

COMMANDER'S RETIREE COUNCIL
Fort Rucker, Alabama

The Commander's Retiree Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on 7 February 2013 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	MAJ(R) William VanHoesen
CW4(R) Bob Cooper	CSM(R) Gene Nelson
CSM(R) George Evans	CSM(R) James Harris
1SG(R) Jack Kehler	SMSGt(R) Jean Woodruff, USAF
	Mrs. Marie Wilkins

ABSENT

CW5(R) Scott Johnson	CSM(R) Jerry Seimer
SFC(R) Bennett Jergenson	SSG(R) Ernestine Doby

ADVISORS PRESENT

COL James Laterza, LAHC, CDR	Mr. Hal Kelley, Garrison XO
Mr. Jim Hughes, PAO	Mr. Tim Laster, DFMWR
Mr. Chris Moore, RSO	Mr. Don Walter, Exchange/AAFES

VISITORS

Mrs. Rachel Golson

1. COL(R) 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 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 – 1SG(R) Kehler stated the Eternal Flame at President John Kennedy's grave site in Arlington National Cemetery is being upgraded. The site is still open to the general public.
 - b. Legislative Affairs – CW4(R) Cooper reported on funding, Veterans' schooling, and a pay

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raise. There will be a Wounded Warrior event in the near future.

c. Health Care – CSM(R) Harris stated the VA Medical Officer is due to report in March.

d. Retiree Volunteer Support – No report.

e. Community Activity – LTC(R) Collins mentioned the Valentine's Dinner at The Landing and a Ladies Night is scheduled 1 March 2013.

f. Commissary – SMSgt(R) Woodruff discussed the Rewards Card, the May case lot sale, that the new Commissary is on hold, and handicapped parking violations.

g. Exchange – Mr. Walter mentioned the repositioning of the departments. The new Subway and Optical Shoppe grand openings are 1 March 2013.

h. Golf Course – CW4(R) Cooper reported the tree trimming is completed and ordinance disposal continues through March.

i. Equestrian Center – Mr. Kelley stated that rumors of the Center closing are not true.

j. Outdoor Recreation – No report.

k. Bowling Alley – No report.

l. RAD – Mr. Moore stated a Speaker has not been identified as of yet for this year's RAD. BG(R) Smith will contact Cong (R-FL) Miller about speaking. Mr. Moore will present entrée choices at the next meeting for RAD.

5. Advisors' Comments.

a. Mr. Laster reported on Bingo playing on the 14 February 2013.

b. COL(R) Bunting commented about the civilian parking designation at the Commissary. He stated the Commissary is for military use only, 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 a 0-6 parking spot). COL Bunting also mentioned AL Bill 120 and stated the importance of contacting our representatives about it.

c. CSM(R) Nelson stated the RAD is 25 October 2013.

d. COL Laterza stated pharmacy co-pays are increasing at retail pharmacies. WI-FI is coming soon to the pharmacy area in Lyster. He also stated the clinic monies are being cut, but not services.

e. Mr. Kelley stated the Post is looking for a new movie theater operator.

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- f. CSM Evans discussed Veterans Affairs and the GI Bill.
- 6. New Business – None.
- 7. The meeting was adjourned at 1230. The next meeting will be 7 March 2013 at The Landing.

Approved via-email

Bob Bunting
COL, Retired
Co-Chairman

Approved via-email

Gene Nelson
CSM, Retired
Co-Chairman

Prepared by:

Jack Kehler
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Recorder



STUART J. McRAE
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