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

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Fort Jackson Retiree Council Meeting (9 July 2015)

**ACTION OF APPROVING AUTHORITY**

Minutes of the Fort Jackson Retiree Council meeting conducted on 9 July 2015 are approved/disapproved.

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ROGER L. CLOUTIER  
Major 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, 9 July 2015, 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 Vitali, USMC Retired  
Lt COL John Marcucci, USMC Retired, Vice Chairman  
LTC Tom McAndrews, USA Retired  
CW4 Constantine S. Green, USA Retired  
CSM Russel Anderson, USA Retired  
CSM Carl M. Lopez, USA Retired  
SGM Joyce S. Roberts, USA Retired  
MSGT Robert Barkalow, USAF Retired  
MCPO Jim Null, USN Retired  
MSGT James W. Rodgers, USAF Retired

b. Members Absent/Excused.

COL Carl W. Horn, USA Retired  
COL Thomas Robillard, USAF Retired  
LTC Ward D. Ward, USA Retired  
CW5 David A. Ratliff, USA Retired, Secretary  
CSM Michael L. Armstead, USA Retired  
CSM Jesse Deberry, USA Retired  
SGM Robert B. Price, USA Retired  
MCPO James T. Price, USN Retired

c. Others Present.

COL James W. Ellerson Jr., USA Garrison Commander  
COL Scott Nahrwold, USA Retired, Deputy Garrison Commander  
COL Robert Youmans, USA Retired, Director of Human Resources  
MSG Greg Fountain, USA Retired, Retirement Service Officer  
Mr. Daniel J. Ahern, DFMWR  
Mrs. Pam Wallace, MACH  
Mr. Bernard Ellison, Defense Commissary Agency  
Mrs. Terry Veney, Main Store Manager, AAFES

2. Chairman Molosso called the meeting to order at 1805 and thanked all present for their attendance. Minutes from the 7 May 2015 meeting were approved.

3. Garrison Update – COL (R) Nahrwold:

a. COL (R) Nahrwold introduced the new DFMWR Director, Mr. Daniel J. Ahern, former DFMWR Director, Fort Bragg, NC. COL Ellerson, the new Garrison Commander, introduced himself to the council and pledged his continued support and commitment to the Soldiers, Retirees and the community. COL Ellerson came to Fort Jackson from the War College.

b. Facilities. Initial news on the Army's 40,000 troop reduction. The 171<sup>st</sup> Infantry Brigade is scheduled to inactivate next year and the 187<sup>th</sup> Ordnance Battalion will relocate to Fort Lee, VA. The reduction of personnel on Fort Jackson was anticipated. Fort Jackson is outside of the initial cut going from 490,000 to 450,000; however, if sequestration remains in effect, Fort Jackson will get another review.

4. Old Business: None.

5. New Business: It is time to start thinking about who will be the Guest Speaker for the next Retiree Appreciation Days (RAD). Next year's speaker will be an NCO or key Civilian leader. Be prepared to discuss this at the next meeting in September. Ms. Erica Parks is the point of contact for the Health Promotion Survey. She will address the council at our next meeting. COL (R) Molosso will email the survey link along with the Garrison weekly update to all council members. We are number one for being the fittest force in the United States; however, we are also the most unfit Retiree population in the United States. The Fort Jackson ID Card Facility is looking at a walk-in age exception for patrons who are 80 years or older (must have proof of age). The Bluff Road National Guard Facility will issue ID cards without appointments.

6. RSO: Looking at a comparison of the last three years' Retiree Appreciation Days, 2015 shows an almost 50% decrease in the number of participants at the Exposition (Expo) compared to the last two years. Competing events were held for the first time during the RAD, such as the Vietnam Wall tribute at Hilton Field. Many of the participants came to the Expo after visiting the wall. We need to find a way to verify the headcount on the buses going to Hilton Field for the Basic Combat Training (BCT) graduation. No changes to the breakfast, BCT Graduation Ceremony, Golf Tournament, Expo, and Victory Bingo. We need to consider re-evaluating the time for the Bowling Tournament or add other events in its place (Marksmanship, Victory Tower, Obstacle Course, 5K Run, etc.). The RSO will coordinate with the announcer for the BCT Graduation Ceremony to ask Retirees in the bleachers who would like to participate in the Pass In Review to move to the VIP seating area on the field. The RSO will also have DPTMS include the RAD on the graduation programs. This year's programs had no evidence of the RAD; it was a pure BCT graduation program.

7. Council Reports:

a. Golf. The greens will be punched at the end of July. Active membership is on the decline; it's been a rough winter and golf fees are down. It is a difficult time financially for the golf course. There is a proposal to open the golf course to the general public who are veterans or anyone who can pass the background check to enter the installation. This would be a limited number on a first come, first serve basis until all slots are filled. The proposal is currently at JAG for legal review.

b. MACH. The hospital will host two Saturday School and Sports Physical Days on a walk-in basis at the Integrated Medical Home (Moncrief Ground Floor) on 18 July and 1 August 2015 from 0800 to 1500; students and parents need to bring the school immunization forms. There is a shortage of providers at MACH due to underlap. Urgent Care Clinic is open from 1100 to 2100 to all ID card holders. Information about changes will be posted on MACH Facebook page, monitors in the hospital, and The Leader. If you are TRICARE Prime, to obtain referrals from an off-post Emergency Room for you to see a specialist outside of MACH, you must have a referral from your PCM. If you are referred, call 751-CARE and ask to speak with your team nurse who will take the information for the referral. All building projects are complete.

c. DFMWR. The US Army Soldier Show will be on Fort Jackson 18-19 July 2015. The show on 18 July 2015 is dedicated to the Soldiers in BCT. The show on 19 July 2015 is open to the military community. Also on 19 July 2015 is the monthly Champagne Sunday Brunch at the Fort Jackson Officer's Club. On 15 August 2015, there will be a 5K Run for the Fallen. Gary Sinise and the LT Dan Band will be visiting Fort Jackson on Saturday, 5 September 2015, at Hilton Field.

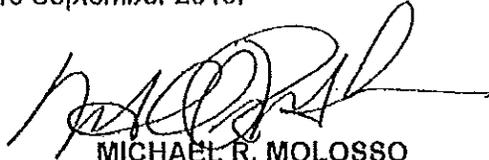
d. AAFES. The AAFES will celebrate its 120th birthday on 25 July 2015. Military Star Card is coming up with a new promotion and the Grand Prize winner will receive \$5,000 for using their Military Star Card during the month of July. The AAFES will host an Expo on 15 July 2015 in front of the Main Exchange. Boston Market opened on 6 July 2015 and Starbucks is scheduled to open by the end of July 2015.

e. Commissary. The Commissary renovation project is still a go. There will be random ID checks at the Commissary three times a day due to the change in threat condition. The price of eggs has increased because of the epidemic of the Asian Flu.

f. Community Information Exchange. The VA will be announcing in August or September the sites for three retirement homes in South Carolina. These homes will have a 105 bed capacity; however, there are some funding issues that should be resolved by August or September.

8. Closing Comments, Adjournment and Next Meeting: The Columbia Chapter of the Purple Heart Foundation will be hosting a Golf Tournament on 14 August 2015. The

point of contact is CSM (R) Carl Lopez. The meeting adjourned at 1950. The next meeting is scheduled to be held on 10 September 2015.

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