

MINUTES OF THE FORT HOOD RETIREE COUNCIL MEETING

1. The 8 January 2009 meeting of the Fort Hood Retiree Council convened at 11:30 hours at the Phantom Warrior Center, 761st & 37th Street, Fort Hood Texas.

2. Membership Attendance:

a. Members Present:

LTG (Ret) Palmer, Chairman	CSM (Ret) Minosky, Co-Chairman
MG (Ret) Meyer, Assoc. Member	COL (Ret) Somera, Member
COL (Ret) Portmann, Member	COL (Ret) Oliver Jr., Assoc. Member
COL (Ret) Gauer, Member	LTC (Ret) Woodward, Member
CW3 (Ret) Hanger, Member	CSM (Ret) King, Jr. Member
CSM (Ret) Kitterman, Member	SGM (Ret) Lopez, Member
1SG (Ret) Fisher, Member	MSG (Ret) Wood, Member
SCPO (Ret) Lubasky, Member	SFC (Ret) Evans-Quickley, Member
Mrs. Greathouse, (Widow) Member	

b. Members Absent:

None.

3. The Chairman called the meeting to order and welcomed the council members to the meeting. He also welcomed and introduced our guest Ms. Marlean Druce, the new Installation AG.

Topics of discussion for this meeting:

- Ms. Marlean Druce
 - Gave the council some personal history and then made some brief comments.
 - She said she looked forward to working with the council.
- LTG (Ret) Palmer inquired about the structure of the Fort Hood Retiree Council.
 - The council thought that the current makeup of the Council is a good representation of the retirement community and there are no required changes.
 - COL (Ret) Gauer stated that there is currently no Family Advisory Council. Issues that were once covered by that group are now covered by The Army Family Planning Meeting that is held annually.
- Ms. Waller talked about Nominees for the 2010 CSA Retiree Council. CSM (Ret) Minosky will hold his position until next year. At that time he will be fare welled at the CSA meeting.
 - If someone on the council has a nomination for the CSA Council Ms. Waller asked that they contact her with the nomination. If approved by the board she would like to start working on the packet soon to ensure a quality packet is assembled prior to next years call for nominations.
- LTG (Ret) Palmer presented the Retiree Council Constitution, Bylaws, and Charter. There was discussion and changes to the wording that were recommended for consideration.
 - The Council will vote on all three documents at the next Council meeting.
- COL (Ret) Jos Portmann stated that there had not been a Health Card Advisory Council meeting in six months.
 - The next meeting is scheduled for the 21st of January at 1:00 in the Command Conference Room.

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- LTC (Ret) Woodward briefed on Volunteer Activities.
 - Anyone interested in being a care mobile driver call the Red Cross Office at Darnell for the next training session.
- CW3 (Ret) Hanger briefed Commissary highlights:
 - December sales were down but are coming back in January.
 - He briefed numbers for retiree appreciation day and numbers will go out in the retiree newsletter.
 - May 29th, 30th and 31st of May Clear Creek Commissary is scheduled for their case lot sale.

4. Additional Topics:

- Council member are asked to start thinking about the 2009 Distinguished Retiree. It is not too early to start working nominations. SFC(Ret) Ron Taylor's nomination from last year will be presented for consideration for this year along with any other nominations.
- LTG(Ret) Palmer also brought up the topic of a guest speaker for the 35th Annual Retiree Appreciation Day in October. He suggested GEN(Ret) Eric K. Shinseki since he had been selected to be the Secretary, Veterans Affairs. The council agreed that would be an excellent choice for the guest speaker. LTG(Ret) Palmer stated that once GEN(Ret) Shinseki had been confirmed, an invitation letter would be drafted for LTG Lynch's signature.

5. The meeting was adjourned at 12:55. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, 9 April 2009, Location Phantom Warrior Center (T).


LTG (Ret) DAVE PALMER
Chairman


Chris Ret Svcs
9 Feb 09

Approved/Disapproved


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