

COMMANDER'S RETIREE COUNCIL
Fort Rucker, Alabama

The Commander's Retiree Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on 2 October 2008. It was the 240th 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	1SG Ken Prier
LTC Carolyn Bost-Pittman	1SG Jackie Ray
LTC Clarence Collins	EOC Fred Griffin, USN
CW4 Robert N. Cooper	SFC Ralph E. Reed
CSM James W. Harris	SFC Bennett Jergenson
SGM Sam McMaster	Mrs. Marie Wilkins
SMS Jean A. Woodruff, USAF	

MEMBERS ABSENT

COL Herman S. Heath	CSM Gene Nelson
COL James E. Hyers	

ADVISORS PRESENT

Mr. George Steuber, DGC	Mrs. Deborah Seimer, DHR
Mr. Laster, DMWR	Mr. Chris Moore, RSO
Mr. Mark Wonders, PAO	Mr. Mike O'Meara, Commissary
Representative, 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- None.
 - a. Public Affairs - Provided calendar of events. Highlights included Claybank Jamboree and the 4 October Curtis Pitts Air Show from 1200-1500 hours at Blackwell Field in Ozark. Tickets are \$8.00 if purchased now and \$10.00 if purchased at the gate.
 - b. Legislative Affairs – No report.

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c. Health Care – No new information, CSM Harris will make a report on the 16 October Quarterly Health Care meeting next month.

f. SMSgt Woodruff had no report at this time on retiree voluntary support program.

g. Commissary – All holiday merchandise shipments should arrive at Commissary by mid-October. The Commissary will be open on Monday during the Thanksgiving and Christmas weeks starting at 1000 hours. Ft Rucker is 17th for funding renovations.

h. PX – The PX will slash prices on summer merchandise (clothes) in the main store and all summer items elsewhere. Renovations have started in the Four Seasons store and bathrooms.

i. Golf Course – Mr. Cooper reported the budget has been planned for the year and 14 November is “Show Your Colors” for Auburn and Alabama fans.

j. Equestrian Center – The new manager is on-board and planning is going well for the March show. The Center is offering hayrides for kids the upcoming event.

k. Outdoor Recreation – Squirrel season has opened. Change to the fishing creel limit. Fishermen can keep five bass 14-18 inches (daily). Buckhorn Lake is open Thursday-Friday and Wednesday daylight to dark. Deer season begins 15 October (bow and arrow only).

l. Bowling Alley – Please call Susie at the Bowling Alley (x9503) to reserve your Boston butts (\$15.00). Need more sales to continue the offering or the bar-b-que fund raiser will end.

m. RAD – Reservations have steadily come in for meals during the RAD. The count so far is 60 for dinner and 55 for lunch. There are seven retiree council members who have volunteered to work the RAD. All volunteers will meet at the Fortenberry-Colton Gym at 0730 on 24 October for a briefing. Mrs. Knighton reported flu and pneumonia shots will be available and buses will run every 10 minutes to transport RAD participants between the gym and Lyster Army Health Clinic.

n. Guests and visitors were LTC James Mordica and COL Emil Zimmerman from Hattiesburg MS, and CSM Richard Brogdon.

6. Advisors' Comments

a. The AG representative reported ID cards at Building 5700 will be a priority for Retirees during RAD.

b. The PAO representative presented information for the election in November and also on Army emergency preparedness.

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c. Mr. Laster, DMWR, presenting a budget status reported Bingo was up \$20k, the bar is down, food operations are even, and administration is down \$115K. The contract has been awarded for the new pool.

d. Mr. Steuber reported eight new buildings will be constructed on Ft. Rucker including classrooms, an ALSE building, and housing by the Silver Wings Golf Course.

7. New Business – The Council received applications for and unanimously voted in two new Retire Council members, COL Emil Zimmerman and CSM Richard Brogdon. Their names will be forwarded to the Garrison Commander for approval.

8. The meeting adjourned at 1230. The next scheduled meeting will be held at the Aviators' Landing on 6 Nov 08 at 1130.

Approved via-email

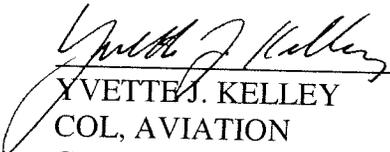
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