

COMMANDER'S RETIREE COUNCIL
Fort Rucker, Alabama

The Commander's Retiree Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on 5 April 2012 at The Landing on Ft. Rucker.

MEMBERS (Army Retiree, except as indicated)

PRESENT

BG Douglas Smith
CW4 Bob Cooper
CSM James Harris
SFC Bennett Jergenson

LTC Ray Collins
CSM Gene Nelson
1SG Jack Kehler
Mrs. Marie Wilkins

MEMBERS ABSENT

COL Bob Bunting
1SG Ken Prier
SFC Ralph Reed
Mr. Jim Mattingly

SMS Jean A. Woodruff, USAF
Mr. William Staubach
TSGT Bill Bieber, USAF

ADVISORS PRESENT

COL James Muskopf, Garr CDR
COL Patrick Denman, LAHC CDR
Mr. Chris Moore, RSO
Mr. Tim Laster, DFMWR

Susie Antonello, Exchange
Don Walter, Exchange Manager
Mimi Brooks, AER
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 – Ozark Military Affairs Committee will meet 16 April, 1:00, at the Chamber of Commerce in Ozark.
 - b. Legislative affairs – CW4 Cooper reported on the latest Congressional proposals on the budget, health costs, and pay. He also discussed fund raising by various Veterans' groups.
 - c. Health Care – CSM Harris stated that 19 April is the new date for the Health Care

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Consumer meeting. CSM said if there are issues or concerns bring them to COL Denman's attention prior to the meeting. The renovation and construction is going well in the old O/R area.

d. The Landing Council – COL Collins discussed upcoming meal specials and concerts at the Landing. The U.S. Army Soldier Show is 5 – 6 May; Lake Fest is 19 May.

e. Commissary – No report.

f. Retiree Volunteer Support – No report.

g. Golf Course – CW4 Cooper mentioned the upcoming fund raisers.

h. Exchange –Mr. Walter was introduced as the new Manager.

i. Equestrian Center – No report.

j. Outdoor Recreation – SFC Jergenson mentioned the article in the Post paper on preserving natural resources, and talked about the turkey season.

k. Bowling Alley – No report.

l. RAD –No report.

5. Advisors' Comments.

a. COL Denman stated 1 May should be the completion date for the new Medical Team areas. The golf-cart program is going extremely well. The renovated areas will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony on 7 May beginning at 0830. COL Denman's change of command ceremony is 20 June, at the Aviation Museum.

b. Ms Brooks discussed AER history, the annual fund raising campaign, the scholarship criteria, and the Golf Scramble fundraiser.

c. CSM Nelson inquired about VA doctors reporting to Lyster. CSM Harris stated the dates are unknown.

6. New Business – None

7. The meeting adjourned at 1230. The next meeting will be 1130, 3 May 2012 at The Landing.

Approved via-email

Bob Bunting
COL, Retired
Co-Chairman

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Gene Nelson
CSM, Retired
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