

COMMANDER'S RETIREE COUNCIL
Fort Rucker, Alabama

The Commander's Retiree Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on 1 August 2013 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
CSM(R) James Harris
1SG(R) Jack Kehler
Mrs. Marie Wilkins

LTC(R) Ray Collins
CW4(R) Bob Cooper
CSM(R) Jerry Seimer
CSM(R) George Evans
SMSgt(R) Jean A. Woodruff, USAF

ABSENT

BG(R) Douglas Smith
MAJ(R) William VanHoesen

SFC(R) Bennett Jergenson

ADVISORS PRESENT

COL James Laterza, LAHC, CDR
Mr. Tim Laster, DFMWR
Mr. Don Walter, Manager, Exchange

CSM Gene Noland, Garrison CSM
Mr. Chris Moore, RSO
Mr. Markel Lindsey, Commissary Rep

VISITORS

Mrs. Angel Mangum

Mrs. Rachel Golson

1. COL(R) Bunting called the meeting to order at 1130.
2. CSM(R) Evans opened the meeting with prayer.
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 US Army Soldiers' Show opening in Enterprise on 2-3 August 2013. He also reported on the DAV Mobile Service Office program coming to Enterprise, 27 August 2013, from 0900-1500 hours.

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b. Legislative Affairs – CW4(R) Cooper reported on recent House activities: procurement money, furloughs, VA official pay, and the Defense Appropriations bill.

c. Health Care – CSM(R) Harris stated the VA Chief Medical Officer is Dr. Guzman. There are now four Primary Care Providers; at the end of August there will be five. The VA dental clinic is not operational yet. At the Community Health meeting, it was mentioned about the pharmacy moving across the parking lot for about one year. On 26 October 2013, there will be a “drug take back” day.

d. Retiree Volunteer Support – No report.

e. Community Activity – LTC(R) Collins stated the remodeling is on hold at The Landing. He mentioned Mother Rucker is having its best year of operation yet. Bingo participation is low.

f. Commissary – SMSgt(R) Woodruff mentioned there will be a “sidewalk” sale in September. Bids have been made for the new Commissary and monies have been released for the construction.

g. Exchange – Mr. Walter reported on the 10 percent sale to coincide with the state’s tax-free weekend at the beginning of August; and special sales regarding the Military Star Card.

h. Golf Course – CW4(R) Cooper reported there is a new manager on board. There was a lightning strike on the course last week.

i. Equestrian Center – No report.

j. Outdoor Recreation – No report.

k. Bowling Alley – CSM(R) Seimer said he met the new Bowling Lane manager, Mr. Cook. He also mentioned new leagues are forming.

l. RAD – Mr. Moore reiterated that the speaker for Retiree Appreciation Day is LtGen(R) Jack Klimp, USMC.

5. Advisors' Comments.

a. COL Laterza discussed the pharmacy and personnel issues. He stated the X-ray department and laboratories serve walk-ins and have no co-payments.

b. COL(R) Bunting asked CSM(R) Harris if the new VA Director is a Doctor; CSM(R) Harris confirmed that he is.

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c. Mr. Laster mentioned there will be a hypnotist at The Landing on 23 August 2013. He expects The Landing Zone to open at the end of September. COL(R) Bunting asked about the Equestrian Center; Mr. Laster stated the Center is operational.

d. CSM Noland restated there will be a new Commissary. He also mentioned there will be additional handicapped parking spaces, and increased patrols. He thanked the members for their patience; also noted that the gate closure issue is being discussed.

e. CSM(R) Nelson reiterated the importance of the Retiree Appreciation Day.

f. Mr. Lindsey thanked the community for their patience reference Tuesday closings.

6. New Business: Mr. Moore stated there are five openings for the CSA Retiree Council. Applications for them must be turned in by 15 October 2013 to DA-RSO.

7. Old Business – None.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 1230. The next meeting will be 5 September 2013 at The Landing.

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