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

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Fort Jackson Retiree Council Meeting (6 November 2014)

ACTION OF APPROVING AUTHORITY

The enclosed minutes of the Fort Jackson Retiree Council meeting conducted on 6 November 2014 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, 6 November 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 Vitali, USMC Retired
Lt COL John R. Marcucci, USMC Retired, Vice Chairman
LTC Tom McAndrews, USA Retired
LTC Ward D. Ward, USA Retired
CW5 David A. Ratliff, USA Retired, Secretary
CSM Michael L. Armstead, USA Retired
CSM Carl M. Lopez, USA Retired
MSGT Robert W. Barkalow, USAF Retired
SGM Robert B. Price, USA Retired
SGM Joyce S. Roberts, USA Retired

b. Members absent/excused.

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
MCPO James T. Price, USN Retired
MSGT James W. Rodgers, USAF Retired

c. Others present.

COL Michael Graese, Garrison Commander
COL Robert Youmans, DHR, USA Retired
MSG Greg Fountain, Retirement Services Officer, USA Retired
Mr. John Keegan, FMWR
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 4 September 2014 meeting were approved.

3. Garrison Update – COL Graese:

a. ID Card Verification to Enter Fort Jackson. The new Department of the Army policy requires everyone entering Fort Jackson to have a military identification card or receive a temporary access card. Current retired member's identification is verified by DEERS. In the future, the FBI database will be used. There are nearly 7,000 contractors and vendors to be vetted. The initial screening is valid for 30-90 days, but permanent cards will be issued in the future. The policy allows exceptions for special events. With 6,000 visitors on Wednesdays and Thursdays for Family Day and Graduation, there is not enough manpower to screen the visitors. Defense Biometrics Identification System (DBIDs) cards are available for bikers, golfers and patrons of the Water Park. A total of 560 invalid identification cards have been confiscated at the gate. Currently, there are 22 Department of the Army security guards, but there are 46 authorizations. Fort Jackson is trying to expedite the hiring and training process to get more security guards.

b. "Hiring Our Heroes". On 18 November 2014, Fort Jackson is hosting an employment fair at the Solomon Center. Qualified applicants can be hired during the event.

4. Old Business: Retirement Services Office. Retiree Appreciation Days and Victory Week are 14-16 May 2015. The theme is "In Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War" and will feature displays at the Solomon Center. Celebrate Freedom Foundation will be contacted to see if they are supporting the event. The council approved BG Mitchell M. "Mick" Zais, USA Retired, for guest speaker. If he is not available, the council approved contacting LTG William M. Steele, USA Retired.

5. New Business: Fort Jackson National Cemetery. Council members requested an update on the cemetery at the January 2015 meeting.

6. Council Reports:

a. Golf. The golf course plans to be more aggressive on the maintenance of the greens this winter. Plans are in place to remove fallen trees, repair cart paths, as well as other aesthetic improvements. The golf course budget is based on the number of rounds of golf completed, and the new gate policy could impact the number.

b. MACH. The MACH's Twitter account is #MONCRIEFACH. Facebook is used for immediate announcements. Ebola is very rare and a response team is required and in place. There is a potential for Ebola patients due to Initial Entry Training Soldiers and/or Family Members who lived in West Africa. Flu shots are offered daily on the 10th floor. The MACH is not closing contrary to published reports. Primary care will continue but some specialty care could be eliminated.

c. FMWR. Access to Fort Jackson may impact FMWR activities. A total of 160 access cards were issued to golfers in the past week. Fort Jackson Tree Lighting is 3 December 2014. On 15 November 2014, FMWR is hosting Roller Derby. The University of South Carolina is providing tickets to the 14 November 2014 basketball game and the Military Appreciation football game on 22 November 2014. There are 5,000-7,000 tickets available for the football game.

d. AAFES. The AAFES celebrates Veteran's Day on 7-9 November 2014. Using the Star Card gives an additional 5% savings. Black Friday store opening is 0400. Starbucks is opening next to Popeye's.

e. Commissary. The commissary will be open on Monday, 24 November 2014, due to Thanksgiving.

f. Community Information Exchange. Next meeting is the week of 10 November 2014.

7. Closing Comments, Adjournment and Next Meeting: The Columbia Veteran's Day parade is 11 November 2014. The meeting was adjourned at 1930 hours. The next meeting is 8 January 2015.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael R. Molosso', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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