

COMMANDER'S RETIREE COUNCIL
Fort Rucker, Alabama

The Commander's Retiree Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on 1 April 2010. It was the 256th regularly scheduled meeting since the Council was established in 1973.

1. Members present/absent and advisors present were:

MEMBERS (Army Retiree, except as indicated)

PRESENT

BG Douglas Smith	CSM Gene Nelson
COL Bob Bunting	SMS Jean A. Woodruff, USAF
COL James E. Hyers	1SG Ken Prier
COL Emil Zimmermann	SFC Bennett Jergenson
Mrs. Marie Wilkins	TSGT Bill Bieber, USAF
	EOC Fred Griffin, USN

MEMBERS ABSENT

LTC Clarence Collins	CSM James W. Harris
LTC Carolyn Bost-Pittman	SFC Ralph Reed
CW4 Bob Cooper	

ADVISORS PRESENT

Mr. Justin Mitchell, Dep Garrison Cdr	Mrs. Sheryl Lowell, PAO
Mrs. Martha Frausto, LAHC PAO	Mr. Chris Moore, RSO
Mr. Mike O'Meara, Commissary	Ms. Ellen Rutledge, AAFEES
Mr. Kyle L. Ford, PAO	Ms. Janice Sullivan, DFMWR

2. CSM Gene Nelson called the meeting to order at 1130.
3. COL Earl Hyers opened the meeting with a prayer
4. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as written.
5. Old Business - Travel to attend the Retiree Council Meeting will be covered by invitational travel orders as official business, but "at no cost to the government." Mr. Moore will prepare orders as requested by Council members
6. Committee Reports:
 - a. Public Affairs - Ms Lowell highlighted the third and fourth World War II Honor Flights, 17 and 24 April, as well as other Public Affairs Office events.

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b. Legislative Affairs - COL Hyers reported Congress is currently on recess. Prior to leaving, Congress passed the Health Care Bill which President Obama signed into law. The TRICARE Protection Bill passed as well.

c. Health Care - Mrs. Frausto said the Clinic's change-of-command is 17 June 2010. Medical insurance coverage continuation for children up to age 26 under their parents' plans, as required by the new health care law, does not apply to DEERS. Medical coverage still ends at age 23 for eligible dependants. The Clinic will unveil its new MRI/CT scanner at a date TBD in May 2010.

d. Community Activity - None

e. Commissary - Mr. O'Meara reported the Commissary is closed Easter Sunday. Hormel hams are deeply discounted through Easter. The Del Monte NASCAR show car is on display 1000-1400, 8 April 2010.

f. Retiree Voluntary Support - Open

g. PX - A representative from Black Hawk Customs (motorcycle PPE vendor) is setting up at the Main Store 0900-1430, 5 April. AAFES celebrates Customer Appreciation 5-11 April with sweepstakes in the Mini Mall and Main Store. A cook-out from 1000-1300, 9 April, will also be held in conjunction with customer appreciation. AAFES kicks off "Month of the Military Child" 16-17 April with many activities at the Main Store. 22 April is the "Earth Day" event, and customers will save 10% off all items in a special recycling bag.

h. Golf Course - 1 May 2010 is the next "Super Demo Day" with many vendors displaying their products and answering questions..

i. Equestrian Center - 1SG Prier reported horse shows are scheduled for 17 and 25 April.

j. Outdoor Recreation - Boaters on Lake Tholocco must obtain a users' card from DFMWR before launching. This is required for military and civilian users alike and is in addition to any state requirement. SFC Jergenson also reported that turkey hunting season is going well.

k. Bowling Alley - Nothing new to report.

l. RAD - The 2010 RAD date request is at Post HQs awaiting the CG's approval/signature. Mr. Moore confirmed that MOAA is providing LTC(R) Shane Ostrom, Deputy Director, Benefits Information Department, as guest speaker for this year's RAD.

7. Advisors' Comments.

a. Mrs. Sullivan reported the Children's Fest was very successful with over 17,000 eggs dropped. Easter Brunch will be at The Landing at 1000, 4 April. The "Lemon Lot" is moving to

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a newly created area on the Andrews Avenue side of Guthrie Field. She also reminded everyone that the spring version of "Thunder on Tholocco" drag boat racing returns on 24 April 2010.

b. Mr. Mitchell highlighted two items. The ground-breaking for "Mother Rucker's" sports bar took place, and the change-of-command for COL Kelley is tentatively scheduled late June to mid-July.

8. New Business - CSM Nelson asked the Council to consider "in memoriam" activities after the passing of former/current members or their families. COL Bunting mentioned the number of committee openings and vacancies on the Council itself. He requested volunteers for the committees and stated assignments would take place if no one volunteered. EOC Griffin spoke about Alabama's new POW/MIA license plate that is awaiting Gov. Riley's signature. The state must receive 1000 tag requests before production of the actual tags begins. The Council moved, seconded, and voted on CW4 Cooper's Council membership. His current term was scheduled to expire 1 Oct 2010 and this action prevents that.

9. The meeting adjourned at 1245. The next scheduled meeting will be held at The Landing on 6 May 2010 at 1130.

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