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

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Fort Jackson Retiree Council Meeting (8 January 2015)

ACTION OF APPROVING AUTHORITY

The enclosed minutes of the Fort Jackson Retiree Council meeting conducted on 8 January 2015 are approved/disapproved.

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MICHAEL S. GRAESE
COL, AD
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, 8 January 2015, 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 Thomas Robillard, USAF Retired
Lt COL John R. Marcucci, USMC Retired, Vice Chairman
LTC Tom McAndrews, USA Retired
CW5 David A. Ratliff, USA Retired, Secretary
CW4 Constantine S. Green, USA Retired
CSM Michael L. Armstead, USA Retired
CSM Jesse DeBerry, USA Retired
CSM Carl M. Lopez, USA Retired
MSGT Robert W. Barkalow, USAF Retired
MCPO Jim Null, USN Retired
SGM Robert B. Price, USA Retired
MSGT James W. Rodgers, USAF Retired

b. Members absent/excused.

COL William A. Whatley, USA Retired
COL Steve Vitali, USMC Retired
LTC Ward D. Ward, USA Retired
CSM Russel Anderson, USA Retired
MCPO James T. Price, USN Retired
SGM Joyce S. Roberts, USA Retired

c. Others present.

COL Scott Nahrwold, USA Retired, Deputy Garrison Commander
COL Robert Youmans, USA Retired, Directorate of Human Resources
MSG Greg Fountain, USA Retired, Retirement Services Officer
Mrs. Rose Ann Turner, DFMWR
Mrs. Pam English, MACH
Mrs. Terry Veney, Main Store Manager, AAFES
Mr. Gene Linksweller, Fort Jackson National Cemetery

2. Chairman Molosso called the meeting to order at 1800 and thanked all present for their attendance. Minutes from the 6 November 2014 meeting were approved.

Chairman Molosso welcomed COL Tom Robillard, USAF Retired, to the Retiree Council. CW4 Bill Manley, USA Retired, resigned from the Retiree Council in December 2014.

3. Garrison Update – COL Graese:

a. ID Card Verification to Enter Fort Jackson. By the end of January 2015, access to Fort Jackson with a driver's license will cease. Initial estimates were 7,000 individuals needed access to the installation. The number is now 13,000 to 14,000. The new procedures have allowed 800-900 invalid ID cards to be confiscated. Family Day and Graduations are "special events" and entrance to Fort Jackson is less restrictive. Fort Jackson is studying the potential use of bar codes on the electronic invitations sent to families of graduating Soldiers. Fort Jackson has formed a Bike Club where bikers pay a small fee for access to the installation. The DFMWR need a list of wedding attendees three days prior to the event to get approval from Physical Security. Hiring of new gate guards is improving, and the installation is getting closer to the 47 authorizations.

b. Facilities. The 187th Ordnance Battalion departs later this year and their current facilities will be used to house activities occupying WW II buildings. Post Headquarters (HQs) is relocating to Mabry Hall, the former home of the Soldier Support Institute's NCO Academy. The NCO Academy relocated to Building 10,000 after the Recruiting and Retention School departed. The current Post HQs cannot be renovated and it is not a historical building due to the Garrison annex that was added to the existing structure. November 2015 is the target date to relocate Post HQs. The current Post HQs footprint will become a Memorial Park.

4. Old Business: Retiree Appreciation Days are 14-16 May 2015 and Victory Week is 13-16 May 2015. BG Mitchell M. "Mick" Zais, USA Retired, is not available to serve as the guest speaker. The Retiree Council approved asking COL Bill Collier, USA Retired, to serve as the guest speaker. Fort Jackson submitted an issue to the Army Chief of Staff Retiree Council asking for email addresses for South Carolina retirees. Having access to the email addresses would significantly reduce costs to Fort Jackson's support to retirees and surviving spouses.

5. New Business: Fort Jackson National Cemetery. A video entitled "A Sacred Trust" was shown by the Director, Fort Jackson National Cemetery, Mr. Gene Linksweller. The National Cemetery is 6 years and two days old as of 8 January 2015. Construction is completed and the staff is moving to the new, permanent facilities. The target date for completion of the move is 16 January 2015. All of this is being accomplished with no disruption to funerals. As of 7 January 2015, there have been 3,305 burials. The cemetery staff is 100% retirees and veterans. The footprint occupied by the temporary buildings will be converted to additional parking. The cemetery averages 60 burials a month. A DD Form 214 is the only required document, and approval for burial only takes a few minutes.

6. RSO: The Celebrate Freedom Foundation is not supporting Victory Week, 13-16 May 2015. They will host a free concert at the Koger Center on 19 May 2015. Active duty Soldiers are authorized to speak at off-post events. Requests for speakers must be submitted to the Community Relations Office at least 60 days in advance. The physical training uniform is authorized to be worn on and off post. The consumption of alcohol in the physical training uniform is not authorized.

7. Council Reports:

a. Golf. The next Golf Council meeting is scheduled for 20 January 2015. Maintenance of the courses has been an issue due to the cold and wet weather. Active duty memberships are non-existent. Special membership packages for students are being considered since the students are only on the installation for a few months. The Par 3 practice area is one of the finest in the Columbia area.

b. MACH. Flu shots are still available on the 10th floor. South Carolina has reported 38 flu related deaths. This year saw an earlier outbreak and a strain of the flu not included in the vaccine. Construction continues and the main entrance should open soon. The new entrance will offer access to the Pharmacy without entering the hospital. The Department of the Army Surgeon General's Performance Triad is 7-8 hours of sleep per night, nutrition and physical activity.

c. FMWR. The NCO Club is offering breakfast every Thursday from 0630-0900. Cost is \$7.00 for adults and \$3.50 for children. The Victory Bingo Big Game Sunday with jackpots of \$2,000 and \$5,000 is 18 January 2015. The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Bike Ride is 19 January 2015. The CYSS Penny Carnival is 30 January 2015. On 31 January 2015, Fort Jackson is hosting a Black History 5K Walk/Run. The NCO Club hosts the Sweetheart's Brunch on 15 February 2015. Cost for adults is \$14.95 and \$7.50 for children ages 4-11. The Fort Jackson Boxing Smoker is 21 February 2015 at the Solomon Center.

d. AAFES. The new Soldier for Life insignia should arrive in late February. It replaces the current retired insignia. Starbucks is opening next to Popeye's and the contract should be awarded not later than February 2015. The Main Exchange is scheduled for renovation as is the Mall. The AAFES is having several sales and offers many coupons for shoppers. Negotiations are underway to bring a Boston Market to AAFES.

e. Commissary. No report.

f. Community Information Exchange. Next meeting is 14 January 2015.

8. Closing Comments, Adjournment and Next Meeting: If sequestration is not lifted, Fort Jackson could lose up to 3,100 positions. Department of the Army representatives are conducting a listening session at Shandon Baptist Church on 26 February 2015. This is the community's opportunity to express to the Department of the Army what Fort Jackson means to

the Midlands. The Governor, Mayor and Chamber of Commerce are expected to attend. The meeting was adjourned at 2000 hours. The next meeting is 5 March 2015.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Moosso', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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