

## MINUTES OF THE FORT HOOD RETIREE COUNCIL MEETING

1. The 16 April 2007 meeting of the Fort Hood Retiree Council convened at 1200 hours in III Corps Conference Room #2, Bldg 1001.

2. Membership Attendance:

a. Members Present:

LTG(Ret) Palmer, Chairman	COL(Ret) Oliver, Assoc. Member
COL(Ret) Portmann, Member	COL(Ret) Somera, Member
COL(Ret) Davis, Member	COL (Ret) Gauer, Member
LTC(Ret) Woodward, Member	CSM(Ret) Minosky, Member
CSM(Ret) Kitterman, Member	1SG(Ret) Fisher, Member
SCPO(Ret) Lubasky, Member	MSG (Ret) Wood, Member
SFC(Ret) Evans-Quickley, Member	Mrs. Shirley Greathouse, Widow

b. Members Absent:

CSM(Ret) Cayton, Vice Chairman	MG (Ret) Meyer, Assoc. Member
CW3(Ret) Hanger, Member	1SG(Ret) Miller, Member

3. The Chairman called the meeting to order and welcomed the council members to the meeting.

4. The council was briefed by two speakers:

- a. CSM Hof; the Garrison CSM briefed the command and control of Fort Hood Rear Command Group as well as the Garrison. He talked about the scope of Fort Hood which encompasses 52,000 soldiers and 70,000 family members. COL Bruzese, the Garrison Commander is scheduled to PCS in late August of this year.
- b. Ms. Kimberly Parker, Lane Volunteer Center briefed the new volunteer website. She logged into the site to demonstrate how it works and answered questions about the site. Ms. Beth Waller is going to work with Ms. Parker to add the required information to the site for the Retiree Council Members to record their volunteer hours. Ms. Waller is going to have the DA Form 2793's available at the next meeting for council members to fill in and sign. This form is required for all personnel who record hours on the site.

5. The Chairman opened discussion for old and new business. There were two items of old business and one item of new business.

- a. First item (Old Business): Update on Guest Speaker for 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD). Ms. Waller told the council that the invitation had been extended to the Honorable Jack Nicholson; VA Secretary in Virginia. His office has confirmed receipt and we are waiting for an answer from his office. LTG (Ret) Palmer has met with James Crabtree of the Texas Land Office and he has agreed to be on the agenda for the RAD. If need be he could be the guest speaker.
- b. Second item (Old Business): There was discussion on selection of the Honorary Retiree for this year's RAD. LTG (Ret) Palmer recommended a committee be formed to meet and work the nominations prior to the July board meeting. This was discussed and agreed to. He asked if anyone would volunteer for this committee and CSM (Ret) Kitterman and SFC (Ret) Evans-

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Quickley both volunteered. They will gather information from board members to present at the July board meeting.

- c. First item (New Business): LTG(Ret) Palmer talked about who we would like to address the next board meeting. He suggested someone from 5th Army in San Antonio. He talked about the major reorganization that is ongoing and asked if the council felt it would be worthwhile to have someone come and talk to the council about it. The council did and LTG (Ret) Palmer said he would contact someone from 5<sup>th</sup> Army and attempt to schedule a speaker for the week of July 12<sup>th</sup>. It was agreed that the council could change the date of the scheduled meeting if required to accommodate the speakers schedule for that week. CSM (Ret) Minosky said he would need about ten minutes to back brief what happened at the CSA Retiree Board meeting he will be attending next week in Washington DC. It was decided the agenda for the next meeting would be the speaker from 5<sup>th</sup> Army if available and CSM (Ret) Minosky.
  
- 6. COL (Ret) Somera attended the Council for the Healthcare Advisory Council in COL (Ret) Portmann's place since he was unavailable. COL (Ret) Somera said that the main topic of discussion was the Wounded Warrior Program. He also said there was discussion on how to improve the pharmacy.
  
- 7. LTC(Ret) Woodward updated the council on Volunteer Services. He stated that Care Mobile Drivers are still needed for CRDAMC.
  
- 8. CSM (Ret) Minosky discussed an information sheet that was included in our meeting packets. The sheet was a rollup of the topics to be discussed at the CSA Council Meeting next week. He is in the process of studying material for the topics his small group will meet to discuss and give recommendations to the CSA Board on. His topics include the grey area for National Guard and Reserves. COL (Ret) Portmann explained to the council who made up the grey area.
  
- 10. During closing remarks, the Chairman stated that he appreciated the council's patience for the longer meeting. He also thanked Ms. Waller for setting up the food provided for the council and recommended that others thank her also. The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 1325 hours.

  
LTG(Ret) DAVE PALMER  
Chairman  
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18 April 07

  
Approved/Disapproved

  
RONALD PERRY  
Rear Chief of Staff