

COMMANDER'S RETIREE COUNCIL
Fort Rucker, Alabama

The Commander's Retiree Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on 6 June 2013 at The Landing on Fort Rucker.

MEMBERS (Army Retiree, except as indicated)

PRESENT

BG(R) Douglas Smith
LTC(R) Ray Collins
CSM(R) Gene Nelson
CSM(R) George Evans
SFC(R) Bennett Jergenson

COL(R) Bob Bunting
MAJ(R) William Van Hoesen
CSM(R) Jerry Seimer
SMSgt(R) Jean A. Woodruff, USAF
Mrs. Marie Wilkins

ABSENT

CW5(R) Scott Johnson
CSM (R) James Harris

CW4 (R) Bob Cooper
1SG(R) Jack Kehler

ADVISORS PRESENT

COL Stuart McRae, Garrison CDR
Mr. Jose Lira, DECA
Mr. Don Walter, The Exchange

CSM Gene Noland, Garrison CSM
Mr. Tim Laster, DFMWR
Mr. Chris Moore, RSO

VISITORS

Mrs. Rachel Golson

LTC Dennis Griffin, Post IG

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 – No report.
 - c. Health Care – CSM Nolan reported on the pharmacy moving starting in July and that changes would be coming.

d. Retiree Volunteer Support – No report.

e. Community Activity – CSM Nolan reported that The Landing has many activities highlighted in the @ease magazine. He directed our attention to the Dueling Pianos, Father's Day activities, and Freedom Fest.

f. Commissary – SMSGT(R) Woodruff discussed the new hours at the commissary due to the furlough schedule, the store will close on Monday and Tuesday. Funding has been released for the new store, and the store continues to look for ways to continue the case lot sales program which has been cancelled through the end of the year.

g. Exchange – Mr. Walter reported on exchange activities including highlights from handouts available at the exchange and given to council attendees.

h. Golf Course – Mr. Laster reported that the course was notified by the company doing the ordinance removal at the course that the Blue Course will probably be closed until September. The Pro-Am is scheduled for August 3-5, and several other events are also scheduled.

i. Equestrian Center – No report.

j. Outdoor Recreation – SFC (R) Jergenson reported that the lake is open and that hog trapping is on-going. He reported that hogs can no longer be run by dogs on Ft. Rucker.

k. Bowling Alley – No report.

l. RAD – Mr. Moore reported the speaker for the RAD is NAUS President, LTG Jack Klimp, USMC(R).

5. Advisors' Comments.

a. COL McRae reported that the Commissary store project is moving forward and hopes for construction to begin at least by the end of 2013. Freedom Fest is on thanks to the joint efforts and commitment of both Ft. Rucker and our surrounding communities. COL McRae further reported that the AER fund raising was a great success. The goal of \$125,000 was exceeded due to contributions of both active and retired members of the Army family. Given the current economic situation, this was a great success even during difficult financial times. He also noted that Retirees are eligible for AER assistance. COL McRae also reported on the cabins at the lake, and stated that they look great due to the many historical contributions. He also mentioned a new "Lake Lodge" project with 36 rooms and plans are to have aviation regimental decorations throughout the facility.

b. Mr. Laster reported that the Army birthday is 14 June. He stated that up-grades at The Landing start 1 July with new tile and carpets (renovations should take about a week). The LZ will shut down for major remodeling in July but the Tiki Bar and Grill will be open, and Mother Rucker's will open for lunch during this period. If all goes well, the LZ will open again around Labor Day. The water slide should be back in operation soon.

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- c. Mr. Moore reported that his office will be closed on Friday due to sequester.
- 6. New Business – None.
- 7. Old Business – None.
- 8. The meeting was adjourned at 1230. The next meeting will be 1 Aug 2013 at The Landing.

Approved via-email

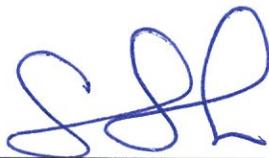
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