

COMMANDER'S RETIREE COUNCIL
Fort Rucker, Alabama

The Commander's Retiree Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on 1 October 2009. It was the 251st regularly scheduled meeting since the Council was established in 1973.

1. Members present/absent and advisors and guests present were:

MEMBERS (Army Retiree, except as indicated)

PRESENT

COL Bob Bunting	CSM Gene Nelson
COL James E. Hyers	CSM James W. Harris
LTC Clarence Collins	SMS Jean A. Woodruff, USAF
LTC Carolyn Bost-Pittman	1SG Ken Prier
CW4 Bob Cooper	EOC Fred Griffin, USN
Mrs Marie Wilkins	SFC Bernett Jergenson
	TSGT Bill Bieber

MEMBERS ABSENT

BG Douglas Smith	1SG Frank Ellerkamp
COL Stan Heath	SFC Ralph Reed
COL Emil Zimmerman	

ADVISORS PRESENT

COL Ruiz-Isales, LAHC	Ms. Sheryl Lowell, PAO
Mr. Tim Laster, DMWR	Ms. Ellen Rutledge, AAFES
Mr. Bobby Ward, Commissary	Mr. Chris Moore, RSO

2. COL Bunting called the meeting to order at 1130.

3. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as written.

4. Old Business – None.

5. Committee Reports:

a. Public Affairs – Ms Lowell discussed the October events which included the Army Soldier show, Hispanic Heritage Gate Run, Ozark Claybank Jamboree, annual clergy appreciation. She also noted there is a new veteran services officer in Coffee County.

b. Legislative Affairs – COL Hyers reported that : (1) A special law protects most Medicare enrollees from seeing any Part B premium increase in the event that there's no COLA for Social Security. Without that protection, a Part B hike would result in a net reduction of the

person's Social Security check as of January 2010. (2) MOAA has urged the House Veterans Affairs Economic Opportunity Subcommittee to approve legislation supporting military spouses, wounded warriors and National Guard members. Also, increase the amount of VA assistance provided to disabled veterans for specially adapted housing and automobiles, and adapted equipment. MOAA also urged quick action on legislation to allow active-duty military spouses the option to select the same state of domicile as his or her service member.

c. Health Care – COL Ruiz-Isales reported approximately 600 flu immunizations will be available for the Retiree Health Fair if the shipment of vaccination is received. The second floor of LAHC is currently in renovation status for the VA and the money and contract for the MRI and CT scan were approved. The pharmacy will be renovated and expanded to further enhance pharmacy service. IAW the Center for Disease Control (CDC) testing for H1N1 is no longer required.

d. Community Activity – Mr. Laster discussed The Landing was open and business is good, especially Sunday business. Also, a local band, Brew Eyed Dog will perform Sat, 3 October. Also, Starbucks Coffee is popular in the morning and business is good. Dinner is served at The Landing from 1900-2100.

e. Commissary – Mr. Ward reported this is the last week of the case lot sale that began 18-20 September. The gift certificates are now available beginning 15 October, the olive bar opened last week and business is good. The first shipment of turkeys will arrive 19 October. Holiday candy has arrived.

f. Retiree Voluntary Support– No report.

g. PX – Ms. Rutledge discussed the sales during the month of October. Every Thursday until Christmas there will be instant rebates, fashion mark downs on Wednesdays, and dinner and a movie on Tuesdays. Post wide sales events will be conducted for the RAD the entire weekend. Cake and punch will be offered at the PX along with giveaways bags.

h. Golf Course – Mr. Cooper reported that the golf course is doing well compared to FY08. Mr. Doggett will continue to manage and review costs. Tee up for kids and Club Championship Tournament is to help support the Boys and Girls club. Club Championship had two separate divisions, and there was a good turn out with 27 people. Winter intramurals are coming up in February on Sunday's at 1300 with hopes of 16 tees in a bracket playoff. The setup will be a 4 person scramble. Pro AM currently has 80 amateurs and 25 pros signed up for the tournament. Red 8 and 9 redesign is closer to completion, working on target greens. Current membership participation 281 Silver Wings Members and hope for 300 at end of March.

i. Equestrian Center –No report.

j. Outdoor Recreation – SFC Jergenson reported there is a new pier at the cabins and good comments have been received on the lake and good crappie fishing.

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k. Bowling Alley – No report

l. RAD – LTC Bost-Pittman asked for 10 volunteers to meet at The Landing by 0730, on 30 October, to assist as a volunteer for the RAD. Mr. Moore will coordinate the collection of monies for the dinner.

7. Advisors' Comments.

a. Mr Laster discussed the gym (Physical Fitness Center) renovation on Andrews Avenue beginning 30 October. This project will take approximately 18 months to complete.

b. EOC Griffin reported that chapter services officers for the Disabled American Veterans are available in Ozark and Enterprise. 1SG Prier is the Commander for the Enterprise Chapter.

8. New Business – COL Bunting read COL Heath's letter of resignation from the Council.

9. The meeting adjourned at 1230. The next scheduled meeting will be held at The Landing on 5 November 2009 at 1130.

Approved via-email

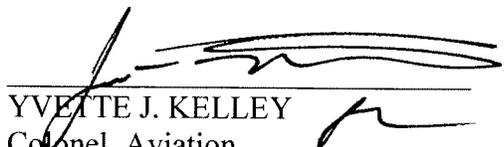
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