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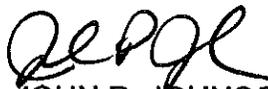
MEMORANDUM FOR Chairman, Fort Jackson Retiree Council, Fort Jackson, SC 29207

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Fort Jackson Retiree Council Meeting (5 May 2016)

ACTION OF APPROVING AUTHORITY

Minutes of the Fort Jackson Retiree Council meeting conducted on 5 May 2016 are approved/~~disapproved~~.

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JOHN P. JOHNSON
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, 5 May 2016, 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 Thomas Robillard, USAF 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 Michael L. Armstead, USA Retired
CSM Jesse Deberry, USA Retired
MSGT Robert Barkalow, USAF Retired
MSGT James W. Rodgers, USAF Retired
SGM Robert B. Price, USA Retired

b. Members Absent/Excused.

COL Carl W. Horn, USA Retired
LTC James Ross Snell, USA Retired
LTC Ward D. Ward, USA Retired
CW5 David A. Ratliff, USA Retired, Secretary
CSM Carl M. Lopez, USA Retired
MCPO James T. Price, USN Retired
MCPO Jim Null, USN Retired
SGM Joyce S. Roberts, USA Retired
MSG Edward Lundeen, USA Retired

c. Others Present.

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

2. Chairman Molosso called the meeting to order at 1800 and thanked all present for their attendance and what they do every day to support Retirees and their Families. Minutes from the 3 March 2016 meeting were approved.

3. Garrison Update – COL (Ret) Nahrwold:

a. Post Headquarters, Garrison Headquarters, and Post Conference Room have been demolished.

b. Lower Legion Lake. Temporary repairs are complete.

c. Semmes Lake. The Corps of Engineers advised Fort Jackson that Semmes Lake has to be repaired and restored. Semmes Lake was constructed in 1939 and serves as a flood control measure for Fort Jackson. The dam will be built with concrete instead of earth over the next 18-24 months.

d. Change of Command. MG Cloutler relinquishes command to BG Johnson on 24 June 2016.

e. Gate Guards. No change to current number of gate guards.

f. Leesburg Road. Construction on Leesburg Road is still scheduled.

g. Visitor Control Center. Current Visitor Control Center is "inside" the installation. The new center will be "outside" when Gate 4 is moved closer to Dixie Road. Long range plans are to construct a four lane road from Gate 4 through the woods to Golden Arrow and Hilton Field. This will significantly improve traffic flow for graduations and other events held on Hilton Field.

h. Barracks Construction. Fort Jackson currently has 9 battalions with 6 companies in each battalion. This requires the use of relocatable barracks. The TRADOC has approved 11 battalions with 5 companies. This eliminates the use of relocatable barracks. A new starbase is being built on Tank Hill across from the Soldier Support Institute. Fort Jackson will have four starbases, six starships, and one rolling pin barracks. Fort Jackson will train to capacity at all times.

5. Old Business: None.

6. New Business: LTC (Ret) McAndrews stated that the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) held their monthly meeting in the Post Headquarters. Is this something the Retiree Council should consider? Due to stringent security, it is not feasible for the Retiree Council to relocate their meetings. A possible tour of the new HQs was discussed. LTC (Ret) McAndrews discussed the value of Victory Travel. A Carowinds ticket is \$63.00 for civilians but costs \$37.00 for ID card holders. An ID card holder does not have to accompany Family Members to Carowinds, but does to other attractions.

7. RSO: The 2016 Retiree Appreciation Days (RAD) is 19-21 May 2016. Mr. Bill Dukes, Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army, accepted the invitation to serve as the guest speaker for the Basic Combat Training (BCT) Graduation Review. The theme commemorates the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War. The BCT Graduation will recognize Retirees. Breakfast will be served at the Officer's Club and buses will transport Retirees and their Families to Hilton Field or the Solomon Center (inclement weather location). One bus is for spectators and the other is for Retirees marching in the ceremony. A golf cart will be available to transport individuals from the Solomon Center parking lot to the Solomon Center during the Retiree Expo on 21 May 2016. All Retirees will be asked to provide an email address as they enter the Solomon Center. This allows the RSO to build a database and improve communications. Department of the Army is still working the release of email addresses to the RSOs.

8. Council Reports:

a. Golf. Temporary repairs to Lower Legion Lake are complete and watering of the golf course has been restored. Courses are in great condition. All golf cart batteries (approximately 700) are being replaced. The Golf Council approved a change to the cart policy. A foursome receives two carts. If there is a need for a third cart, the cost is \$30.00. Fort Jackson will host the All Services Golf Tourney in August.

b. MACH. Moncrief Army Community Hospital will transition to a clinic this summer. Surgery and other current in-patient services will move to civilian providers in the Columbia area. The average number of in-patients is two. With the Army downsizing, billets will be moved to medical centers. There are 1,100 providers within a twelve mile radius. There will be no change to primary care, laboratory, mammography, pharmacy, radiology/imaging, optometry, and audiology. No staff members are losing their jobs; they are being reassigned within MACH.

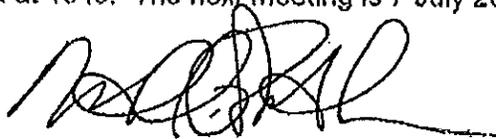
c. DFMWR. Membership to the Fort Jackson Golf Club for the general public is being staffed. The Columbia Chamber of Commerce and Mayor of Columbia endorsed the action and it is headed to the Pentagon. There are 925 current members (only 30 are active duty) and the target goal is 1,100 members. Atlantic Region approved the construction of three deluxe chalet cabins at Weston Lake. Utilities are already in place for two. Estimated cost is \$750,000. The new cabins will be three bedrooms, two baths, with a laundry room and kitchen. They will sleep eight people. Weston Lake is 200 acres on a 900 acre site. The IMCOM announced budget cuts for FY17 totalling 105 million dollars. The impact on Fort Jackson will not be known until late summer. The AAFES is getting a new General Manager, as Mr. Sidlick is moving to Fort Benning. The IHG plans to construct a 330-room Candlewood Suites hotel on Fort Jackson starting in October 2017.

d. AAFES. No report.

e. Commissary. No report.

f. Community Information Exchange. No report.

7. Closing Comments, Adjournment and Next Meeting: COL (Ret) Molosso discussed the Chief of Staff, Army Retiree Council meeting. The final report has not been released, but he will provide more details at the July meeting. Department of Defense has looked at the commissaries as a cost saving issue and wants to merge them with AAFES. The AAFES turned a 200 million dollar deficit into a 400 million dollar profit in two years. The merger might work and still maintain the 20% savings benefit, but the commissary business model must be revised. The AAFES gives 1.5 million dollars per year to Fort Jackson. The Army's #1 priority is readiness. The Soldier for Life program needs the Retirees to serve as ambassadors and is studying how to maximize Retirees. The percentage of current high school students whose parents served is at its lowest point. COL (Ret) Molosso's five year term of service on the CSA Retiree Council ended in April 2016. The meeting adjourned at 1945. The next meeting is 7 July 2016.



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