MINUTES OF THE FORT HOOD RETIREE COUNCIL MEETING

1. The 15 September 2005 meeting of the Fort Hood Retiree Council convened at 1200 hours in the Fort Hood Officers Club, Building 5764.

2. Membership Attendance:

a. Members Present: LTG(Ret) Taylor, Chairman; MG(Ret) Meyer, Assoc. Member; COL(Ret) Gauer COL(Ret) Portmann; COL(Ret) Somera; LTC(Ret) Woodward; CSM(Ret) Minosky; 1SG(Ret) Miller; SCPO(Ret) Lubasky, USN; MSG(Ret) Hayner.

b. Members Absent: CSM(R) Cayton, Vice Chairman; Col(Ret) Oliver, Assoc. Member; COL(Ret) Davis; CW3(Ret) Hanger; 1SG(Ret) Fisher; 1SG(Ret) Stotts; MSG(Ret) Wood, Sr., USAF; SFC(Ret) Evans-Quickley; and Mrs. Greathouse, Widow.

3. The Chairman called the meeting to order.

4. The Chairman introduced Mr. Jack Wade from the Greater Killeen Chamber of Commerce and Ms. Sally Wroblewski from Darnall Army Community Hospital who provided updates on their events during Retiree Appreciation Day.

a. Mr. Jack Wade stated that the Retiree Round Up Dinner will start at 1730 hours. Complimentary beer and wine would be served all evening. The entertainment for the evening will be "Jackie Cox" performing country music. Two tables will be reserved for the Retiree Council. Tickets for the dinner will go on sale 1 October 2005. The cost of the tickets are $15.00 each. Dinner will be held in the Ballroom of the Fort Hood Office's Club.

b. Ms. Sally Wroblewski gave an update on Health Fair Activities which will be from 1100-1500 hours on 29 Oct 05. She stated that the new hospital commander, COL Sutton, is very positive and very supportive, and she wants to do what is best for retirees and their family members during the Health Fair. She recommends that the Health Fair be conducted at the Thomas Moore Clinic. This location would cut down on walking and provide better parking. The layout of the clinic is also better for the fair activities. Flu shots will be offered in two locations during the fair and will be broken down by alphabet (A-L and M-Z); different color tickets will be given for each of the categories (i.e. red for A-L and green for M-Z). The urologist will provide exams, and the lab will be open. Hearing booths will also be open. There will be 2 self care classes and 2 classes on sensible supplements and herbal drugs for the elderly given by a pharmacist. DACH will beef up marketing campaign using TV, website, newspapers, etc., to get the word out about the change.

c. The Chairman expressed concern that the location for the Health Fair at DACH had already been published. Notifying retirees at the front gate with a flier with Health Fair location would be one way to ensure all participants know of the change. Motion was made, seconded, and the council concurred to change the location of the Health Fair to Thomas Moore Clinic. During discussion after the motion, the question was raised if the Red Cross Caremobile would be moved to Thomas Moore. Ms. Wroblewski said that the Caremobile would be there. COL(Ret) Gauer said that he would drive the day of the Health Fair. Additional discussion brought up to ensure maps with locations and directions are distributed. (Retirement Services distributes maps with agenda on reverse at Visitor Control Center, PXs, Commissaries, etc., to ensure retirees have access to the directions to the locations of events. Ms. Wroblewski went on to say that LTC Baker had ordered 1000 flu doses for RAD. Four vendors are supplying the vaccine. Ms. Wroblewski will call Ms. Waller when it arrives and Ms. Waller will notify the council of its arrival. Ms. Wroblewski added the Health Fair services were based on guidance from the US Preventative Service Task Force which recommends education, questionnaire for screening and discuss intervention about medical history with trained providers. To receive pneumonia or tetanus shots, retiree and family members should bring their shot records. The pharmacy will also be open to answer questions about medications. Question was raised if self care medications would be available and Ms. Wroblewski said she would check on it.

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5. The Chairman thanked Mr. Jack Wade and Ms. Sally Wroblewski for coming and providing the Council with information and updates on the upcoming Retiree Appreciation Day and Health Fair. He invited them to stay for the rest of the meeting if they desired. The Chairman then continued with the rest of the meeting.

6. The first order of business was to select the Honorary Retiree. Five nominees were proposed prior to the meeting. Motion was made, seconded, and carried unanimously for LTC(Ret) Ivor McKay to be selected as the Honorary Retiree for the 31st Annual Retiree Appreciation Day to be honored at the Retreat and Monthly Retirement Ceremony on 28 Oct 05. Question was raised if LTC(Ret) McKay was unavailable should an alternate be selected. The Chairman said that an alternate should not be selected because it would diminish the honor of being selected. MG(Ret) Meyers commended persons who recommended nominees. Additional comments from the Chairman were made reference ensuring that council maintains balance of officer and enlisted Honorary Retirees and that a nomination form be drafted by Retirement Services Office to be approved for future use to select Honorary Retirees (based on former guidelines approved by Council.)

7. Additional discussion was opened on Retiree Appreciation Day Activities. Chairman asked for strong support by council members to have as many attend as possible for Opening Ceremony and also the Round Up Dinner. Discussion was also brought up about door prizes. The letter from the GKCC had been mailed to all council members requesting that each council member provide one door prize for the Round Up Dinner. For the door prizes at the opening ceremony, COL(Ret) Portmann along with Mr. Hanger will get gifts from commissary. CSM Cayton will get with the PX for gifts from AAFES. Also, CSM(Ret) Minosky volunteered to assist Mr. Hanger with the shuttle busses on 29 Oct 05.

8. COL(Ret) Portmann reported he had no update from the Health Consumer meeting for August due to cancellation. He emphasized that the new Hospital Commander was very positive and supportive. The Chairman said that he is to meet with COL Sutton and would ask her to attend the next council meeting.

9. LTC(Ret) Woodward reported on Volunteer/Club Activities. LTC(Ret) Woodward reported that the FHOC would change it's name. Dues will stop being charged to credit card 1 Oct 05. Not sure of name, but will be Catering/Conference Center; booking room/space will be open to public. Staff, money were issues in decision. Legends Club will be open to officers only. Will be phased out unless profit making. Obligations previously made by the O'Club will still be honored. Open discussion raised question on if the credit cards would be closed (i.e. automatically close account) which could affect credit rating. Retirement Services will check on what to do with credit card.

10. The Chairman opened up the council for an open forum. COL(Ret) Gauer announced a big AUSA function at KCC on 18 Nov and will raffle a motorcycle. The Chairman appointed him for representation at the upcoming AUSA Conference. The Chairman asked to have COL(Ret) Gauer on agenda for the next meeting to update on AUSA Conference. It was also brought up that the Retired Officer Wives Club Christmas Ball is 8 Dec 05.

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11. The Chairman informed the council that the next meeting is scheduled for 8 December 2005, FHOC, Executive Room, and adjourned the meeting at 1330 hours.

LTG(Ret) H. G. TAYLOR
Chairman

Approved/Disapproved

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