

COMMANDER'S RETIREE COUNCIL
Fort Rucker, Alabama

The Commander's Retiree Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on 3 May 2012 at The Landing on Ft Rucker.

MEMBERS (Army Retiree, except as indicated)

PRESENT

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

COL Bob Bunting
CW4 Bob Cooper
CSM James Harris
SFC Bennett Jergenson
SMS Jean A. Woodruff, USAF

MEMBERS ABSENT

1SG Ken Prier
TSGT Bill Bieber, USAF

SFC Ralph Reed

ADVISORS PRESENT

COL James Muskopf, Garr CDR
Mr. Don Walter, Exchange Manager
Mr. Terry Ford, Commissary Manager
Mrs. Deborah Seimer, DHR

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

1. COL Bunting called the meeting to order at 1130 and CSM Harris 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 the Ozark Chamber of Commerce held its Government Affairs Committee meeting on 16 April 2012. The organization of the Military Affairs Committee was discussed. The next scheduled meeting is 16 May 2012.
 - b. Legislative Affairs – CW4 Cooper reported on various issues including potential TRICARE fees increase, a troop pay increase of 1.7%, and the importance of contacting government representatives on our concerns. He stated a Memorial Day ceremony would be 1100, 28 May at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens in Ozark.

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c. Health Care – CSM Harris reported on the Health Care Consumer meeting. He stated the emphasis is on keeping people well, and that the clinic is in the “top tier” of health care. The VA clinic construction is going well and ahead of scheduled completion. CSM Harris discussed the shortage of doctors in the VA clinic.

d. Community Activity Center – LTC Collins discussed upcoming meal specials, the Army Soldier Show, and the Mother’s Day brunch. He stated the Women’s Health Fair will be 15 May 2012.

e. Commissary – Mr. Ford reported on the upcoming case lot sale and the “Healthy Eating” activities in July. He discussed the Commissary donating items for fund raising activities.

f. Retiree Volunteer Support – No report.

g. Golf Course – CW4 Cooper mentioned the free demonstrations in May.

h. Exchange – Mr. Walter reported on the “Salute To Troops” activities with an appearance by Miss Alabama and the free carnations to mothers on 13 May 2012. A General Motors representative will appear on 2 July for a “ride” event. The Exchange will celebrate its 117th birthday in July.

i. Equestrian Center – No report.

j. Outdoor Recreation – SFC Jergenson reported on the turkey season, free hunting permit information, and the latest hog report on the Installation.

k. Bowling Alley – SMS Woodruff stated the summer leagues are forming.

l. RAD – COL Bunting reminded Council members of the 26 October 2012 activity.

5. Advisors' Comments.

a. COL Denman reported on “Open House” activities and the “new way of doing business” concerning health care.

b. COL Bunting invited the members to join the Army Aviation Museum. He stated Memorial Day activities in Ozark will be 28 May 2012 and the speaker will be Judge Garner, a veteran. There will be a Welcome Home ceremony for Vietnam Veterans on the 50th anniversary of the start of the Vietnam War.

c. COL Muskopf discussed hurricane season preparation. He stated that beneficiaries now have three years to make monetary decisions after the loss of a loved one serving on active duty.

d. CSM Nelson reported on the openings on the Retiree Council Committee.

6. Old Business – None.

7. The meeting adjourned at 1240. The next meeting will be 1130, 7 June 2012 at The Landing.

Approved via-email

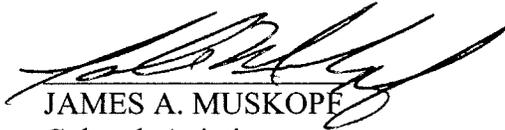
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