

COMMANDER'S RETIREE COUNCIL
Fort Rucker, Alabama

The Commander's Retiree Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on 12 July 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 Bennett Jergenson	SSG Ernestine Doby
Mrs. Marie Wilkins	

MEMBERS ABSENT

1SG Ken Prier	SFC Ralph Reed
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ADVISORS PRESENT

COL James Laterza, LAHC, CDR	Ms. Janice Erdlitz, MWR
Mr. Chris Moore, RSO	Ms. Beate Bateman, Exchange
Ms. Deborah Seimer, DHR	Mr. Terry Ford, Commissary
Mr. Don Walker, Exchange	Mr. Jim Hughes, PAO

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 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 (MAC) meeting on 10 July 2012. A reception for the new Installation and Garrison Commanders will be 13 September 2012 in Ozark; location to be announced. Ozark will host an event honoring the Aviation's branch birthday at the Police Memorial Park, 4 April 2013. The change of command ceremony for the incoming Commanding General, MG Kevin Mangum, will be 0900, 10 August 2012, at Howze Field (or if inclement weather, the Aviation Museum). Also mentioned was the Supreme Court decision on the Stolen Valor Act, e-mail

scams targeting Soldiers and Retirees, and a “Place of Remembrance” at Arlington National Cemetery. The next meeting for the Ozark Chamber of Commerce MAC is 14 August 2012.

b. Legislative Affairs – CW4 Cooper reported on sequestration affecting all military branches; the Stolen Valor Act being stricken by the Supreme Court; and the pay table for the TRICARE Prime enrollees.

c. Health Care – CSM Harris reported on the possibility of a VA doctor arriving in September. The renovation of the operating room will be completed the end of July. The next Quarterly Health Care Consumer Committee meeting is 19 July 2012.

d. Community activity – LTC Collins discussed the upcoming activities at the Landing.

e. Commissary – Mr. Ford stated there will be a Farmers’ Market this coming weekend. There will be a case-lot sale 14-16 September 2012. The ground breaking for the new Commissary will be in the beginning months of 2013.

f. Retiree Volunteer Support – SSG Doby reported on the expansion of the education programs.

g. Golf Course – CW4 Cooper stated the course is looking good and revenues have increased.

h. Exchange – Mr. Walter stated AAFES 117th birthday will be celebrated in two weeks.

i. Equestrian Center – No report.

j. Outdoor Recreation – SFC Jergenson stated pigs and coyotes are still a problem.

k. Bowling Alley – SMS Woodruff reported Dothan Lanes will be having a bowling special on 29 July 2012. There will be a future event for the Wounded Warrior project.

l. RAD – Mr. Moore stated there is a reservation date conflict for the Retiree Activity Day. He is working that issue and will report back on it at the next meeting.

5. Advisors' Comments.

a. Ms. Erdlitz mentioned there is a Job Fair in Ozark at the Civic Center on 22 August 2012. An illusionist will appear at the Landing on 27 July 2012. Bingo games will award a cruise this month and a Kindle next month. The Bingo jackpot is now \$23,000.

b. COL Bunting introduced the new Lyster Army Health Clinic (LAHC) Commander, COL Laterza.

c. CSM Nelson reminded attendees there are multiple positions open on the Retiree Council Committee.

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d. COL Laterza discussed his and the TRICARE goals for LAHC. Construction begins on the new front doors in two weeks.

6. Old Business – None.

7. New Business – Mr. Moore requested council members review expiring terms for current members and reiterated the Council’s current status with nine openings.

8. The meeting adjourned at 1215. The next meeting will be 1130, 2 August 2012 at The Landing.

Approved via-email

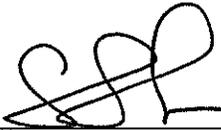
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