2006.

b. Legislative Affairs - COL Hyers reported that Congress is back to work after a month vacation and if a compromise on the Defense Appropriation Bill is not reached in the next two weeks, it will be after the election before any more action is taken.

c. Health Care - Ms. Frausto reported LAHC Organizational Day is scheduled for 27 September and the Clinic will close at 1200. The pharmacy will remain open with reduced staffing. Beginning 18 September, all entrances to the LAHC will be locked except the main patient entrance and the entrance on the east side by the TRICARE office for security reasons. Flu shots are not on-hand but they do not anticipate a shortage.

d. Volunteer Program - Since the Chapel was the only unit submitting a name no candidate was named Volunteer of the Month.

e. Consolidated Club System - Mr. Laster reported the Post's annual Oktoberfest is scheduled on 29 September with entertainment from a new German sounding band along with traditional foods and beverages.

f. Commissary - The case lot sale takes place 15-16 September. A hot dog and bratwurst sale will take place outside of the store at the same time.

g. PX - Mr. Cafferty reported the PX will sponsor a "Pets Day" on 9 September. Activities will include free dog washing, goodies for pets and pictures of owners with their pets. The Toy Land grand opening is scheduled for 15 September with an appearance by Santa Claus.

h. Golf Course - The Pro-Am Golf Tournament is scheduled 23-24 September.

i. Equestrian Center - COL Heath reported the fall Horse Trials are scheduled 14-15 October.

j. Outdoor Recreation - Mr. Laster reported the "Buddy" Bass Tournament takes place on 30 September. SFC Jergenson reported the lake is now closed for swimming for this year and stated the fishing has been good there. A new Game Warden's office is under construction. Several proposals are under advisement which, if approved, will affect the hunting areas. Mr. Steuber reported a new system is being installed to more accurately control hunters checking in and out of training areas.

k. Bowling Alley - No report.

l. RAD - LTC Mellish reported the 2006 RAD preparations were on track and he would get a list of volunteers at the next meeting. Mr. Moore listed several problem areas from last year's RAD hoping to avoid them this time. He recommended maps be

handed out at the gates in order for visitors to get around post more easily. Ms. Yerdon stated that PAO would get more media coverage for the RAD this year.

6. Advisors Comments -

a. Ms. Yerdon reminded us of the Ft Rucker Wiregrass Appreciation Week 11-16 September and the Silver Wings Army Band Concert on 16 September.

b. Mr. Steuber reported the contract had been let for the new Post C4I building. Ground breaking is scheduled for October and completion expected within 14 months. It will be located adjacent to the present headquarters. Ft Rucker received an additional \$3.8 million dollars for renovation and construction.

7. New Business - SFC Barnes reported that CPT(R) Clingan, a former retiree council member, had died while visiting in Hawaii.

8. Co-Chairman's Comments - None.

9. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1220. The next scheduled meeting will be held at the Aviators Landing on 5 October 2006 at 1130.

Approved via email 12 SEP 06
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