

MINUTES OF THE FORT HOOD RETIREE COUNCIL MEETING

1. The 15 July 2013, meeting of the Fort Hood Retiree Council convened at 1130 hours at the Spirit of Fort Hood Warrior and Family Chapel, Fort Hood, Texas.

2. Membership Attendance:

a. Members Present:

GEN (Ret) Griffin, Chairman	CSM (Ret) Waller, Member
COL (Ret) Portmann, Member	CMCPO (Ret) Hall, Member
COL (Ret) Somera, Jr., Member	SGM (Ret) Lopez, Member
COL (Ret) Phelps, Member	1SG (Ret) Fisher, Member
COL (Ret) Oliver Jr., Assoc. Member	SFC (Ret) Evans-Quickley, Member
LTC (Ret) Woodward, Member	Ms. Roupe, Member
LTC (Ret) Christ, Member	
LTC (Ret) MacMillan, Secretary	
CSM (Ret) King, Member	
CSM (Ret) Small, Member	

b. Members Absent:

CSM (Ret) Minosky, Co-Chairman
COL (Ret) Fey, Member
CSM (Ret) Divina Bobb, Member
SCPO (Ret) Lubasky, Member

3. The Co-Chairman, GEN (Ret) Griffin called the meeting to order and welcomed the council. GEN (Ret) Griffin welcomed the guests, Mrs. Druce, Installation Adjutant General; Ms. Maria Michel, Program Manager for Greater Killeen Chamber of Commerce; and Ms. Heather Nusbaum, Vice President, Finance & Admin, Greater Killeen Chamber of Commerce.

4. Topics of discussion for this meeting:

The primary focus of the meeting was the Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD) and farewelling three of our Council members.

- Ms. Maria Michel and Ms. Heather Nusbaum explained that the Greater Killeen Chamber of Commerce will be providing the Round-up Dinner. Mrs. Bedgood has been coordinating with them. They confirmed that the cutoff to sign up for the dinner is October 15, 2013. Normally there are approximately 150 to 200 retirees who sign up for the dinner. A short discussion was held regarding who other than retirees are invited such as the senior officer/CSM of the post and the head of the chamber of commerce.
- CSM (Ret) Small conducted an excellent power point briefing regarding the day by day plan for RAD. He took the council through the schedule for each day followed by the specifics of each primary event.
- Door prizes were discussed. There will be eighteen door prizes provided by members of the council plus gift cards provided by the Exchange and Commissary. Half will be presented after the opening ceremony and the rest at the dinner. Each council member is to provide one door prize.

- CSM (Ret) King invited and CSM (Ret) Gainey has accepted the invitation to be the guest speaker at the RAD opening ceremony.
- CRDAMC will brief the RAD Health Fair at the October meeting.
- GEN (RET) Griffin reminded everyone that we serve Fort Hood and must be legally correct in all we do for RAD. CSM (Ret) King explained the process on what is not acceptable....solicitation; and what is....volunteerism. GEN (Ret) Griffin asked Ms. Druce and Ms. Bedgood to ensure with III Corps Legal review that we are doing things correctly.
- GEN (Ret) Griffin thanked the Greater Killeen Chamber of Commerce executives for attending.

5. Individual Council Member Updates:

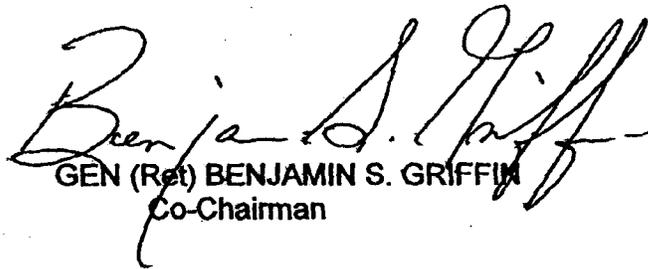
- Health Care Advisory Council Update. COL (Ret) Portmann reported furloughs have begun in the health care facilities. Check local media and the Darnall website for details. Darnall now has the capability of Email between patient and doctor. Tricare online can be used to make appointments, communications and nurse hotline. Blood donations are welcomed anytime except for large groups. Mad Cow restrictions have been reduced from 15 to 10 years. CRDAMC just completed the Joint Service Survey and passed with high honors. It was recognized for initiation of new and vital programs. COL Darnauer assumed command of CRDAMC. COL (Ret) Portmann handed out information regarding ER care at the VA, non-emergency care at the VA, DFAS email and National Anthem Etiquette. In addition, he attended the Medical Department Graduation at which MG (Ret) Gilman spoke.
- Volunteer Activities. No report.
- AAFES/PX/DECA Council Update: LTC (Ret) MacMillan reported the new Exchange complex has started and will open in 2015. Current Exchange flyers were distributed. SFC (Ret) Evans-Quickley reported furloughs are also affecting the Commissaries. The Clear Creek Commissary will be closed on Monday and Tuesday while the Warrior Way Commissary will be closed on Monday and Wednesday. Leftovers from the deli will be discounted the last two hours of each day.
- The Community Events Meeting is held every 4th Wednesday of each month at 9:30 in the Community Center where Bingo is conducted. The Health Care Advisory Council (HCAC) meets following the Community Events Meeting. Team #1 of the Retiree Council represents the council at the HCAC. The Army Volunteer Council meets the 1st Friday every month. Everyone is welcome to attend the meetings.
- Ms. Druce reported the ID card customer service hours have changed to Monday-Friday 0730 - 1500. Customers will not be able to sign-in after 1500 hours.
- CSM (Ret) King encouraged council members to support the "Soldier for Life Program."

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- Administrative announcement was made that each council committee will rotate responsibility for meeting lunches. Team 1- Health Care will be responsible for lunch at the October meeting.

6. Council Members COL (Ret) Somera, LTC (Ret) Woodward, and 1SG(Ret) Fisher were honored for their service on the Retiree Council. GEN (Ret) Griffin presented each of them a Certificate of Appreciation and a coin thanking them for their continued service. SCPO (Ret) Lubasky will receive his certificate and coin at a later date.

7. GEN (Ret) Griffin thanked everyone for attending then the meeting was adjourned at 1300 hours.


8 Aug, 2013
GEN (Ret) BENJAMIN S. GRIFFIN
Co-Chairman

Approved/Disapproved


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