

MINUTES OF THE FORT HOOD RETIREE COUNCIL MEETING

1. The 12 January 2012 meeting of the Fort Hood Retiree Council convened at 1130 hrs at the DHR Conference Room, Copeland Soldier Service Center, Fort Hood, Texas.

2. Membership Attendance:

a. Members Present:

GEN (Ret) Griffin, Chairman
MG (Ret) Meyer, Assoc. Member
COL (Ret) Gauer, Member
COL (Ret) Somera, Member
LTC (Ret) Christ, Member
CSM (Ret) King, Member
SGM (Ret) Lopez, Member
1SG (Ret) Fisher, Member

CSM (Ret) Minosky, Co-Chairman
COL (Ret) Oliver, Assoc. Member
COL (Ret) Portmann, Member
LTC (Ret) Woodward, Member
CW3 (Ret) Hanger, Member
CSM (Ret) Small, Member
SCPO (Ret) Lubasky, Member

b. Members Absent:

LTC (Ret) Hilliard, Member
CSM (Ret) Kitterman, Member
Msgt (Ret) Wood, Member
SFC (Ret) Evans-Quickley, Member
Mrs. Greathouse, (Widow) Member

c. Guest:

Mrs. Druce, IAG
Mr. Davies, VA Hospital Customer Service Coordinator
Ms. Ryals, VA Representative
Ms. King, VA Representative

3. The Chairman, GEN (Ret) Griffin called the meeting to order and welcomed the council. GEN (Ret) Griffin acknowledged Mrs. Druce, Mr. Davies, Ms. Ryals and Ms. King as guest.

✓ Mrs. Druce spoke to the council on the budget cuts and how it will affect the council, Retiree Appreciation Day, the Newsletter and other functions that will need to be relooked at because of no money.

- GEN (Ret) Griffin also spoke to the council on the budget cuts. He asked the council for suggestions on where they could conduct their quarterly meetings since there will be no money to pay for the room at Club Hood where the meetings are normally held. GEN (Ret) Griffin also asked for a breakdown (dollar amount) on what the cost for the rooms at Club Hood would be during Retiree Appreciation Day. He asked for volunteers to form a committee to see if they could get cooperate sponsors to help pay the cost of the rooms at Club Hood during RAD.

- Five council members volunteered to form a committee that would look into getting cooperate sponsors to pay for the rooms used at Club Hood for Retiree Appreciation Day. The committee along with Mrs. Druce will check into the legal of cooperate sponsorship.

MG (Ret) Meyer
 COL (Ret) Gauer
 CSM (Ret) Minosky
 CSM (Ret) King
 SGM (Ret) Lopez

- ✓ CSM (Ret) Minosky volunteered to find a location for the next council meeting.
- Ms. Ryals a VA representative spoke to the council on the organizational structure and the care and management of the OEF/OIF/OND programs .
- Individual Council Member Updates:

The council members did not have any updates, however, commissary flyers were passed out to the council.

- On 17 January 2012, Mrs. Druce inquired with Garrison SJA on the possibility of corporate sponsors providing donations to support the 2012 RAD Club Hood cost. SJA opined no legal objections.

4. Closing remarks were made by GEN (Ret) Griffin and the meeting was adjourned.

5. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, 12 April 2012 (T), Location, TBD.

NOTE: OUR COMMITTEE OF FIVE DID OBTAIN COMMITMENTS FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES/ ORGANIZATIONS TO HELP DEFRAY COST OF RETIREE DAY. WE NEED CONTINUING LEGAL REVIEW TO ENSURE THIS MEETS ALL LEGAL REQUIREMENTS. (NEED FT. HOOD LEGAL SUPPORT) M

Benjamin S. Griffin
 Gen (Ret) BENJAMIN S. Griffin
 Co-Chairman

Approved/Disapproved

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 Chief of Staff