

COMMANDER'S RETIREE COUNCIL  
Fort Rucker, Alabama

The Commander's Retiree Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on 7 March 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	CW4(R) Bob Cooper
CSM(R) James Harris	1SG(R) Jack Kehler
SMSGt(R) Jean A. Woodruff, USAF	SFC(R) Bernett Jergenson
Mrs. Marie Wilkins	

ABSENT

MAJ(R) William VanHoesen	CW5(R) Scott Johnson
CSM(R) Gene Nelson	CSM(R) George Evans
CSM(R) Jerry Seimer	SSG(R) Ernestine Doby

ADVISORS PRESENT

COL Stuart McRae, Garrison CDR	COL James Laterza, LAHC CDR
Mr. Hal Kelley, Garrison XO	CSM Gene Noland, Garrison CSM
Mr. Jim Hughes, PAO	Ms Janice Erdlitz, DFMWR
Mr. Chris Moore, RSO	Mr. Don Walter, Exchange/AAFES
Mr. Terry Ford, Commissary	

VISITORS

Mrs. Rachel Golson	Mr. Jim Mattingly
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1. COL(R) Bunting called the meeting to order at 1130 and CSM(R) 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 reported on the Ozark Military Affairs meeting in February.
  - b. Legislative Affairs – CW4(R) Cooper reported on the sequestration possibilities affecting

military personnel and civilians in the near future.

c. Health Care – CSM(R) Harris stated the VA transitioning from the downstairs areas continues.

d. Retiree Volunteer Support – No report.

e. Community Activity – LTC(R) Collins mentioned the numerous activities stated in the Fort Rucker @EASE magazine.

f. Commissary – SMSgt(R) Woodruff discussed the Awards Card and parking problems at the Commissary. Mr. Ford said there is a hiring freeze at DECA and on 18 March 2013 the Commissary will conduct an inventory. He also stated the new Commissary is now on hold, but construction will begin in the near future. He also mentioned the Commissary parking problem.

g. Exchange – Mr. Walter highlighted the activities stated in the Fort Rucker Exchange's Schedule of Events.

h. Golf Course – CW4(R) Cooper reported a membership drive is on-going.

i. Equestrian Center – No report.

j. Outdoor Recreation – SFC(R) Jergenson stated it was a good deer hunting season. Turkey season begins 15 March 2013; and on 1 May 2013 a free permit for hunting hogs will be issued.

k. Bowling Alley – No report.

l. RAD – Mr. Moore stated a speaker is still needed for this year and reviewed food choices available for the RAD. COL(R) Bunting said Congressman Roby is available to speak only the week before or after the 25 October 2013 RAD date.

#### 5. Advisors' Comments.

a. COL McRae responded to the Commissary parking problems. He stated there will be an exercise on Fort Rucker and for all to be aware. COL McRae said because of sequestration, the Landing re-modeling and construction is on hold. He also stated the cottages would be designated after Aviation Brigades (Commanders and History).

b. COL Laterza stated Lyster Army Health Clinic now has a Facebook page for daily announcements, health tips, etc., and that Lyster's Wi-Fi is now operational.

6. New Business – None.

7. Old Business – None.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 1230. The next meeting will be 1130, 4 April 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  
1SG, Retired  
Recorder



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STUART J. McRAE  
Colonel, Aviation  
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