

COMMANDER'S RETIREE COUNCIL
Fort Rucker, Alabama

The Commander's Retiree Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on 4 October 2007. It was the 229th regularly scheduled meeting since the Council was established in 1973.

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

MEMBERS (Army Retirees, except as indicated)

MEMBERS 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
COL James E. Hyers	SGM Samuel V. MacMaster
LTC Carolyn Bost-Pittman	1SG Jackie Ray
MAJ Jack Swinehart	MSG John J. McCracken (USAF)
CW4 Robert N. Cooper	SFC Joseph N. Barnes
	SFC Bernett J. Jergenson
	SFC Ray Reed

MEMBERS ABSENT

LTC Clarence R Collins
CDR James R. Cobb

ADVISORS PRESENT

COL Michael Kaminski, USAAMC	Ms. Dianne Snodgrass, PX
Mr. George Steuber, DGC	Mrs. Deborah Seimer, DHR
Mr. Tim Laster, DMWR	Mr. Mike O'Meara, Commissary
Mrs. Gail Braley, AG	

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 highlighted the following events: a memorial service for CW4(R) Willie Ruf 12 October 2007 at 1000 hrs at the Aviation Museum; Ft Rucker

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Appreciation Day will be on 24 October 2007; and 26-27 October 2007 are Ft Rucker's Retiree Appreciation Days.

b. Legislative Affairs - COL Hyers reported the Senate passed its version of the National Defense Authorization Bill. The Bill now moves to conference with the House to work out differences. A couple of amendments interesting to retirees are: the Lautenberg Amendment to prohibit increases in TRICARE fees for FY 2008, the Nelson Amendment to eliminate the SBP/DIC offset and accelerate 30 year paid-up SBP coverage to 1 October 2007, and the Reid Amendment providing full, immediate concurrent receipt to disabled retirees deemed "unemployable" by the VA retroactive to 1 January 2005. Also, Senate Lott introduced an amendment that would prohibit "privatization" of the Armed Forces Retirement Home into a non-government charitable institution.

c. Health Care - Lyster Army Health Clinic will hold its quarterly Healthcare Consumer Committee meeting 1000, 18 October 2007 in room V-130.

d. Volunteer Program - Nothing to report.

e. Consolidated Club System - The Aviators' Landing will host Mystery Dinner Theaters on 11 and 12 October 2007.

f. Commissary - Mr. O'Meara reported sales are up and they have plenty of Halloween candy on hand. He also mentioned the items for Thanksgiving were starting to arrive.

g. PX - Ms. Snodgrass reported the PX will have a Pet Show on 13 October 2007 beginning at 1000 hrs in the PX. There will be clothing representatives in the PX 1100-1200, 16 October 2007 conducting a survey regarding types of clothing customers would like to see in the store.

h. Golf Course - CW4 Cooper reported the "Long Drive" contest was a great event and the Course will hold its Club Championship on 6-8 October 2007.

i. Equestrian Center - COL Heath stated the Open Horse Trials in September were cancelled due to a lack of entries for the event. The Open Horse Show went as planned.

j. Outdoor Recreation - SFC Jergenson reported small game hunting season is now open and deer season opens 13 October 2007 for bow hunting only.

k. Bowling Alley - Nothing new to report.

l. RAD - LTC Mellish passed around a sign-up sheet for individuals to work the Retiree Appreciation Day. No problems were mentioned about the event and things are going as planned.

6. Advisors Comments - COL Kaminski reported that the clinic was ready for the Retiree Appreciation Day. They ordered 1000 flu shots for the retirees, they would have a golf cart in the

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parking lot to transport attendees and that there would be folks in the clinic to direct retirees to where they would need to go. Mr. Steuber reported the installation received a large amount of end-of-year funds. Mrs. Seimer introduced the new AG, Mrs. Gail Braley

7. New Business - The Council voted unanimously to recommend Mrs. Marie Wilkins, surviving spouse of MAJ(R) Bobby R. Wilkins, Sr. be appointed to the council.

8. The meeting adjourned at 1240. The next scheduled meeting will be held at the Aviators' Landing 1130, 1 November 2007.

Approved via-email

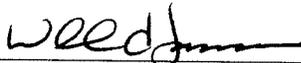
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