

COMMANDER'S RETIREE COUNCIL
Fort Rucker, Alabama

The Commander's Retiree Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on 2 August 2012 at The Landing on Ft Rucker.

MEMBERS (Army Retiree, except as indicated)

PRESENT

BG Douglas Smith
LTC Ray Collins
CSM James Harris
1SG Jack Kehler
Mrs. Marie Wilkins

COL Bob Bunting
CSM Gene Nelson
SMS Jean A. Woodruff, USAF
SFC Bernett Jergenson

MEMBERS ABSENT

CW4 Bob Cooper
SFC Ralph Reed

1SG Ken Prier
SSG Ernestine Doby

ADVISORS PRESENT

COL James Laterza, LAHC, CDR
CSM Gene Noland, Garrison CSM
Ms Deborah Seimer, DHR
Mr. Don Walter, Post Exchange

Mr. Justin Mitchell, Deputy to the Garrison CDR
Mr. Chris Moore, RSO
Mr. Tim Laster, DFMWR
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 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 Prime fee increase for Retirees who had enrolled before 1 October 2011. He also presented a “good-news” piece on a husband and wife in the US military that are both competing in the Olympics.
 - b. Legislative Affairs – None.
 - c. Health Care – CSM Harris reported on issues presented at the recent quarterly healthcare meeting: RAD Health Fair IPRs are being held, discussions to reduce wait times for patients;

renovations are still ongoing; and new automated equipment is coming in. The VA's renovation of the old operating area is nearing completion. The VA's Audiology Department is being moved from downstairs to upstairs.

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

e. Commissary – None.

f. Retiree Volunteer Support – None.

g. Golf Course – None. (Mr. Mitchell did express a wish for more trees to be cut to improve his golf score.)

h. Exchange – Mr. Walter mentioned the Exchange and movie theater activities concerning the months of September for Hispanic Heritage Month, and November for Native American History Month. There will be a Toyland grand opening in October.

i. Equestrian Center – None.

j. Outdoor Recreation – SFC Jergenson stated wild pigs and coyotes are still a problem. A trapper has been brought in to control the coyotes. There will be a new hunting policy soon.

k. Bowling Alley – SMS Woodruff reported fall leagues are being formed.

l. RAD – Mr. Moore stated the original date and location for RAD are on schedule.

5. Advisors' Comments.

a. Mr. Laster mentioned there will be a Job Fair held in the Ozark Civic Center on 22 August 2012.

b. Mrs. Seimer outlined Substance Abuse Month activities in September.

c. COL Laterza mentioned the Physical Therapy Department is being enlarged. He also stated that 23 August 2012 is the Women's Health Fair, and 20 September 2012 is the Picerne Health Fair.

d. CSM Noland said he appreciated the support from the Council. He could not give an exact date, but SMA Chandler will visit Fort Rucker soon. The new BOSS building located by the barracks will be dedicated on 5 October 2012.

e. Mr. Mitchell discussed heat injuries on Post and reminded the Council that civilians could be effected too. The Bowling Alley was struck by lightning and some equipment was damaged.

6. Old Business – Membership renewals for SFC Jergenson, Mrs. Wilkins, COL Bunting, SMSgt Woodruff, CSM Nelson, and BG Smith to continue serving on the Council were discussed. Each member agreed to continue their membership on the Council. BG Smith and COL Bunting agreed to

only remain as members until after the 2013 RAD. The expired term for SFC Reed was not extended. CSM Nelson emphasized the numerous openings still available on the Council.

7. New Business – None.

8. The meeting adjourned at 1230. The next meeting will be 1130, 6 September 2012 at The Landing.

Approved via-email

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COL, Retired
Co-Chairman

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Gene Nelson
CSM, Retired
Co-Chairman

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1SG, Retired
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