

## MINUTES OF THE FORT HOOD RETIREE COUNCIL MEETING

1. The 10 October 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) Minosky, Co-Chairman  
COL (Ret) Portmann, Member  
COL (Ret) Phelps, Member  
LTC (Ret) MacMillan, Secretary  
LTC (Ret) Woodward, Hon Member  
CSM (Ret) Bobb, Member

CSM (Ret) Waller, Member  
SGM (Ret) Lopez, Member  
Ms. Roupe, Member

b. Members Absent:

COL (Ret) Fey, Member  
LTC (Ret) Christ, Member  
CSM (Ret) King Jr., Member  
CSM (Ret) Small, Member  
CMCPO (Ret) Hall, Member  
SFC (Ret) Evans-Quickley, Member  
COL (Ret) Oliver Jr., Assoc. Member

CW3 (Ret) Hanger, Assoc. Member  
Ms. Greathouse, Assoc. Member  
COL (Ret) Somera, Hon Member  
SCPO (Ret) Lubasky, Hon Member  
1SG (Ret) Fisher, Hon Member

3. The Co-Chairman, GEN (Ret) Griffin called the meeting to order at 1130 hours and welcomed the council. GEN (Ret) Griffin welcomed the guests, Ms. Donna McLemore-Vajrt and her team from Darnall Army Medical Center. He also thanked Team 1 for providing lunch.

CSM Minosky made some administrative announcements regarding council member name tags. He also sent around a confirmation sheet regarding RAD activities which council members needed to initial.

4. Topics of discussion for this meeting:

The primary focus of the meeting was to finalize the Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD) activities.

- Ms. Donna McLemore-Vajrt explained the medical portion of RAD activities. She stated that it would be set up the same as last year. Thomas Moore Health Clinic will be open Saturday to provide adult flu shots, dental screenings, and Physical Therapy screenings. There will be two soldiers at the clinic to direct retirees where to go for services. The Take Back Drug Program will be ongoing from 0900 - 1400 hours at the clinic. Shots on Friday will be conducted at the Copeland Center from 9am to Noon. GEN (Ret) Griffin asked if the flu shots were the enhanced shots for those over 65. Major Cole said he would find out.
- CSM (Ret) Bobb briefed the day and hour by hour events of the RAD. The briefing slides are attached.

- VA Mobile van is not available due to furlough. A substitute van to help with claims processing will be located at Club Hood.
- RAD activity evaluation forms have been distributed. Waiting on confirmation from the last evaluators.
- Mrs. Roupe asked if there will be a Surviving Spouses booth at the club. It was confirmed that it will be on site.
- No DFAS representative available. There has not been one for the last two or three years. GEN (Ret) Griffin stated there are agencies we need to have present for RAD including the VA and DFAS. He asked that a letter go out signed by the senior Commander. CSM (Ret) Bobb said she would take care of this and add it to the operations order for next year. (NOTE: Ms. Bedgood confirmed that local DFAS only handles active duty pay, therefore DFAS will not be able to provide a representative during RAD).
- The hospitality room will be open at 0800 hours Friday at the Copeland Center, Room B110. This is also where the shots will be given on Friday.
- There will be a van available if needed for emergency situations.
- The sequence for Saturday evening dinner was reviewed. A final copy will go to the Commanding General this week. GEN (Ret) Griffin asked that information on the guest speaker and topic of speech be given to the CG so that he is aware of it.

5. Individual Council Member Updates:

- Health Care Advisory Council Update. COL (Ret) Portmann reported the APLSS for August is 89.7% down slightly from previous month. ICE for August is 91%. Active duty beneficiaries will now be mailed the APLSS surveys. (The question of how we as a council can help improve the APLSS scores was asked. Ms. Roupe checked and reported that it is best to ensure surveys are filled out and returned. She also said if an issue does come up during a health care visit to address it then with the OIC/NCOIC of the clinic). There is a new survey conducted by TRICARE based on hospital stay patient satisfaction. It is currently 57%. This survey like APLSS impacts on the budget. The report is based on 1-10 scales. Any input below 6 will cause loss of fiscal support. There are retiree positions for health care open in the Cove Community Clinic and Internal Medicine. Effective 1 October, TRICARE Prime cost will increase.
- Volunteer Activities. We need a new representative for the council. Meetings are 0930-1030 on the first Friday of the month at the Lane Volunteer Center.
- AAFES/PX/DECA Council Update: LTC (Ret) MacMillan reported there is no news for the PX. The commissaries are now open.

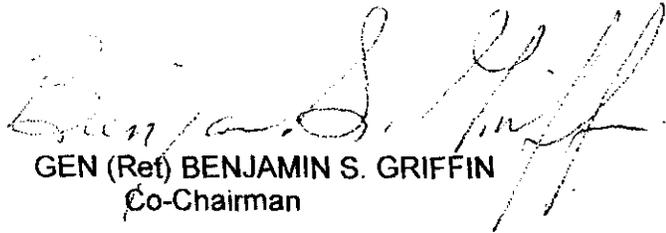
6. Final comments:

- CSM (Ret) Waller asked if the Council members can get a final copy of the RAD schedule. CSM (Ret) Bobb said she would see that one is emailed to the council members.

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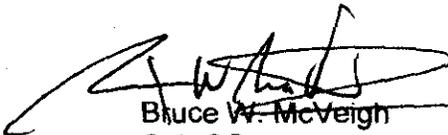
- GEN (Ret) Griffin reiterated tasks as follows:
  - Go back to the VA for the mobile van to be present for RAD.
  - Verify if the flu shots are enhanced. (NOTE: only regular flu shots will be given; no enhanced).
  - Inform the CG of the topic for the guest speaker.
  - Go back to DFAS for support of RAD. (NOTE: Ms. Bedgood confirmed that local DFAS only handles active duty pay, therefore DFAS will not be able to provide a representative during RAD).
  - Have a legal review completed on all aspects of the RAD to include door prizes. (NOTE: Legal review was completed; door prizes cannot be provided by the Retiree Council. Therefore no door prizes will be given this year).

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



GEN (Ret) BENJAMIN S. GRIFFIN  
Co-Chairman

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Chief of Staff