

COMMANDER'S RETIREE COUNCIL  
Fort Rucker, Alabama

The Commander's Retiree Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on 3 June 2010. It was the 258th 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
LTC Carolyn Bost-Pittman	SFC Ralph Reed
LTC Clarence Collins	EOC Fred Griffin, USN
Mrs. Marie Wilkins	

MEMBERS ABSENT

CW4 Robert Cooper	CSM James W. Harris
	TSGT Bill Bieber, USAF

ADVISORS PRESENT

COL Yolanda Ruiz-Isales, LAHC	Mr. Tim Laster, DFMWR
Mr. Justin Mitchell, Dep Garrison Cdr	Ms. Gail Braley, AG
Mr. Mike O'Meara, Commissary	Ms. Jennifer Seda, Ch, MPD
Ms. Sheryl Lowell, PAO	Mr. Robert Bridgewater, ICE
Ms. Sue Antonello, AAFES	

2. CSM Gene Nelson called the meeting to order at 1130.
3. COL James E. Hyers opened the meeting with a prayer.
4. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as written.
5. Old Business - None
6. Committee Reports:
  - a. Public Affairs - Open, no report. CSM Nelson commented on the need to fill this slot.
  - b. Legislative Affairs - COL Hyers reported that the threat to Medicare/TRICARE is back, and the 21% cut in Medicare/TRICARE payments were scheduled for June 1. Pentagon leaders

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are complaining about rising military health care costs and blaming Retirees who use TRICARE instead of civilian employer plans.

c. Health Care - COL Ruiz-Isales discussed the Medical Home Model concept which gives patients open access to a medical team. A ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held 7 June for the new CT/MRI scanner, and COL Ruiz-Isales will give VIP tours of the newly-renovated VA clinic. The LAHC change of command will be 17 June, at 0830, on Howze Field.

d. Community Activity – No report.

e. Commissary - Mr. O'Meara reported the commissary will be open 4 July from 1000-1500. A Dasani water truckload sale is scheduled for 15 June.

f. Retiree Voluntary Support - Open

g. PX – Ms. Antonello reported that the great-grandson of distiller Jim Beam will be at the Mini Mall from 1600-1700, 4 June, to meet and greet customers and to sign purchases of Jim Beam. Also, on 17 and 18 June, there will be a tent sale and a PX Bar-B-Que and wine-tasting event. Tickets for the wine tasting are \$20.00.

h. Golf Course - No report.

i. Equestrian Center – 1SG Prier reported there will be an Open Horse Show on 12 June from 0900-1200.

j. Outdoor Recreation - SFC Jergenson reported that Lake Tholocco is open, the lake is full, and the water is warm. Fishing and hog hunting are good. Approximately 50 hogs were killed in five days. He also advised all to be careful along the shores due to increased snake activity.

k. Bowling Alley - SMS Woodruff reported that summer bowling leagues are in session and that bowling is a good exercise sport.

l. RAD - No report at this time. LTC Carolyn Bost-Pittman and Chris Moore, RSO, are working the RAD for this year in October.

### 7 Advisors' Comments.

a. Ms. Lowell stated that Changes of Command dates have been added to the PAO flyer, and the Army Soldier Show will be 10-11 June.

b. Mr. Laster discussed the 5 June, "Comics on Duty," shows for adults 18 and older in The Zone. Soldier Show tickets are available for the Friday and Saturday matinee. The Father's Day Sunday Brunch will offer a 10% discount for Retiree Council members, and the Splash Park is now open six days a week from 1000-1800.

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c. Mr. Bridgewater commented on continuing positive ICE comments.

d. Mrs. Braley discussed information on TRICARE coverage that will be effective 1 October 2010. Mrs. Braley also distributed information on TRICARE coverage.

8. New Business - Release of e-mail addresses to MWR was discussed. The decision was made to use e-mails only for Retiree council business. SFC Jergenson will be the point of contact for e-mail information distribution to Council members.

9. 1SG Prier highlighted two businesses (Navigator and Army Fleet Support) that will be recognized at state and national levels for their support of Disabled Veterans. Also, an appreciation dinner with Congressman Bobby Bright is upcoming; Veterans' issues in the community will be the subject of discussion. The Enterprise Veterans Day parade will be Thursday, 11 November, at 1700.

10. COL Bunting bid a farewell to COL Ruiz-Isales from the Council and applauded her good service to the community and the Army.

11. The meeting adjourned at 1300. The next scheduled meeting will be held at The Landing on 1 July 2010 at 1130.

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