

COMMANDER'S RETIREE COUNCIL  
Fort Rucker, Alabama

The Commander's Retiree Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on 7 June 2012 at The Landing on Ft Rucker.

MEMBERS (Army Retiree, except as indicated)

PRESENT

COL Bob Bunting	LTC Ray Collins
CSM Gene Nelson	CSM James Harris
1SG Jack Kehler	SFC Ralph Reed
SSG Ernestine Doby	SMS Jean A. Woodruff, USAF
Mrs. Marie Wilkins	

MEMBERS ABSENT

BG Douglas Smith	CW4 Bob Cooper
1SG Ken Prier	SFC Bennett Jergenson

ADVISORS PRESENT

COL James Muskopf, Garr CDR	COL Patrick Denman, LAHC CDR
Mr. Chris Moore, RSO	Mr. Tim Laster, DFMWR
Mrs. Deborah Seimer, DHR	Mr. William Staubach
Mr. Jim Mattingly	Mr. Jim Hughes, PAO

1. CSM Nelson 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 to 1SG Kehler immediately following the meeting so they can be included in the report.

4. Committee Reports

a. Public Affairs – 1SG Kehler reported the Ozark Chamber Of Commerce held their Military Affairs Committee meeting on 16 May 2012. Plans were discussed for a welcome reception in honor of the incoming Installation and Garrison Commanders. It was also decided that a stronger effort to inform new Ft Rucker Soldiers about the Ozark community was needed. 1SG Kehler stated the 9 June flag retirement ceremony would take place at the Disabled American Veterans building in Ozark.

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b. Legislative Affairs – No report.

c. Health Care – CSM Harris reported an ongoing problem at the VA Clinic. Information on doctors scheduled to arrive/work at the clinic continues to be difficult to verify. He stated the latest information is that a doctor or physician's assistant will arrive at the beginning of the fiscal year. He also stated the change of command ceremony for COL Denman is 20 June 2012 at 1400.

d. Community Activity – LTC Collins discussed plans to hold a Father's Day lunch on 17 June. A wine-tasting event will be held on 29 June. The wine receiving the most votes will be designated as the Ft Rucker wine for the 30<sup>th</sup> Aviation Branch Birthday Ball. He reminded everyone that the Bingo jackpot is now \$21,000.

e. Commissary – No report.

f. Retiree Volunteer Support – No report.

g. Golf Course – No report.

h. Exchange – No report.

i. Equestrian Center – No report.

j. Outdoor Recreation – No report.

k. Bowling Alley – No report.

l. RAD – CSM Nelson affirmed the importance of Retiree Council Committee members' participation in events, especially at the evening dinner.

5. Advisors' Comments.

a. COL Denman reported equipment would be moved into the new area this weekend. He stated the new revolving door would be operational July or August. The renovation of the Pharmacy and Lab areas will begin in FY 2013.

b. COL Muskopf stated the Commissary will be open 2 July 2012. There is no longer a requirement to register vehicles on Ft Rucker; the new scanning device used by the gate security personnel is working great. The AUSA-sponsored Army Birthday celebration will be 20 June.

6. New Business – SSG Ernestine Doby was voted upon favorably to join the Council. She will assume the Veterans Affairs committee role.

7. The meeting adjourned at 1215. The next meeting will be 1130, 12 July 2012 at The Landing.

Approved via-email

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