

COMMANDER'S RETIREE COUNCIL
Fort Rucker, Alabama

1. The Commander's Retiree Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on April 7, 2005 at the Aviators' Landing. This was the 200th scheduled meeting since the Council was established in 1973.

2. Member present, absent, advisors, and guests present were:

MEMBERS (Army Retiree, Except as indicated)

PRESENT

COL Bob Bunting, Co-Ch	CSM Charles E. Frye, Co-Ch
COL William E. Crouch	CSM James W. Harris
COL Herman S. Heath	CSM William Jolley
COL James E. Hyers	SGM Lloyd M. Rogers, Association Secretary
LTC James R. Mellish	SMSGT Jean A. Woodruff (USAF)
CDR James E. Cobb	1SG Jackie Ray
	MSG Charles T. McCracken (USAF)

MEMBERS ABSENT

COL Richard M. Johnson, Unexcused	SFC Ralph Reed, Unexcused
COL Charles A. Block (USMC)	Ms. Erika Johnson, Widow

GUESTS

SGM(R) William J. Baker
SFC(R) Joe Barnes

ADVISORS PRESENT

COL Thomas W. Young, Garrison CDR
SGM (R) Deborah Seimer, AG
Mr. Will Newman, RSO
Ms. Cue McCollister, DCFA
Ms. Lin Rogers, Commissary
Mr. Roy Watkins, MPD/AG

3. The meeting was called to order at 11:40 AM by COL Bunting who asked the first timers to the Council Meeting to introduce themselves. Those present were; SGM(R) Deborah Seimer AG, SGM(R) William Baker, potential council member; Ms. Cue McCollister, DFCA; and Ms. Lin Rogers, Commissary.

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

5. Old Business – The definition of “Military Personnel” in DODI 6055-4 does not include military retirees; therefore the military is not obligated to give Motorcycle Safety Training Course to retired military personnel free of charge.

6. Committee Reports.

a. Public Affairs – No report.

b. Legislative Affairs - COL Hyers reported the government is conducting a survey to revise its formulary which will increase the co-pay on some “name brand” prescription drugs from \$9.00 per month to \$22.00. Also members of the Military Coalition are “storming the hill” this week to gain support for bills which will affect the thirty year SBP pay up and the DIC/SBP offset. There are bills in Congress to lower the retirement age for members of the Guard and Reserve.

c. Health Care – No report.

d. Volunteer Program - SFC Barnes reported the Volunteer of The Month for April is Lucille Sherman and she will be recognized on 12 April 2005 at the Post Theater.

e. Consolidated Club System – No report.

f. Commissary –Ms. Rogers reported a case lots sale on 29 –30 April 2005. Work is still undergoing on refrigeration and the meat section. General Mills have a sale on cereals for \$2 per box. The Milk Bone Company is starting a promotion in which the company will provide five “assistance dogs” to needy persons in the military community. These are not guide dogs but dogs that provide assistance for people in wheel chairs or have trouble being mobile. Both the commissary and PX have large yellow boxes set aside for animal food and needs to help the Veterinary Clinic care for animals that are abandoned here on Ft Rucker. In June the commissary will open the warehouse for resale items.

g. PX – CDR Cobb reported that on 29 April 2005 the PX is having a side walk sale with discounts of 25% to 50% along with instant rebates, special buys, clearance items, special drawings for items and activities for all.

h. Golf Course – COL Heath reported the “Red Course” will be closed until 30 June 2005 for work on the greens. This Saturday will be Callaway Day with a representative showing the Callaway clubs.

i. Equestrian Center – COL Heath reported the first Western Show is scheduled for this Saturday. The last show was a success with many good comments about the condition of the course.

j. Outdoor Recreation – 1SG Ray reported the Outdoor Recreation Committee meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 10:30 and interested persons are invited to attend. The following events are scheduled: Youth and Disabled Fishing Tournament, 9 April 2005 (Buckhorn Lake); Bass Fishing Tournament, 16 July 2005 (Lake Tholocco); Pan fish/Catfish Tournament, 14 May 2005 (Lake Tholocco); Day at the Lake, 28 May 2005 (Lake Tholocco); and Fish-A-Thon, 10 – 19 June 2005 (Lake Tholocco). There were 101 deer harvested during the last deer season. When the RV Park is completed there will be a total of 30 sites, 14 of which will be drive through sites. 18 sites will remain open during the construction period. Due to a reduced budget the operational hours of the ODR pro shop will be reduced. The West Beach, Boat House, and Snack bar operations will be reduced to a five day operation.

k. Bowling Alley – CSM Jolley stated the Bowling Alley is closed on Mondays. Tuesday – Friday from 11:00 – 13:00 you can get a cheeseburger, french-fries and drink plus two games of bowling, including shoe rental, for \$6.75. Every Tuesday two can bowl for the price of one and every Tuesday – Friday from 11:00 – 17:00 bowl a game for a buck. There is still no one to Chair the bowling alley Advisory Council.

l. RAD – No report.

7. Advisors Comments –

a. Mr. Watkins stated this would be his last meeting because he was moving to the clinic. COL Bunting thanked him, for the Council, for all the support he had given to the Council.

b. COL Young reported that with all the rain, the spillway at Lake Tholocco was doing what it was designed to do. The Monthly Installation Information Meeting (MIIM) puts out information about the post and is held at the theater at the same time the volunteer of the month is recognized. The signing ceremony to turn the post housing over to a private contractor will be held on 2 May 2005. The installation management budget has been severely constrained both in base operation funds and construction funds and has been operating at 65% of requirements. It has been reported that now both will be funded at 90% of requirements.

8. New Business –

a. The advisors were excused and CSM Frye read the Biographical Sketch on SGM (R) William J. Baker. The Council recommendation to the Garrison Commander that he be appointed to the Council.

b. CSM James Harris was appointed to the Healthcare Committee.

9. Co-Chairman's Comments - None

10. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:40 P.M. The next scheduled meeting to be held at the Aviators' Landing on May 5, 2005 at 11:30 A.M.

Approved via email 8 Apr 05

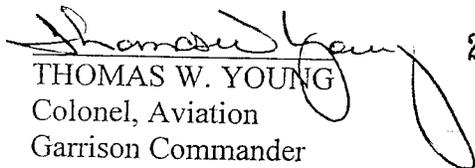
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