

COMMANDER'S RETIREE COUNCIL
Fort Rucker, Alabama

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

MEMBERS (Army Retiree, except as indicated)

PRESENT

COL(R) Bob Bunting
CW5(R) Scott Johnson
CSM(R) Gene Nelson
1SG(R) Jack Kehler
SFC(R) Bennett Jergenson

LTC(R) Ray Collins
CW4(R) Bob Cooper
CSM(R) George Evans
SMSgt(R) Jean A. Woodruff, USAF
Mrs. Marie Wilkins

ABSENT

BG(R) Douglas Smith
CSM(R) James Harris
MAJ(R) William VanHoesen

CSM(R) Jerry Seimer
SSG(R) Ernestine Doby

ADVISORS PRESENT

COL James Laterza, LAHC, CDR
Mr. Hal Kelley, Garrison XO
Mr. Chris Moore, RSO
Mr. Markel Lindsey, DECA

Mr. Justin Mitchell, Deputy to the Garrison CDR
Mr. Jim Hughes, PAO
Mr. Tim Laster, DFMWR
Mrs. Mimi Brooks, AER

VISITORS

Ms. Regina Cason

Mr. Greg Cason

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 – CW4(R) Cooper reported on government financial affairs, current events, pay raise, Senate activities, and the “fiscal cliff.”

- c. Health Care – COL Laterza discussed the pharmacy mail-order option.
- d. Retiree Volunteer Support – No report.
- e. Community Activity – LTC(R) Collins mentioned the upcoming tree lighting ceremony.
- f. Commissary – Mr. Lindsey stated the Commissary will be open Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve until 1700, the cart-corral is operational in the parking lot, and additional handicapped parking is now completed.
- g. Exchange – No report.
- h. Golf Course – CW4(R) Cooper reported on Pro shop sales and future events.
- i. Equestrian Center – No report.
- j. Outdoor Recreation – SFC(R) Jergenson stated the animal control program is working very well.
- k. Bowling Alley – No report.
- l. RAD – Mr. Moore asked for suggestions for the invited speaker for next year's RAD.

5. Advisors' Comments.

- a. Mr. Laster reported on the tree lighting activity, opening of the youth center, dinner with Santa on 15 December, and two New Years Eve specials at the Bowling Center.
- b. Mr. Mitchell stated the Wounded Warrior program went very well and that the water piers will be handicapped accessible in the near future. He announced the Post movie theater will stop showing movies permanently on 7 January 2013. The Christmas concert on Fort Rucker is 13 December 2012.
- c. Mrs. Brooks explained the AER mission and the scholarship program.
- d. COL Bunting commented about the civilian parking designation at the commissary. He stated the commissary is for military use only, and not for high ranking non-military personnel, e.g., a retired 0-4 who is now a GS-15 should not be allowed to park in an 0-6 parking spot.

6. New Business.

- a. CSM Nelson stated there will be no January meeting due to the holiday season.
- b. Mr. Mitchell introduced Mr. Hal Kelley. He was recently hired as the Executive Officer to the Garrison Commander.

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7. The meeting was adjourned at 1230. The next meeting will be 7 February 2013 at the Landing.

Approved via-email

Bob Bunting
COL, Retired
Co-Chairman

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Gene Nelson
CSM, Retired
Co-Chairman

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Jack Kehler
1SG, Retired
Recorder


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Colonel, Aviation
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