

COMANDER'S RETIREE COUNCIL
Fort Rucker, Alabama

The Commander's Retiree Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on 1 June 2006. It was the 213th 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 Stanley S. Heath	CSM Charles E. Frye Co-Ch
COL James E. Hyers	CSM James W. Harris
LTC Clarence R. Collins	CSM William Jolley
SGM Lloyd M. Rogers, Assoc. Sec	1SG Jackie Ray
1SG John J. McCracken, Jr. (USAF)	SFC Joseph N. Barnes

MEMBERS ABSENT

COL Bob Bunting, Co-Ch	COL Charles A. Block (USMC)
COL William E. Crouch	CDR James E. Cobb (USN)
LTC James E. Mellish	SGM Samuel V. MacMaster

ADVISORS PRESENT

COL Susan Denny, LAHC CDR
Mr. George Steuber, DGC
Ms. Diane Snodgrass, AAFES Manager
Mr. Chris Moore, RSO

2. CSM Frye called the meeting to order at 1135.
3. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as written.
4. Old Business – The Council selected breakfast and dinner menus for the RAD.
5. Committee Reports
 - a. Public Affairs -- No Report
 - b. Legislative Affairs – COL Hyers reported that Equifax credit service is offering a free credit monitoring service to those veterans who may have had their personal data stolen in the theft of a computer hard drive of a VA employee. When signed up with Equifax they will report this to the two other major credit companies. The website is www.equifax.com/siteAssets/productPromos/veteran/veteran_breach.htm. The Company will try to get a person to sign up at cost for other services but it is not necessary.

Personal data for veterans released after 1975 was on this stolen hard drive. There is a bill in both houses of Congress to allow one year of free credit monitoring and one free credit report per year for the following two years for the effected veterans.

c. Health Care – COL Denny reported the radiologist had been deployed causing reduced radiology services including ultrasound. Most providers are staying through the summer so service should be good during this time. Patient lobbies will be renovated next. The customer service via telephone has improved. COL Michael S. Kaminski takes command 27 June. COL Denny stated she was proud to have served with the dedicated and hard working individuals on the Retiree Council. CSM Frye thanked her for all her support, not only during the RAD, but in everyday business for the retired community. He also invited her to become a member of a council upon retirement.

d. Volunteers Program – SFC Barnes reported that the team of Tom and Maria Borneman were the Volunteers of the Month for June. The VA Clinic in Dothan is asking for volunteers to perform general administrative duties, i.e. calling patients about appointments, taking phone calls, filing, etc. To volunteer, calls should be directed to Dothan (334) 318 1220 and Montgomery, (334) 272 4670, ext 4749.

e. Consolidated Club System – Mr. Steuber stated the Club was doing well and they are putting together packages for group functions. The Club is also working to get more Hails and Farewells held there.

f. Commissary – No Report.

g. PX – Ms. Snodgrass distributed AAFES advertising handouts. The Four Seasons store air-conditioning is working now. The equipment is old and parts are hard to obtain. Upcoming events include a concessions bazaar on 16-17 May and 21 June starts the PX summer sale. She encouraged everyone to join the “Buddy List” in order to get advanced notice on special promotions.

h. Golf Course – COL Heath reported the irrigation project has been completed. The cart paths are still an ongoing project.

i. Equestrian Center – COL Heath reported an Open Horse Show this weekend starting at 1000. A discussion followed about using “volunteers” for assistance at non-military events like the horse shows.

j. Outdoor Recreation – 1SG Ray reported the Outdoor Recreation meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month at 1000. LTC Williams is being replaced as Council president by LTC Zaharis.

k. Bowling Alley – CSM Jolley reported all going good.

l. RAD – No report.

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6. Advisors Comments – Mr. Steuber reported that Ft. Rucker is “broke”. The supplemental money has not been approved as of now. No one has been laid off yet but some services are being slowed down.

7. New Business – A biography was read on a candidate for the Council. After some discussion a motion was made, seconded and approved to table the vote until the next meeting.

8. General Comments -- None.

9. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1315. The next scheduled meeting will be held at the Aviators Landing on 6 July 2006 at 1130.

Approved via email 6/5/06

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