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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 May 2014)

ACTION OF APPROVING AUTHORITY

Minutes of the Fort Jackson Retiree Council meeting conducted on 8 May 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, 8 May 2014, in the Directorate of Human Resources (DHR) Training Room, Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

a. Members present.

COL Mike Molosso, USA Retired, Chairman
COL William A. Whatley, USA Retired
COL Steve Vitall, USMC 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
CW4 William K. Manley, USA Retired
CSM Russel Anderson, 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 James T. Price, USN Retired
SGM Robert B. Price, USA Retired
SGM Joyce S. Roberts, USA Retired

b. Members absent/excused.

COL Carl W. Horn, USA Retired
LTC Ward D. Ward, USA Retired
CSM Daniel E. Hagan, USA Retired
MCPO Jim Null, USN Retired
MSGT James W. Rodgers, USAF Retired

c. Others present.

COL Scott Nahrwold, USA Retired, Deputy Garrison Commander
CSM Lonnie Stinson, USA Retired, DHR/AG Office
MSG Greg Fountain, USA Retired, Retirement Services Officer
Mrs. Rose Ann Turner, DFMWR
Mrs. Pam English, MACH
Mr. Don Sydlik, AAFES
Mr. Bernard Ellison, Commissary

2. Chairman Molosso called the meeting to order at 1800 and thanked all present for their attendance. Minutes from the 13 March 2014 meeting were approved.

3. Garrison Update – COL (Ret) Nahrwold:

a. Upcoming Events. Fort Jackson will host the Special Olympics on 9-10 May; the Army's Birthday Ball is 21 June at the Double Tree Hotel; Torchlight Tattoo is 4 July.

b. Fort Jackson has received additional funding for maintenance and the removal of World War II buildings.

c. Post Headquarters Renovation. It was determined that renovating the current HQs was too costly. Current plans are to relocate post HQs to the Renner Building.

4. Old Business: Gate Guards. LTC (Ret) McAndrews asked if newly hired gate guards can be required to work for a number of months after training before they can be hired by another company. The IMCOM is examining any legal issues before requiring a minimum length of employment for gate guards.

5. New Business: None.

6. RSO:

a. The Spring 2014 Retiree Bulletin will be distributed to those Retiree Council members who are not US Army, Retired.

b. Retiree Appreciation Days. There are 136 golfers or 36 teams entered in the Retiree Appreciation Days Golf Tournament. The Commissary will conduct a case lot sale on 17 May from 0900-1800. The Exchange will conduct a special sale on 17 May from 0900-1800. The normal handicapped parking spaces in front of the Solomon Center will be increased for the Retiree Experience on 17 May in order to better accommodate attendees. There will also be a golf shuttle to transport individuals from the lower parking area to the Solomon Center.

7. Council Reports:

a. Golf. Both courses are in good shape. The bridge on Wildcat was rebuilt. Memberships are available to veterans.

b. MACH. Flu shots are still available. The Warrior Training Unit inactivates on 20 May 2014. COL Crawford becomes the new Commander of Moncrief Army Community Hospital on 12 June 2014. The Ophthalmology Clinic is closing due to underuse and staffing problems. The Orthopedic Clinic is losing a provider, but the Physician Assistants and Surgeon are still on staff. Part of the reason for the reductions is a decrease in the number of trainee injuries over the past five years. The TRICARE assistance is available. There are three secure computers to allow customers to access TRICARE Online. The TRICARE Nurse Advice Line starts in June and can schedule

needed appointments within 24 hours of calling, 90% of the appointments are made through TRICARE Online. Moncrief no longer offers EKGs due to a personnel retirement.

c. DFMWR. Victory Belles Concert is 23 May 2014 at 1800. Advance tickets are \$10.00 and tickets at the door are \$11.00. The water park and swimming pools open 24 May 2014. The next Boxing Smoker is 31 May 2014.

d. AAFES. Remodeling bids are out for end of year renovations. Upcoming changes to the food court – Arby's replaces Manchu Wok. Starbucks will collocate with Popeye's. Godzilla 3D will be shown on Saturday, 7 May 2014. Lt COL Oliver North, USMC Retired, is scheduled for a book signing in mid-June.

e. Commissary. There are discussions about merging AAFES and Defense Commissary Agency. Sales are lower than one year ago. The merger involves appropriated funds versus non-appropriated funds. The commissary renovation is still scheduled. The Fort Jackson commissary is the second largest store in the Defense Commissary Agency.

f. Community Information Exchange. The Community Information Exchange council met earlier today.

8. Chief of Staff, Army Retiree Council. COL (Ret) Molosso reported there were 22 issues submitted from across the Army. The complete report is on the website. The Chief of Staff, Vice Chief of Staff, G1, Director Army Staff, Sergeant Major of the Army, and the Retirement Services Officer received the outbrief.

a. Here are some of the main points:

(1) Soldier for Life encompasses Basic Combat Training through retirement for Soldiers and Families. Army Knowledge Online recently removed retirees from accessing the site without a Common Access Card. Soldier for Life is not behind the firewall so a Common Access Card is not needed.

(2) Commissaries receive 1.4 billion dollars per year in subsidies; the Army's share is 400-500 million dollars. The funding levels at DoD are causing debates over readiness versus support.

(3) The Defense Health Agency is trying to move retirees into military medical facilities wherever feasible. Current medical facilities have excess capacity and can handle the workload with no reduction in service. The key to health is activity, diet, and rest. Active duty personnel are in the top 10% for fitness in the United States, while retirees are in the bottom 10-15%.

(4) Continuation of Service – what do we do after retirement to remain involved with the Army? Retirees can "Tell Army Stories", assist with homeless veterans, participate in suicide prevention, and continue jobs and wellness.

b. More information from the CSA Retiree Council meeting will be presented at the July Fort Jackson Retiree Council meeting.

9. Closing Comments, Adjournment and Next Meeting: The Military Order of the Purple Heart Convention is 16-17 May. The Mayor of Columbia, the Governor of South Carolina, and US Senators and Representatives will be in attendance. The Military Order of the Purple Heart Golf Tournament is 8 August 2014. The meeting was adjourned at 1950. The next meeting is 10 July 2014 instead of 3 July 2014 due to the Fourth of July holiday festivities.

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

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