

COMMANDER'S RETIREE COUNCIL
Fort Rucker, Alabama

The Commander's Retiree Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on 7 July 2005. It was the 203rd regularly scheduled meeting since the Council was established in 1973.

1. Members 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 William Jolley
COL Herman S. Heath	SGM Lloyd M. Rogers, Association Secretary
COL James E. Hyers	MSG John J. McCracken, Jr. (USAF)
COL Charles A. Block (USMC)	Ms. Erika Johnson (Widow)
LTC James R. Mellish	CDR James E. Cobb (USN)

MEMBERS ABSENT

COL Richard M. Johnson, Unexcused
CSM James W. Harris
SGM William J. Baker
1SG Jackie Ray

ADVISORS PRESENT

COL William S. Larese, Garrison Commander
CSM Joseph Moodt, Garrison CSM
Mr. Kevin Carver, AG
Ms. Lin Rogers, Commissary
Mr. Tim Laster, MWR
Ms. Melissa Boggs, TriCare
Mr. Will Newman, RSO

GUESTS

Mr. Steve Pawlus, Club Manager

2. CSM Frye called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m. and had the Council members introduce themselves to COL Larese who was attending his first Council meeting. CSM Frye also asked COL Bunting to see if COL Johnson could make more meetings at the Council.

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

4. Old Business - None

5. Committee Reports.

a. Public Affairs – No report.

b. Legislative Affairs - COL Hyers reported the House had appropriated \$965 million for the VA and the Senate had appropriated 2.5 billion so a compromise would be worked out after the 4 July recess. Some of the Senate amendments included Bill Nelson's to change the "paid up" SBP from Oct 08 to Oct 06 and Harry Ried's amendment to declare the VA unemployables 100% disabled. The VA had added more prescription drugs to the \$22.00 co-pay list to include Viagra and Cialis.

c. Health Care – No report.

d. Volunteer Program – Ms Johnson reported the adult Volunteer of the Month for July was Ms. Anita Mullis and the youth volunteer was Alex Merrill.

e. Consolidated Club System – COL Block reported that although the Club was not out of the red yet the figures were improving. The Prime Rib Night and the daily lunch specials are a bargain. The new Club manager is Mr. Steve Pawlus.

f. Commissary – Ms. Rogers reported the Commissary has been raised from a Class 3 to a Class 4 store which will allow for a larger variety of foods. The Commissary will be closed on Tuesday 19 July to replace shelving.

g. PX – CDR Cobb stated Mr. Marks was on vacation but he wanted everyone to know about AAFES' birthday sale celebration on 23-25 July with many specials and give-a-ways.

h. Golf Course – COL Heath reported the Red Course is down for rework. There is an opening for a manager and assistant manager at the course. On 16-17 July there will be a Two Person Tournament.

i. Equestrian Center – COL Heath reported an Open Horse Show is scheduled for August, September, and October. Horse Trials are scheduled for 15 - 16 October. Mr. Mack is back after successful knee surgery. Mr. Mack and COL Heath are going to Atlanta this weekend for the scheduling of next year's events and any rule changes that will take affect.

j. Outdoor Recreation – CSM Frye reported that safety is stressed in all outdoor events. Mr. Laster stated the safety regulation at the lake is in compliance with Alabama water safety rules.

k. Bowling Alley – No report.

1. RAD – Plans proceeding normally.

6. Advisors Comments –

a. COL Larese reported plans for Hurricane Dennis were being taken.

b. Mr. Laster reported a Dinner Theater was scheduled, at the Landing for 21 July and they are looking for local actors to help. A “Pig Roast” is scheduled for 29 July at the Landing pool with a “Tiki Bar”. The ITR Office is scheduling a trip to Atlanta for the Music Man Musical on Saturday 30 July and 3-4 September is Family Opera at the Fox Theater in Atlanta. Hawaii Alakoi trip is 14 September.

c. Ms. Boggs stated the TRICARE Office is there to help us and office hours are Monday through Friday from 7: 30 until 4:15.

7. New Business – None.

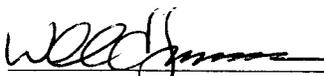
8. Co-Chairman’s Comments – CSM Frye reported on the condition of his son who had been severely injured in an accident. Also there are two enlisted vacancies on the Council due to normal attrition.

9. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m. The next scheduled meeting is at the Aviators Landing, 4 August 2005 at 11:30 a.m.

APPROVED VIA EMAIL 15 JUL 05
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Co-Chairman

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Colonel, Aviation
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