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

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Fort Jackson Retiree Council Meeting (11 January 2018)

ACTION OF APPROVING AUTHORITY

Minutes of the Fort Jackson Retiree Council meeting conducted on 11 January 2018 are approved/~~disapproved~~.

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JOHN P. JOHNSON
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, 11 January 2018, in the Directorate of Human Resources (DHR) Training Room, Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

a. Members Present.

COL Mike Molosso, USA Retired, Chairman
COL John Gergulis, USA Retired
COL William A. Whatley, USA Retired
COL Thomas Robillard, USAF Retired
Lt COL John Marcucci, USMC Retired, Vice Chairman
LTC Tom McAndrews, USA Retired
CW5 David A. Ratliff, USA Retired, Secretary
CW4 Constantine S. Green, USA Retired
MSGT Robert Barkalow, USAF Retired
SGM Robert B. Price, USA Retired
MCPO Jim Null, USN Retired
SGM Joyce S. Roberts, USA Retired

b. Members Absent/Excused.

COL Carl W. Horn, USA Retired
COL Steve Vitali, USMC Retired
LTC James Ross Snell, USA Retired
CSM Russel Anderson, USA Retired
CSM Michael L. Armstead, USA Retired
CSM Jesse Deberry, USA Retired
CSM Carl M. Lopez, USA Retired
MSG Edward Lundeen, USA Retired
MSGT James W. Rogers, USAF Retired
TSGT George Geriner, USAF Retired

c. Others Present.

CSM Lewis Kellam, USA Retired, DHR
LTC Curtis Jackson, USA Retired, Chief, MPD
MSG Greg Fountain, USA Retired, Retirement Services Officer
Mrs. Pam Wallace, MAHC
Mrs. Rose Ann Turner, FMWR

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 2 November 2017 meeting were approved.

3. Garrison Update: Mr. Mark Cox is the new Deputy Garrison Commander.

4. Old Business:

a. Surviving Spouse: COL Gergulis, USA Ret, is working with a potential Surviving Spouse from Northeast Presbyterian Church to become a member of the Retiree Council.

b. Retiree Appreciation Days 2018 Guest Speaker: Paperwork is in the Commanding General's office to approve CSM Vickery, SCARNG, or COL (R) Shwedo, CASA, as the 2018 RAD guest speaker.

5. New Business: None.

6. RSO: 17-19 May 2018 is Retiree Appreciation Days. The suspense date for the Retiree Bulletin articles is 15 January 2018. Blended Retirement System started on 1 January 2018. The new retirement system is for Soldiers entering service after 1 January 2018. Currently serving Soldiers with less than 12 years of service have the option to stay in the current system or move to the blended system. The new system allows Soldiers to invest more in the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP).

7. Council Reports:

a. Golf. Membership continues to decline. Efforts are underway to reactivate the Golf Council.

b. MAHC. The Department of the Army Inspector General (DAIG) is hosting a Town Hall meeting on 17 January 2018 to gather feedback on the quality of services offered by MAHC. TRICARE changes took effect on 1 January 2018. There are no changes to TRICARE for Life (TFL). TRICARE Prime costs were raised as were certain prescription fees. MAHC had 400,000 visits in 2017 with a customer satisfaction rating of 95.4%.

c. DFMWR. The Officers' Club renovation is scheduled for completion in June 2018. The club will be renamed "Victory Hall". The NCO Club will be renamed "Jackson Hall". The clubs will be open to all ranks. Plans are underway to rename the NCO Club on 15 March 2018 in honor of Andrew Jackson's birthday. If anyone knows of commercial businesses that would like to support Fort Jackson, please contact Rose Ann Turner.

The Commanding General wants to enhance outdoor activities on the installation. The Sportsmen Council was formed to promote all outdoor activities – hunting, fishing cycling, etc. There are working groups that need assistance with the activities. A Boxing Smoker will be conducted on 10 February 2018. Lifeguards are needed for the pool and water park. The new Director, Mr. Robert Fullam, should arrive in February.

d. AAFES. None.

e. Commissary. None.

f. Community Information Exchange. Last meeting was 14 December 2017.

8. Closing Comments, Adjournment and Next Meeting: The South Carolina Legislature approved tax relief in an earlier session. The Governor has proposed eliminating all taxes on military and first responders. Other candidates have also expressed support. Twenty eight states offer full tax exemption while South Carolina only offers a partial exemption. MCPO Null, USN Retired, reconditions motorized chairs for disabled veterans. If anyone knows a veteran who needs assistance, please let him know. The meeting adjourned at 1900 hours. The next meeting is 1 March 2018.



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