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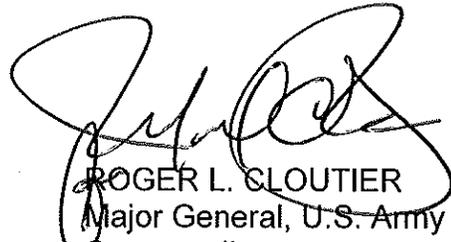
MEMORANDUM FOR Chairman, Fort Jackson Retiree Council, Fort Jackson, SC 29207

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Fort Jackson Retiree Council Meeting (7 May 2015)

ACTION OF APPROVING AUTHORITY

Minutes of the Fort Jackson Retiree Council meeting conducted on 7 May 2015 are approved/disapproved.

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COL, DCD
ROGER L. SLOUTIER
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 1745, 7 May 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 William A. Whatley, USA Retired
LTC Tom McAndrews, USA Retired
LTC James R. Snell, USA Retired
CW5 David A. Ratliff, USA Retired, Secretary
CSM Russel Anderson, USA Retired
CSM Michael L. Armstead, USA Retired
CSM Jesse DeBerry, USA Retired
MSGT Robert W. Barkalow, USAF Retired
SGM Robert B. Price, USA Retired
SGM Joyce S. Roberts, USA Retired

b. Members absent/excused.

COL Steve Vitali, USMC Retired
COL Thomas Robillard, USAF Retired
Lt COL John R. Marcucci, USMC Retired, Vice Chairman
LTC Ward D. Ward, USA Retired
CW4 Constantine S. Green, USA Retired
CSM Carl M. Lopez, USA Retired
MSG Edward Lundeen, USA Retired
MCPO Jim Null, USN Retired
MCPO James T. Price, USN Retired
MSGT James W. Rodgers, USAF Retired

c. Others present.

COL Michael S. Grease, Garrison Commander
COL Scott Nahrwold, USA Retired, Deputy Garrison Commander
CSM Rod D. Celestaine, Garrison CSM
CSM Lonnie Stinson, USA Retired, Directorate of Human Resources
MSG Greg Fountain, USA Retired, Retirement Services Officer
Mrs. Rose Ann Turner, DFMWR
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 5 March 2015 meeting were approved.

3. Garrison Update – COL Graese:

- a. Victory Week and Retiree Appreciation Days. Both events are the week of 11 May 2015.
- b. Fort Jackson Change of Command. MG Becker relinquishes command to BG Cloutier on 29 May 2015 at 0900.
- c. Traffic Study. As a result of the traffic study, several stop lights are being eliminated. Washington Street and Marion Avenue, Semmes Road and Marion Avenue, Lee Road and Semmes Road, Hill Street and Jackson Boulevard, and Lee Road and Hill Street are the affected intersections.
- d. Road and Street Maintenance. Streets used for running routes by Basic Combat Training units will receive the highest priority for resurfacing.
- e. Army Substance Abuse Program. Fort Jackson's program was credentialed. Fort Jackson continues to monitor the client to counselor ratio.
- f. Hiring Our Heroes. Employers participating must have five openings to participate. This is in support of the Soldier for Life Program. The event is 16 June 2015 at the Solomon Center.
- g. Army Emergency Relief. The Army Emergency Relief campaign runs through the end of May 2015.
- h. Officers' Club. There are still roof issues at the Officer's Club due to contractor problems.
- i. Knight Pool. Knight Pool is closed 11-12 May 2015.
- j. Tennis Expo. Fort Jackson is holding a tennis expo on 9 May 2015.
- k. Grass Cutting. The new contract is underway. Access to the installation has reduced the number of personnel available to cut grass.
- l. Staff Judge Advocate Office. Reduced staffing at the Staff Judge Advocate Office is causing problems with individuals getting appointments.
- m. Gate Guards. More guards are being hired but are being utilized in the Visitor Control Center to handle the volume of traffic entering the installation. There have been nearly 1,500 lost or stolen ID cards recovered and more than 12,000 access cards issued.

n. Garrison Change of Command. COL Graese relinquishes command on 26 June 2015. COL Graese moves to the Installation Management Command Headquarters to serve as the Executive Officer.

4. Old Business: The new Soldier for Life pins are in stock at the Post Exchange. There are two sizes and there is a Retiree and Veteran pin.

5. New Business: CSM Armstead, USA Retired, is the NCOIC for the Retiree Platoon marching in the Retiree Appreciation Days Pass In Review.

6. RSO: Retiree Appreciation Days are 13-16 May 2015. The Basic Combat Training graduation will be held on Wednesday, 13 May 2015. The continental breakfast at the Officer's Club will precede the graduation. Buses will depart at 0830 for Hilton Field and return to the Officer's Club after the graduation. Retirees will march during the graduation's Pass In Review. A "Standing Andy" will be presented to COL William P. Collier, USA Retired. Golf will be 15 May 2015 and the Retiree Expo will be 16 May 2015. The Commissary and AAFES will have special sales. Golf carts will be available to transport attendees from the lower Solomon Center parking lot who need assistance. The Fort Jackson Leader advertised the Health Benefits Expo on 16 May 2015 at the Solomon Center for the Vietnam Veteran's Welcome Home Celebration. Moncrief is not allowed to provide services to veterans. The RSO and Moncrief will discuss and resolve the issue.

7. Council Reports:

a. Golf. The greens are improving. A new maintenance shed is being constructed. The tee box on Old Hickory's 18th hole is being rebuilt.

b. MACH. No report.

c. FMWR. The Mother's Day Brunches are sold out. The water park, swimming pool, and Weston Lake will open Memorial Day weekend. The child care facilities have been severely impacted in hiring new staff members due to background checks and fingerprinting requirements. It takes 30-60 days to complete the checks.

d. AAFES. Arby's is now open in the Food Court. Boston Market is scheduled to open in September 2015 and Starbucks should open in July 2015.

e. Commissary. No report.

f. Community Information Exchange. Issues were discussed by the Garrison Commander.

8. Closing Comments, Adjournment and Next Meeting: COL Molosso, USA Retired, attended the Chief of Staff, Army Retired Soldier Council (CSARSC) meeting in April. Report attached. Methodology for local RSOs to access Retiree email addresses in addition to mailing addresses is being discussed with Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) and Army Staff, HQ DA (ARSTAFF). There is strong support to do so from the CSARSC and the Department of the Army RSO. Issue is working through supposed privacy issues with DFAS. Access to the addresses would allow the RSO to communicate real time whenever required and save significant dollars in print costs similar to the program for Army Echoes. Due to sequestration the Commissary is facing a significant reduction in their subsidy in 2016. These cuts could eventually impact AAFES and DFMWR due to reduced customer traffic in commissaries. A variety of business models being considered to preserve commissary savings. The meeting was adjourned at 1950 hours. The next meeting is 9 July 2015.



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COL, USA Retired
Chairman, Ft Jackson Retiree Council

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