

COMMANDER'S RETIREE COUNCIL
Fort Rucker, Alabama

The Commander's Retiree Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on 6 May 2010. It was the 257th regularly scheduled meeting since the Council was established in 1973.

1. Members present/absent and advisors present were:

MEMBERS (Army Retiree, except as indicated)

PRESENT

BG Douglas Smith	CSM Gene Nelson
COL Bob Bunting	CSM James W. Harris
COL James E. Hyers	SMS Jean A. Woodruff, USAF
LTC Carolyn Bost-Pittman	1SG Ken Prier
LTC Clarence Collins	SFC Bernett Jergenson
CW4 Bob Cooper	Mrs. Marie Wilkins

MEMBERS ABSENT

COL Emil Zimmermann	TSGT Bill Bieber, USAF
	SFC Ralph Reed
	EOC Fred Griffin, USN

ADVISORS PRESENT

COL Yolanda Ruiz-Isales, LAHC Cdr	Mrs. Deborah Seimer, DHR
Mr. Justin Mitchell, Dep Garrison Cdr	Mr. Robert Bridgewater, ICE
Mr. Mike O'Meara, Commissary	Mr. Chris Moore, RSO
Ms. Evy Bludsworth, DFMWR	

2. COL Bob Bunting called the meeting to order at 1130.
3. CSM Gene Nelson opened the meeting with a prayer.
4. Guest speaker Marilyn Starling from Community Hospice, Ozark, AL, spoke about their "Watchman" program and a grief-share recovery/support group program that is offered to the community.
5. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as written.
6. Old Business - None
7. Committee Reports:
 - a. Public Affairs – Open, no report

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b. Legislative Affairs - COL Hyers reported that solutions to the Federal debt will be discussed later in the month.

c. Health Care – CSM Harris reported he attended the quarterly consumer healthcare meeting on 15 April. A ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held 7 June for the new CT/MRI scanner. The Clinic’s change of command is 0830, 17 June, at Howze Field. COL Ruiz-Isales discussed community education for routine, urgent, and emergency care and the importance of returning healthcare surveys (low return rate-6%). LAHC gets \$25.00 for each returned survey response. LAHC was awarded \$860,000 for excellent patient care, and COL Ruiz-Isales will initiate the purchase of a digital mammography machine. She also discussed the upcoming Women’s’ Health Fair on 14 May, 0800-1200, and the fact that LAHC is the only DOD facility with an onsite VA clinic.

d. Community Activity - LTC Collins reported that community activities were financially headed towards “the black,” and CFC finances have been turned in and completed. COL Crowe will leave in September. Mr. Mitchell reminded everyone that The Landing will have an international-themed Mother’s Day buffet.

e. Commissary - Mr. O’Meara has ordered extra batteries, etc., for the upcoming hurricane season. Plenty of plants, flowers, and chocolate will be available for Mothers’ Day. The tobacco section will be locked, and customers will now have to request tobacco products.

f. Retiree Voluntary Support – Open, no report

g. PX - No report

h. Golf Course – CW4 Cooper reported that intramurals have started, and the AAAA tournament went well. Also, the Veterans Helicopter Pilot Association (VHPA) will meet the first Wednesday of each month at the VFW in Daleville. Mr. Cooper reported that CSA’s Retiree Council met recently; it was the 50th meeting. This council has 14 members (seven officers and seven enlisted). The council gained three new members and lost three members from last year. Thirty-three issues were forwarded to the Army Chief of Staff. Mr. Cooper will forward minutes when they become available. Finally, Mr. Cooper is the new Commander of the Enterprise VFW, and their next meeting is 13 May, 6:00 PM, at the Enterprise Country Club.

i. Equestrian Center – 1SG Prier reported there will be an open show on 5-6 June, and the council will meet on 17 May at 1000 hours. 1SG Prier is the Commander, Enterprise Chapter, DAV, and is leading a steering committee for a Veteran’s Day parade in Enterprise. The committee met with Enterprise Mayor Boswell about the proposed parade.

j. Outdoor Recreation – SFC Jergenson reported that 130 birds have been killed, and Lake Tholocco will be open for swimming in May. A certificate will be required beginning 1 June to go on Lake Tholocco with a boat. Boaters will be required to pass a written test before their

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certificates are issued. Walkers should stay on the main roads to prevent insect bites that could cause Lyme disease.

k. Bowling Alley – SMS Jean A. Woodruff reported that she bowled a 200 game, and the summer leagues are beginning. SMS Woodruff also presented the book, Bowled Over, as part of bowling history.

l. RAD – LTC Carolyn Bost-Pittman and Chris Moore, RSO, are working the RAD for this year in October.

8. Advisors' Comments.

a. Mrs Seimer reminded everyone that the Army Substance Abuse Program is available.

b. Mr. Mitchell discussed COL Kelly's 25 June farewell and 28 Jun change of command. Mr. Mitchell also discussed the delay of the Enterprise gate construction, and that work is still in progress for completion. He also stated that five new cabins will be constructed on the East beach, and the new chapel will be completed January 2011.

c. Ms. Bludsworth, DFMWR, discussed the Family Fun Fitness Festival that showcases various fitness activities for the entire family.

9. New Business – None.

10. The meeting adjourned at 1300. The next scheduled meeting will be held at The Landing on 3 June 2010 at 1130.

Approved via-email

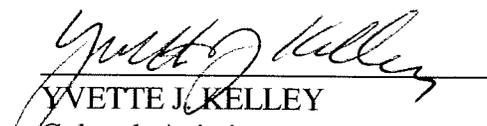
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