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MEMORANDUM FOR Chairman, Fort Jackson Retiree Council, Fort Jackson, SC 29207

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Fort Jackson Retiree Council Meeting (13 March 2014)

ACTION OF APPROVING AUTHORITY

Minutes of the Fort Jackson Retiree Council meeting conducted on 13 March 2014 are
~~approved/disapproved.~~

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BRADLEY A. BECKER
Brigadier General, U.S. Army
Commanding

Fort Jackson Retiree Council Meeting Minutes
Fort Jackson, South Carolina 29207

1. The Fort Jackson Retiree Council held its regular bi-monthly meeting at 1800, 13 March 2014, in the Directorate of Human Resources (DHR) Training Room, Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

a. Members present.

COL Mike Molosso, USA Retired, Chairman
COL Carl W. Horn, USA Retired
COL William A. Whatley, USA Retired
COL Steve Vitall, USMC Retired
CW5 David A. Ratliff, USA Retired, Secretary
CW4 Constantine S. Green, USA Retired
CW4 William K. Manley, USA Retired
CSM Russel Anderson, USA Retired
CSM Jesse DeBerry, USA Retired
MCPO Jim Null, USN Retired
MSGT Robert W. Barkalow, USAF Retired
MCPO James T. Price, USN Retired
SGM Robert B. Price, USA Retired

b. Members absent/excused.

LTC John R. Marcucci, USMC Retired, Vice Chairman
LTC Tom McAndrews, USA Retired
LTC Ward D. Ward, USA Retired
CSM Michael L. Armstead, USA Retired
CSM Daniel E. Hagan, USA Retired
CSM Carl M. Lopez, USA Retired
SGM Joyce S. Roberts, USA Retired
MSGT James W. Rodgers, USAF Retired

c. Others present.

COL Scott Nahrwold, USA Retired, Deputy Garrison Commander
COL Robert Youmans, USA Retired, DHR/AG Office
MSG Greg Fountain, USA Retired, Retirement Services Officer
Mrs. Rose Ann Turner, DFMWR
Mrs. Pam English, MACH
Mrs. Terry Veney, Main Store Manager, AAFES

2. Chairman Molosso called the meeting to order at 1800 and thanked all present for their attendance. Minutes from the 9 January 2014 meeting were approved.

3. Garrison Update – COL (Ret) Nahrwold:

a. Hampton Parkway Repaving. The repaving should continue for an additional two weeks. The project has been slowed by inclement weather since December 2013.

b. Army Downsizing. Two-star headquarters were told to reduce by 25%. No decision has been made on changes to Training Brigades. The Fort Jackson Garrison could see a loss of 40-50 spaces in 2015. Commissary subsidy could be reduced 10-30% in the future.

c. Recruiting and Retention School. The Recruiting and Retention School located in the Soldier Support Institute is relocating to Fort Knox, US Army Recruiting Command Headquarters, in the summer of 2014.

d. Post HQs. The Commanding General is moving the Post HQs to the Renner Building on Lee Road. The Garrison HQs and other agencies will remain in the Post HQs building. The move is expected in May 2014.

e. Gate Guards. Fort Jackson needs to hire ten more gate guards to be fully staffed. Outside agencies know the training that the gate guards receive and offer financial enticements that Fort Jackson cannot match.

4. Old Business:

a. Retiree on the Military Affairs Council. Chairman Molosso discussed adding a member of the Retiree Council to the Military Affairs Council with MG (Ret) Goldsmith. MG (Ret) Goldsmith concurred and Jim Null, MCPO, US Navy Retired, volunteered to serve.

b. Retiree Bulletin. At the last meeting, a question was raised on whether or not Gray Area retirees receive the Retiree Bulletin. Mr. Fountain verified that they do receive the bulletin.

c. Association of the United States Army (AUSA) Lunch. The AUSA is sponsoring a lunch on 15 May 2014 at the Fort Jackson Officer's Club. The guest speaker is SMA (Ret) Preston. Information on how to purchase a ticket is in the Retiree Bulletin.

5. New Business:

a. COL (Ret) Hudson Hurst passed away on 1 February 2014. A memorial service will be held on 14 March 2014 at the Main Post Chapel. COL (Ret) Hurst was a member of the Military Order of World Wars and the Retired Officers Association. He was 95 years old.

b. AAFES Car Care Center Tire Warranty. AAFES covers the repair of tires purchased at the Car Care Center. After customers have the work done, they bring the paperwork and warranty to Customer Service at the Main Exchange for reimbursement.

c. South Carolina National Guard Retirees. CW4 Manley, USA Retired, asked the members to visit the website at www.scngretirees.com and provide feedback. The site was designed by CW4 Manley's son and contains information, benefits, events, etc.

6. RSO:

a. 2014 Retiree Appreciation Days. Operations Order is published. The theme is "Still Proud, Still Serving, Still Saluting".

(1) 15 May 2014. Continental Breakfast served at the Officer's Club beginning at 0730. Buses depart for Hilton Field. The Retiree Review and Basic Combat Training Graduation is 0900 with SMA (Ret) Preston as the guest speaker. The AUSA Luncheon at the Officer's Club begins at 1130. Tickets are \$10.00 and SMA (Ret) Preston is the speaker.

(2) 16 May 2014. Retiree Appreciation Golf Tournament starts at 0900.

(3) 17 May 2014. The Retiree Expo is held in the Solomon Center. Attendance will be checked at the front and rear doors this year. Lunch will be provided. Retired tennis professional, Dick Stockton, is hosting tennis clinics at 0900 and 1030. There is a special bowling event for the RAD. "Silver Dollar Days" has \$1.00 bowling, shoe rental, and snack bar specials.

b. Retiree Bulletin. The Spring Retiree Bulletin will be mailed in early April.

7. Council Reports:

a. Golf. Demo Days are now held on multiple days instead of one day with all of the manufacturers present. This allows customers more time to observe specific manufacturers. The greens survived the winter weather. Fort Jackson's golf courses are the only courses on the East Coast showing a profit. The two courses have 107 bunkers.

b. MACH.

(1) TRICARE Service Centers across CONUS are ceasing walk-in service. The internet and telephones account for 88% of the TRICARE Service Center business. The website at www.TRICARE.mil has all of the information available in the TRICARE Service Centers. The change is expected to save \$250 million dollars over five years.

(2) Medicine is expensive with a retail pharmacy costing the most. TRICARE beneficiaries can save themselves and the Army money by using MACH or mail order. TRICARE has more than 7.6 million beneficiaries world-wide.

(3) The new front entrance to the hospital will offer improved handicap access when completed. Completion may be delayed past July due to the inclement weather experienced during the renovation project.

c. FMWR. Perez Gym has new cardio equipment and Andy's Fitness Center will also receive new equipment. Knight Pool is open on Saturdays from 0800-1100 on a trial basis. Ms. Turner will check to see if the current Auto Crafts Shop could sell oil, oil filters, etc.

d. AAFES. Spring and summer items are now in stock, especially in the lawn and garden area. AAFES conducts on-line give-a-ways and sweepstakes.

e. Commissary. The renovation of the commissary is still scheduled.

f. Community Information Exchange. The Community Information Exchange council met earlier today. The commissary is looking at improving the checkout lanes and making the dell faster at lunchtime.

8. Closing Comments, Adjournment and Next Meeting: The meeting was adjourned at 1910 hours. The next meeting is scheduled on 8 May 2014 Instead of 1 May 2014. Chairman Molosso is attending the CSA Retiree Council meeting 28 April-2 May 2014.



MICHAEL R. MOLOSSO
COL, USA Retired
Chairman, Ft Jackson Retiree Council