

COMMANDER'S RETIREE COUNCIL  
Fort Rucker, Alabama

The Commander's Retiree Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on 6 September 2012 at The Landing on Ft Rucker.

MEMBERS (Army Retiree, except as indicated)

PRESENT

COL(R) Bob Bunting  
CW4(R) Bob Cooper  
CSM(R) James Harris  
1SG(R) Jack Kehler

LTC(R) Ray Collins  
CSM(R) Gene Nelson  
SMS(R) Jean A. Woodruff, USAF  
Mrs. Marie Wilkins

MEMBERS ABSENT

BG(R) Douglas Smith  
SSG(R) Ernestine Doby

SFC(R) Bennett Jergenson

ADVISORS PRESENT

COL Stuart McRae, Garrison CDR  
Mrs. Deborah Seimer, DHR  
Mr. Tim Laster, DFMWR  
Mr. Jim Hughes, PAO

CSM Billy Cheatham, LAHC CSM  
Mr. Chris Moore, RSO  
Mr. Don Walter, Post Exchange

1. COL(R) Bunting called the meeting to order at 1130 and LTC(R) Collins opened the meeting with a prayer.
2. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as written.
3. Please submit your name and a brief summary of your comments immediately after the meeting to 1SG(R) Kehler so that they can be included in the report.
4. Committee Reports.
  - a. Public Affairs – 1SG(R) Kehler reported on National Suicide Prevention Week, 10-14 September, and the Army Stand-down, 27 September. He mentioned the VA's goal of ending homelessness among Veterans by 2015, and the launching, on 29 October, of an outreach initiative in communities across the nation, our closest being Atlanta, GA. There are over 75k homeless Veterans on a typical night.

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- b. Legislative Affairs – CW4(R) Cooper reported on Congress' return from recess starting the second week of September. He also stated that sequestration, TRICARE, and veteran hiring are continuous hot topics.
- c. Health Care – CSM(R) Harris reported the next Consumer Health Fair meeting is 18 October. He also stated the VA Clinic has added no health care providers.
- d. Community activity – LTC Collins(R) mentioned the Oktoberfest on 28 September.
- e. Commissary – None.
- f. Retiree Volunteer Support – None.
- g. Golf Course – CW4 Cooper(R) reported the Museum Tournament is 14 September. The Pro-Am Tournament is 21-23 September according to Mr. Laster.
- h. Exchange – Mr. Walter mentioned the following activities: Hispanic Heritage Month in September, Halloween Treasure Hunt in September/October, and Native American Heritage Month in November.
- i. Equestrian Center – No report.
- j. Outdoor Recreation – Mr. Laster mentioned the fishing tournament occurring in the near future, and the Wounded Warrior Fall Hunt in October. He also stated the last four cabins are now completed.
- k. Bowling Alley – SMS(R) Woodruff reported the Fall leagues have started. She also stated there will be free admission for Retirees at Landmark Park in Dothan on 3 November.
- l. RAD – Mr. Moore said the newsletter has been released for publication. The meal cost for Retiree Appreciation Day is \$15.00, the same as last year. COL(R) Bunting asked LAHC to present an in-progress review for the Health Fair during the October meeting.

### 5. Advisors' Comments.

- a. Mr. Laster mentioned there will be a Girls Night Out activity at The Landing Ballroom on 7 September; and the Latin Ritmos Dance & Music Expo on 12 October at the Post Theater.
- b. CSM Cheatham announced construction on the front doors of LAHC has begun. Customers can enter the clinic on either side of the building.
- c. COL McRae stated a reminder sign with the opening date of the new Commissary will be erected at the new site. The opening date is scheduled during December 2013. COL McRae also said there is a "Town Center" in the long range planning. The Commanding General is looking at decreasing designated parking areas on Ft Rucker. COL McRae stated he has agreed to stay in command here for three years.

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d. Mrs. Seimer mentioned there will be a "Swing Fore Life" golf tournament and a bowling tournament during the Suicide Prevention Month in September.

6. Old Business – None

7. New Business – COL(R) Bunting presented the membership applications of MAJ(R) William Van Doesen, CW5(R) Robert Johnson and CSM(R) Jerry Seimer for membership on the Council. All three were approved by unanimous vote.

8. The meeting adjourned at 1240. The next meeting will be 1130, 4 October at The Landing.

Approved via-email

Bob Bunting  
COL, Retired  
Co-Chairman

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Gene Nelson  
CSM, Retired  
Co-Chairman

Prepared by:

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