

COMMANDER'S RETIREE COUNCIL
Fort Rucker, Alabama

The Commander's Retiree Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on 5 April 2007. It was the 223rd 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 Herman S. Heath	CSM William Jolley
COL James E. Hyers	SGM Samuel V. MacMaster
COL Charles A. Block (USMC)	1SG Jackie Ray
LTC Clarence R. Collins	1SG John J. McCracken (USAF)
CDR James E. Cobb (USN)	SFC Joseph N. Barnes
CW4 Robert N. Cooper	SFC Bernett J. Jergenson

MEMBERS ABSENT

COL William E. Crouch	LTC James R. Mellish
LTC Clarence R. Collins	CSM James W. Harris

ADVISORS PRESENT

Martha Frausto, USAAMC	COL William Larese Garrison Cdr
Mr. Chris Moore, RSO	Mrs. Deborah Seimer, DHR/AG
Mr. Tim Laster, DMWR	Ms. Nancy Marquardt, PAO

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 mentioned a few events of interest: the Main Post Chapel will conduct Easter Sunrise Services at 0630 on 8 April. The speed boat race "Thunder on Lake Tholocco" will be held 14 April at 1100. Enterprise Chamber of Commerce will hold its Military Affairs Breakfast 0730, 20 April at Cutts Restaurant. The 1st Aviation Brigade will have a rededication ceremony for the Eagle Flight Detachment monument at the Aviation Museum on 14 April at 1400.

b. Legislative Affairs - COL Hyers reported: Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid and Senator Debbie Stabenow met with leaders of MOAA and other military associations to discuss veterans' needs. The House Armed Services Personnel Subcommittee (Health Care) met 27 March 07. The Service Surgeons General and TRICARE contractors indicated their concerns over budget cuts and converting military billets to civilian positions.

c. Health Care - Lab renovations are complete and the Lab has reopened. The Eye Clinic will be renovated next. The Lyster Army Health Clinic will have a Blood Drive on 10 May 2007 at the Post Theater. Blood donated will stay within the military blood bank. COL Bunting will try to arrange a meeting with veterans from Dale and Coffee Counties to discuss moving the VA clinic from Dothan to Fort Rucker.

d. Volunteer Program - Nothing to report.

e. Consolidated Club System - The Enterprise High School Prom will be held at the Aviators' Landing on 5 April 2007. The renovations are still ongoing at the Aviator Landing. The Aviators' Landing will introduce a Schnitzel Buffet beginning 1700-2000, Friday 13 April.

f. Commissary - Will be closed on Easter Sunday

g. PX - No report.

h. Golf Course - The cart path paving is complete. The next project will be enclosing the patio area around the club house.

i. Equestrian Center - COL Heath stated that there will be an Open Horse Show on 7 April 2007. The March show was a huge success. Mr. Laster mentioned that the Equestrian Center will receive over \$400,000.00 for renovation projects.

j. Outdoor Recreation - Turkey season is in full swing. The CG's Gobbler Classic will be held Friday, 13 April 2007 at the Silver Wings Golf Course.

k. Bowling Alley - Nothing to report.

l. RAD - Nothing to report

6. Advisors Comments - None

7. New Business - The Council needs to look at council members whose terms are about to expire, COL Block, COL Crouch, and COL Heath.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 1240. The next scheduled meeting will be held at the Aviators' Landing 1130, 3 May 2007.

Retiree Council Minutes, 5 April 2007

Approved via-email

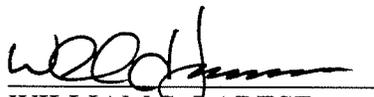
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