

COMMANDER'S RETIREE COUNCIL  
Fort Rucker, Alabama

The Commander's Retiree Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on 4 October 2012 at The Landing on Ft Rucker.

MEMBERS (Army Retiree, except as indicated)

PRESENT

BG(R) Douglas Smith	COL(R) Bob Bunting
LTC(R) Ray Collins	CW5(R) Scott Johnson
CW4(R) Bob Cooper	CSM(R) Gene Nelson
CSM(R) Jerry Seimer	CSM(R) James Harris
CSM(R) George Evans	SMSgt(R) Jean A. Woodruff, USAF
Mrs. Marie Wilkins	

ABSENT

SFC(R) Bennett Jergenson	1SG(R) Jack Kehler
SSG(R) Ernestine Doby	

ADVISORS PRESENT

LTC Samuel Jones, LAHC	CSM Gene Noland, Garrison CSM
Mr. Jim Hughes, PAO	Mr. Chris Moore, RSO
Mr. Tim Laster, DFMWR	Mr. Don Walter, AAFES
Mrs. Deborah Seimer, DHR	Mr. Terry Ford, DECA

VISITORS

Ms. Maria Perez	Ms. Kandi Kozlawski
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1. CSM(R) Nelson called the meeting to order at 1130 and opened the meeting with 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 they can be included in the report.
4. Committee Reports.
  - a. Public Affairs – No report.
  - b. Legislative Affairs – It was pointed out that none of the four presidential candidates has any military service. Voters should remain focused on promises made and kept by representatives.

COL(R) Bunting commented on the lack of transparency in the recent HB120, which taxes veterans rated 100 percent disabled. He noted the lack of any public debate and encouraged everyone to contact their representative.

c. Health Care – CSM(R) Harris spoke of a new medical doctor reporting to Montgomery next week for orientation and assignment to VA Wiregrass Clinic. The second floor renovation is complete and should be available by 1 January 2013. LTC Jones reported that 80 vendors have signed up for the Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD). The vendors have been told to remain set up until 1200 hours. Vendor set-up begins at 0700 and golf carts will be available to assist Retirees.

d. Retiree Volunteer Support – No Report.

e. Community Activity – CSM Noland briefed the Council on several issues; including reducing the number of reserved parking spaces on the installation, that Oktoberfest was a great success, the BOSS building was remodeled to better serve our young Soldiers, and Halloween activities are planned for the Installation. He will work to get additional handicapped parking spaces at the gym the morning of the RAD. He also informed us that Retirees would have priority for ID cards the day of the RAD.

f. Commissary – Mr. Ford reported that a better coupon system was in place at the commissary. He also presented us with information and copies of the new Commissary Rewards Card and explained its activation and use. Mr. Ford also reported that holiday items are arriving now, the parking lot will be re-striped, and additional handicapped spaces are in the making.

g. Exchange – We were informed that there are several sales going on now, and that additional and special sales would happen during the weekend of the RAD. The exchange will have a table at the RAD to answer any questions from Retirees. It was also reported that the Class VI tent sale is coming soon.

h. Golf Course – CW4(R) Cooper reported that the course is in great shape and overseeding will begin soon. We were advised to check in the club house for information on meetings and tournaments.

i. Equestrian Center – No report.

j. Outdoor Recreation – Although SFC(R) Jergenson was unable to attend, he did call in a short report that there had been good activity at the outdoor recreation and there had been no accidents to report.

k. Bowling Alley – SMSgt(R) Woodruff reported that leagues were getting started.

l. RAD – Mr. Moore reported that dinner invitations were sent out. He thanked The Landing for keeping the price of the meal at \$15.00. The RAD would be at the gym and the retirement ceremony at the museum. Members were encouraged to work on getting door prizes for the evening RAD activities. Members were assigned times to staff the welcome table from 0800-1200.

5. Advisors' Comments – Mr. Tim Laster reported that the installation was giving out food vouchers to Soldiers for both Thanksgiving and Christmas. All members were encouraged to refer to the @ease magazine for installation activities and happenings.
6. New Business – CSM(R) Nelson presented the membership application of CSM(R) George Evans for Council membership. He was recommended for approval by unanimous vote.
7. The meeting was adjourned at 1230. The next meeting will be 1 November 2012 at the Landing.

Approved via-email

Bob Bunting  
COL, Retired  
Co-Chairman

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CSM, Retired  
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