

COMMANDER'S RETIREE COUNCIL
Fort Rucker, Alabama

The Commander's Retiree Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on 1 March 2012 at The Landing on Ft. Rucker.

MEMBERS (Army Retiree, except as indicated)

PRESENT

BG Douglas Smith	COL Bob Bunting
LTC Ray Collins	CW4 Bob Cooper
CSM Gene Nelson	CSM James Harris
SMS Jean A. Woodruff, USAF	1SG Jack Kehler
SFC Bernett Jergenson	TSGT Bill Bieber, USAF
Mr. William Staubach	Mrs. Marie Wilkins
Mr. Jim Mattingly	

MEMBERS ABSENT

1SG Ken Prier
SFC Ralph Reed

ADVISORS PRESENT

COL James Muskopf, Garr CMD	Mr. Joe Escobar, Exchange
COL Patrick Denman, LAHC	Mr. Chris Moore, RSO
Mr. Tim Laster, DFMWR	Mr. Mark Lindsey, Commissary
Mr. Jim Hughes, PAO	

1. CSM Nelson called the meeting to order at 1130 and opened the meeting with prayer.
2. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as written.
3. Please submit a brief summary of your comments with your name immediately after the meeting to 1SG Kehler so that they can be included in the report.
4. Committee Reports
 - a. Public Affairs – 1SG Kehler reported on the TRICARE fee increases in the proposed fiscal year 2013 budget; submitted an example of money available for in-home care for Veterans and Retirees.
 - b. Legislative affairs – CW4 Cooper reported on Army strength decreases, TRICARE fee increases, a new round of possible base closures, active duty pay raise, tax relief and job creation legislation.

c. Health Care – CSM Harris gave an update on the old O/R area construction, new doctors reporting in, and the new prescription SOP. COL Bunting stated a problem he encountered trying to fill a prescription. CSM Harris mentioned that medical issues will be addressed at the Health Care Consumer meeting on 24 April. COL Denman gave a pharmacy update; also announced 16 May 2012 will be the official opening. He stated the golf cart service is going very well but could still use more drivers.

d. Community activity – No report

e. Commissary – It was announced there will be a case lot sale 10-13 May 2012. COL Bunting mentioned a chicken shortage at the Commissary, it was suggested that the shortage of chicken and turkey could be due to patrons buying in bulk to support off-post businesses. More handicapped parking areas are being considered. Work Orders have been submitted to repair pot-holes. Rolling carts in the Commissary parking lots were addressed; posting of signs being considered.

f. Retiree Volunteer Support – No report

g. Golf Course – CW4 Cooper stated a membership drive is going on.

h. Exchange – Mr. Escobar stated Mr. Walker is the incoming manager.

i. Equestrian Center – No report.

j. Outdoor Recreation –SFC Jergenson discussed snakes on the walking trails; the State Youth Turkey Hunt on 10 March, and the State turkey season 15 Mar-30 April. He discussed the pig, coyote, and fox situation on post. He stated he will remain on the Council at his position.

k. Bowling Alley – No report

l. RAD – Mr. Moore stated that MOAA will do the presentation at the RAD.

5. Advisors' Comments. COL Muskopf announced that Gary Sinese has requested to perform at this year's Freedom Fest activities on 3 July 2012. He stated that contractors are removing ordnance from the golf course, and the Blue course is temporarily closed.

6. New Business.

7. The meeting adjourned at 1230. The next meeting will be 1130, 5 April 2012 at The Landing.

Approved via-email

Bob Bunting
COL, Retired
Co-Chairman

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Gene Nelson
CSM, Retired
Co-Chairman

Retiree Council Minutes 1 March 2012

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