COMMANDER'S RETIREE COUNCIL
Fort Rucker, Alabama

The Commander's Retiree Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on 6 Nov 2008. It was the 241st 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
COL Herman S. Heath
LTC Clarence Collins
LTC Carolyn Bost-Pittman
CW4 Robert N. Cooper
Mrs. Marie Wilkins
CSM Gene Nelson
CSM James W. Harris
SGM Sam McMaster
SMS Jean Woodruff
EOC Fred Griffin
SFC Bernett Jergenson

MEMBERS ABSENT

COL Bob Bunting
COL Emil Zimmerman
1SG Ken Prier
1SG Frank Ellerkamp
SFC Ralph Reed

ADVISORS PRESENT

Mr. George Steuber, DGC
Mr. Tim Laster, DMWR
COL Ruiz-Isales, LACH
Mr. Mark Wonders, PAO
Mrs. Deborah Seimer, DHR
Mr. Mike O'Meara, Commissary

2. CSM Nelson called the meeting to order at 1130.

3. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as written.

4. Old Business - None.

5. Mr. Russ English, Customer Service Office - Garrison Command briefed the services provided through the Customer Management Services (i.e. Interactive Customer Evaluation on-line service). This service seeks feedback from all of Fort Rucker's services. COL Heath and SFC Jergenson submitted through ICE and solicited feedback from their comments.

6. Committee Reports.

a. Public Affairs - Provided a calendar of events. Highlights included the 13 November AUSA award Banquet to recognize the Fort Rucker 10-Miler running team and Wounded Warriors. The 21 November Newcomers welcome was moved to 5 December.

b. Legislative Affairs - COL Hyers reported Congress is in recess and the District's newly elected Congressman is Bobby Bright.

c. Health Care - COL Ruiz-Isales reported Lyster Clinic was losing services and the VA is planning a small dental clinic for the upstairs floor at the Lyster Clinic. The Clinic is taking new customers under age 65 to fill openings in its customer base.

d. SMSgt Woodruff had no report on the Retiree Voluntary Support Program.

e. Community Activity Center – Dinner Theaters will be held 7 - 8 November and a lunch show on 9 November at Aviators' Landing. The Thanksgiving buffet will begin at 1100. Reservations are recommended.

f. Commissary - Will be open on Veterans' Day and the sushi bar is successful (collecting $900-$1000 a day). The Commissary will open 1000 on Monday during Thanksgiving and Christmas weeks at 1000 hours. Del Monte is presenting $1,000 to ACS for the food basket.

g. PX - The renovation project has started in the PX garden store and bathrooms.

h. Golf Course - Mr. Cooper reported a golf equipment sale will begin on 1 Dec. Holiday lunch specials will be available, and the club will be open on Christmas day. A turkey/ham shootout will be held on 13 Dec.

i. Equestrian Center - COL Heath reported the open horse show will be held on 15 Nov from 1000-1600 and the snack bar will be open.

j. Outdoor Recreation - SFC Jergensen reported deer season will begin 22 Nov. The fishing is good at Lake Tholocco and lake cabins are impressive. However, street lights are needed.

k. Bowling Alley – The Boston butt sale is the first weekend of each month. Please call the bowling alley (x9503) to reserve your Boston butts for $15.00. More sales are needed to continue the fund raiser.

l. RAD - Critiques from the retiree health fair were favorable. Planning and preparation for next year's RAD will begin earlier to facilitate changes.

6. Advisors' Comments

a. Mr. Wonders presented information on the holiday food program. Each unit may nominate families needing assistance for the holiday. The Garrison program will present food vouchers to be used at the Commissary and Food Giant (Piggly Wiggly) in Daleville. Additionally, a food locker is available on post.

b. Mr. Laster, DMWR, reported that Bingo was up 20k, bar is down, and the food operations are even. Administration is down $115K, and the contract has been awarded for the pool.

c. Mr. Steuber reported that the Haunted House took in 2500 canned goods for the Halloween BOSS program.

7. New Business - The Council voted favorably on the applications of BG(R) Douglas Smith and TSGT(R) William "Bill" Bieber with initial terms December 2008 - November 2012. Each of these actions will be forwarded to the Garrison Commander for final approval.

8. The meeting adjourned at 1230. The next scheduled meeting will be held at the Aviators' Landing on 4 December 1130.

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