

MINUTES OF THE FORT HOOD RETIREE COUNCIL MEETING

1. The 11 October 2007 meeting of the Fort Hood Retiree Council convened at 1200 hours in III Corps Conference Room #1, Bldg 1001.

2. Membership Attendance:

a. Members Present:

LTG (Ret) Palmer, Chairman	MG (Ret) Meyer, Assoc. Member
CSM (Ret) Minosky, Co-Chairman (Interim)	COL (Ret) Oliver, Assoc. Member
COL (Ret) Portmann, Member	COL (Ret) Somera, Member
LTC (Ret) Woodward, Member	CW3 (Ret) Hanger, Member
1SG (Ret) Fisher, Member	1SG (Ret) Miller, Member
SCPO (Ret) Lubasky, Member	Mrs. Shirley Greathouse, Member

b. Members Absent:

COL(Ret) Gauer, Member	CSM (Ret) Kitterman, Member
Msgt(Ret) Wood, Member	SFC (Ret) Evans-Quickley, Member

3. The Chairman called the meeting to order and welcomed the council members to the meeting. He also welcomed guests: BG(Ret) Art Junot, Distinguished Retiree, Mr. Jack Wade, Executive Vice President, GKCC, and Ms. Tammy Sanchez, Event Coordinator, GKCC

4. The council was briefed by:

- a. Mr. Jack Wade; Vice President, GKCC and Ms. Tammy Sanchez, Event Coordinator, GKCC. Briefed on the Retiree Appreciation Day Dinner to be held at the Plaza Hotel. Briefed there would be a cash bar prior to the dinner (chicken entrée) and that JT Parker would provide dinner music and entertainment for the evening.
- b. Ms. Beth Waller, Retirement Services, briefed on all other Retiree Appreciation Day events. As of date events were tracking and expected to go as planned. The Health Fair would have plenty of flu shots. The layout of the fair would mirror the previous year's event.

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

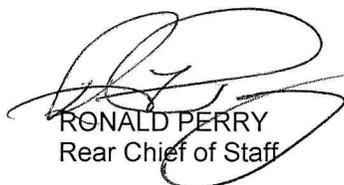
- a. First item (Old Business): The Chairman brought up that the Council would invite the Garrison Commander to the January 2008 meeting as decided at the last meeting. Also, the managers from AAFES and both Commissaries will be invited to that meeting.
- b. Second Item (New Business): The Chairman stated that the January meeting would focus on the council assessing itself. Whether it is too big or too small. Ensure that it is providing the support and eyes and ears for the retiree community. The council needs to have an AAFES Council representative and perhaps look at Health Care being a small committee vs. one person since it is a large area and the number one concern of Retirees. Look at other areas that need to be represented also. At the conclusion of the meeting, we would have made effective changes in order to accomplish the council mission.

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- c. Third Item (New Business): The Chairman announced there were two council members whose terms will be expiring in December 2008. He asked COL(Ret) Somera if he would stay on for another term and COL(Ret) Somera accepted. The Chairman said that he would contact SFC(Ret) Evans-Quickley and ask her to do the same.
6. COL (Ret) Portmann attended the Health Care Advisory Council. Update of the meeting was enclosed in the council members' packets. He also brought up that at the Army Family Action Plan Conference that three of the five top issues were health care related.
7. LTC (Ret) Woodward gave the Volunteer Services Council update. The Red Cross will have a new Director in April. The hospital still needs Caremobile Driver Volunteers. He also wanted to remind everyone that there was a letter in our information packet to present when talking to the businesses regarding prizes for this years RAD. He asked that door prizes be given to him in at the opening ceremony (if not given before) so that he can organize them for the dinner.
8. CW3 (Ret) Hanger gave a Commissary update. The case lot sales did very well. He wanted to note that the beer trucks that were at the commissary parking lot sold the beer separately and was not affiliated with the commissary. There are now alcohol wipes at cart area at the commissaries for customer use. Mr. Hanger said that the Clear Creek Commissary is tentatively scheduling a steak dinner, Friday evening, 8:00 pm. More info to follow.
9. Mrs. Greathouse gave an update on the Army Family Action Plan Conference. She attended as a delegate and was part of the panel for hospital/TRICARE Issues. She said that it was a very rewarding experience and other council members should consider participating.
10. The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 1315 hours.

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LTG (Ret) DAVE PALMER
Chairman
1300 07

Approved/Disapproved


RONALD PERRY
Rear Chief of Staff