

## MINUTES OF THE FORT HOOD RETIREE COUNCIL MEETING

1. The 9 January 2014, 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	SGM (Ret) Lopez, Member
CSM (Ret) King, Jr., Co-Chairman	SFC (Ret) Moore, Member
COL (Ret) Phelps, Member	COL (Ret) Oliver, Jr., Assoc. Member
LTC (Ret) Christ, Member	COL (Ret) Portmann, Hon Member
LTC (Ret) MacMillan, Secretary	SCPO (Ret) Lubasky, Hon Member
CSM (Ret) Minosky, Member	
CSM (Ret) Small, Member	
CSM (Ret) Bobb, Member	
CSM (Ret) Waller, Member	
CMCPO (Ret) Hall, Member	

#### b. Members Absent:

COL (Ret) Fey, Member	COL (Ret) Somera, Hon Member
SFC (Ret) Evans-Quickley, Member	LTC (Ret) Woodward, Hon Member
Ms. Roupe, Member	1SG (Ret) Fisher, Hon Member
CW3 (Ret) Hanger, Assoc. Member	
Ms. Greathouse, Assoc. Member	

3. The Co-Chairman, GEN (Ret) Griffin called the meeting to order at 1130 hours and welcomed the council. GEN (Ret) Griffin welcomed Ms. Druce, the Fort Hood Installation AG. He also thanked Team 2 for providing lunch.

### 4. Topics of discussion for this meeting:

The primary focus of the meeting was the After Action Review (AAR) of the Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD) activities.

- GEN (Ret) Griffin stated that the evaluation and feedback from the Council went very well. We received great support from all commands, however we did have one challenge which needs to be fixed for next year.
- CSM (Ret) Bobb reported that the main problem was with the dining facility (DFAC). There was a breakdown of communication between the civilian contract manager and the employees in the facility. They were not aware they had another group to feed. The Garrison CSM, and Mr. Green, the DHR Director, immediately got involved to address the situation. CSM Bobb said we will make sure we have someone from the Council ensure coordination is completed properly next year through the Fort Hood Garrison Command.
- SGM Lopez was assigned to evaluate the legal portion of RAD. He said he received a good reception. They gave out numbers as clients entered. SGM Lopez needed something notarized. He was told he would be there for three to four hours which is too long. Coordination will be completed with the legal office to ensure wait time is less next year. It was noted that the legal site was difficult

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to find this year. LTC (Ret) Christ recommended a map board be put in the hall where the welcome ceremony is done. Ms. Druce said it was not necessary when there were maps put in the packets given to the retirees. The packets were available at the welcome ceremony, the Copeland Center and Thomas Moore Clinic. She said cost would be a factor in having a map board made. GEN (Ret) Griffin said to put a slide up at the welcome ceremony to show everyone where the sites are located and leave it up after the ceremony.

- CSM (Ret) Waller reported that Harker Heights does an event the weekend prior to RAD in conjunction with the VA. GEN (Ret) Griffin said we need to make sure we are not competing for VA assets with the event in Harker Heights. CSM (Ret) Bobb said she would add it to the checklist for next year.
- LTC (Ret) Christ suggested that we provide an activity for Friday afternoon after the golf tournament. From that suggestion, a discussion regarding social media as a means to get information to the retirees ensued. It was determined that Friday afternoon would be a good time to give a block of instruction on how to use the social media available as it applies to Fort Hood and retirees. A Facebook page was suggested for the Council. Ms. Druce said the Retirement Services Office (RSO) has a Facebook page and a link from it could be made for the Council. CMCPO (Ret) Hall suggested an events calendar be part of the page. CSM (Ret) King, LTC (Ret) Christ and COL (Ret) Phelps volunteered to research social media for the Council and come up with something viable. GEN (Ret) Griffin said to get with other installations and find out what they are doing.
- CSM (Ret) Bobb said despite budget cuts the RAD went well and the way we organized as a Council worked very well.
- CSM (Ret) King said he put *Community and Veterans Events* on the minutes to make the Council aware that we need to support these activities as they support the retirees.

5. Individual Council Member Updates:

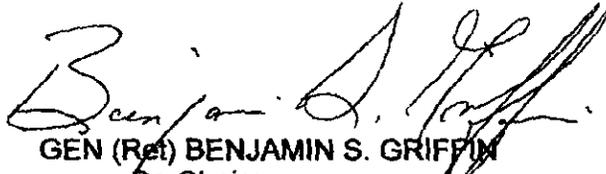
- Health Care Advisory Council Update. CSM (Ret) Waller reported that the hospital is at the lowest rating in patient satisfaction. There will be lots of changes coming to improve it. He said they have assigned a field grade officer to work the issues and will be in contact with him to find out how we as a Council can help.
- Benefits Update. CSM (Ret) King said all agencies are fighting with Congress to keep what we have.
- Installation Update. CSM (Ret) Bobb said she had nothing to report. GEN (Ret) Griffin asked her to get with the installation about having the commissary and PX council meetings again.
- AAFES/PX Council Update. LTC (Ret) MacMillan reported there are two book signings coming up at Clear Creek Main Exchange. First is Brad Taylor on 15 Jan 14 from 1230 to 1430 hours and second is Bob Gates on 23 Jan 14 from 1100 to 1300 hours. The new exchange complex is on schedule. GEN (Ret) Griffin asked that we set up a briefing by AAFES for the next meeting.
- Commissary/DECA Council Update. No report.

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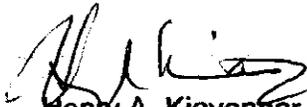
6. Final comments:

- LTC (Ret) Christ said there will be a MOAA convention on 14 & 15 Feb at the Shiloh Inn with a dinner and in April they will be discussing Congressional issues.
- Ms. Druce announced that she will be retiring a second time on 4 Apr 2014. She thanked everyone for their support.
- GEN (Ret) Griffin presented two certificates to departing Council members; COL (Ret) Portmann and SCPO (Ret) Lubasky and thanked them for their years of service on the Council.
- GEN (Ret) Griffin stated that the RAD was a success.
- The next meeting will be held on 10 April 2014.

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

  
 GEN (Ret) BENJAMIN S. GRIFFIN  
 Co-Chairman

Approved/Disapproved

  
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 Chief of Staff

