

COMMANDER'S RETIREE COUNCIL
Fort Rucker, Alabama

The Commander's Retiree Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on 4 September 2008. It was the 239th 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	CSM Gene Nelson
COL Herman S. Heath	CSM James W. Harris
COL James E. Hyers	SGM Sam McMaster
LTC Clarence Collins	1SG Ken Prier
CW4 Robert N. Cooper	1SG Jackie Ray
Mrs. Marie Wilkins	SFC Bennett Jergenson
	SFC Ralph E. Reed
	EOC Fred Griffin

MEMBERS ABSENT

LTC Carolyn Bost-Pittman	SMSGT Jean A. Woodruff, USAF
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ADVISORS PRESENT

COL Ruiz- Isales, LAHC	Mr. Chris Moore, RSO
Mr. George Steuber, DGC	Mr. Mark Wonders, PAO
Mrs. Deborah Seimer, DHR	Mr. Mike O'Meara, Commissary
Mr. Tim Laster, DFMWR	Ms. Diane Snodgrass, AAFES

2. COL Bunting called the meeting to order at 1130.
3. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as written.
4. Guests for this meeting were Mrs. Jennifer Peaster and Mrs. Victoria Knighton. Mrs. Peaster spoke about the composition and conduct of the upcoming Army Family Action Plan conference scheduled for 7-8 October. She expressed her appreciation for the Council's continued support and remarked how Fort Rucker was the only known installation with a section specifically representing retirees. Mrs. Knighton requested the Council's assistance in obtaining raffle prizes to award during the Health Fair held in conjunction with the RAD.
5. Old Business. None.
6. Committee Reports.

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a. Public Affairs – Provided a calendar of events. Highlights included the POW/MIA ceremony on 19 September, the Army Soldier Shows on 19-21 September, Oktoberfest at Howze Field on 26 September, and the Annual Pro-Am Golf Tournament 26-27 September.

b. Legislative Affairs – Congress is in recess for Party Conventions, which will likely require a continuing resolution for funding since the FY 2009 budget has not been passed.

c. Health Care – COL Ruiz-Isales stated the status of flu shots for the RAD is unknown but shingles vaccines are expected to be available.

d. Volunteer Support. No report.

e. Community Activity Center – A “Last Flight” party will be held at the Dawn Patrol Lounge on 12 September, which will close on 13 September for renovations. Bingo is moving to the Cobra Lounge due to the renovations. The annual Oktoberfest celebration will be held on Howze Field on 26 September, with traditional foods, beverages, music, and games.

f. Commissary – Due to the hurricane driven customer purchases, shelves are relatively empty but stocks are arriving daily to replenish supplies.

g. PX – Flyers were handed out for upcoming sales events. Popeye’s Chicken is expected to open in the Food Court in the near future as soon as renovations are complete.

h. Golf Course – The Post’s “Pro-Am” Tournament is 26-28 September.

i. Equestrian Center – The horse trials scheduled for 6-7 September were cancelled due to lack of participants. A request was submitted to move next year’s event to November.

j. Outdoor Recreation – Permit fees have changed, check with ODR for the latest information on new fees. New catch limits, for all lakes on Post, will take effect on 1 October.

k. Bowling Alley – A Boston butt sale was held the first weekend in September. More renovations to the lanes will begin soon.

l. RAD – The RAD OPORD is published. The Health Fair will be at Fortenberry-Colton PFC due to renovations at LAHC. Coordination between the Council and LAHC is on-going to ensure RAD attendees are advised of the change.

7. Advisors’ Comments.

a. Mrs. Seimer reported another work station is now operational in the ID card section.

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b. COL Ruiz-Isales, this year's installation CFC chair, reminded everyone of the upcoming CFC drive and that a kickoff luncheon will be held 16 September. She also reminded the Council a unit organizational day is scheduled for 26 September.

c. Mr. Steuber informed the Council a Force Protection Inspection will be conducted the first week of September. The CG will hold a Strategic Planning Conference the second week of September.

8. New Business – As directed by AR 600-8-7, eight-year term limits for Council members take place effective the AR's publication date. It may revert to the local commander's discretion in the future, but for now the eight-year limit will remain in effect. Current members will be allowed to remain on the Council for eight years starting from the new publication date. The Council voted favorably on the application of 1SG(R) Willie Worsham to become the newest member. His name will be forwarded to COL Kelley for final approval. The Council also accepted the resignation of 1SG(R) Jackie Ray from the Council effective 1 November. 1SG(R) Ray cited personal reasons for no longer being able to effectively serve on the Council.

9. The meeting adjourned at 1230. The next scheduled meeting will be held at Aviator's Landing on 2 October at 1130.

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