

COMMANDER'S RETIREE COUNCIL
Fort Rucker, Alabama

The Commander's Retiree Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on 5 June 2008. It was the 237th 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 James E. Hyers	CSM Charles E. Frye
COL Herman S. Heath	CSM James W. Harris
LTC James R. Mellish	SGM Sam McMaster
CW4 Robert N. Cooper	SMSgt Jean A. Woodruff, USAF
Mrs. Marie Wilkins	SFC Bernett Jergenson

MEMBERS ABSENT

COL Bob Bunting	1SG Jackie Ray
LTC Clarence Collins	1SG Ken Prier
LTC Carolyn Bost-Pittman	SFC Ralph E. Reed
MAJ Jack K. Swinehart	

ADVISORS PRESENT

COL Kaminski, LAHC	Mrs. Gail Braley, AG
Mr. Tim Laster, DFMWR	Mr. Mark Wonders, PAO
Ms. Diane Snodgrass, AAFES	

2. CSM Frye called the meeting to order at 1130.
3. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as written.
4. Old Business - Cost for the Schnitzel Buffet at the RAD is \$12.60 per plate.
5. Committee Reports. (The secretary was absent and no notes were provided to her so report information is limited.)
 - a. Public Affairs - Provided a calendar of events. Highlights included the 233rd Army Birthday Ball on 13 June, sponsored by AUSA at the Aviators' Landing; battalion changes of command will take place on 11 June, 17 June, and 8 July. Additionally, changes of command for USAAMC and Garrison Command will take place on 25 and 26 June respectively; "Freedom Fest" is on 4 July at Howze Field. The USAACE change of command is 11 July 2008.
 - b. Legislative Affairs - No information to report.

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c. Health Care - The Clinic will close for the July 4th holiday and the staff will be reduced on the DONSA, to include limited pharmacy hours.

d. Commissary - The new self-serve cash registers are installed and assistance is provided in using the new machines. All shoppers must show ID cards to the monitors at the self serve registers.

e. PX - New sales flyers were handed out. Summer vacation supplies are available at the Main PX. Food Court construction of a new restaurant is in progress.

f. Golf Course - The "Divots Restaurant and Grille" grand opening and tournament will take place 13 June. Guided tours, door prizes and complimentary food will be available. A Father's Day scramble will be held 15 June.

g. Equestrian Center - No information to report.

h. Outdoor Recreation - No information to report.

i. Bowling Alley - A Father's Day special will allow Dads to bowl free on 15 June when accompanied by Family. The "Burger and Bowl" lunch special continues weekdays. Call Rucker Lanes for additional details.

j. RAD - The Retiree Newsletter is ready and will be available for reproduction and distribution prior to 31 August. The PAO will send out information through command information channels reminding retirees to contact the RSO for emailed versions of the Newsletter.

6. Advisors' Comments.

a. The AG requested two additional RAPIDS systems be allotted to Ft Rucker. Approval of one system has been confirmed, date for arrival undetermined at this time. The additional systems will reduce waiting times in the ID card section.

b. COL Kaminski expressed his thanks for support the Council had given him during his command and challenged the Council to support his replacement COL Ruiz-Isales in the same manner.

7. New Business - The Council voted to cancel the July 2008 meeting due to the DONSA. Next year's Council meeting in January is moved back one week because it conflicts with New Year's Day and will now be held 8 January 2009. The RSO was asked to provide copies of the constitution and by-laws for Council members at the next meeting.

8. The meeting adjourned at 1230. The next scheduled meeting will be held at the Aviators' Landing on 7 August 2008 at 1130.

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Approved via-email

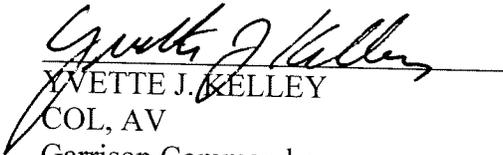
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