



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
INSTALLATION MANAGEMENT COMMAND
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8 June 2009

MEMORANDUM THRU Garrison Commander, Fort Campbell, KY 42223

FOR ODCSPER (DAPE-RSO), 200 Stovall Street, Alexandria, VA 22332

SUBJECT: Spring 2009 Fort Campbell Retiree Council Meeting Minutes

1. The Spring 2009 Fort Campbell Retiree Council meeting was held on 21 May 2009 at Cole Park Commons, Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Members present were:

MG (Ret) Lindsay Freeman (Chair)

COL (Ret) Joseph Britton

LTC (Ret) Mary Bryant

LTC (Ret) Ray Eldridge

MAJ (Ret) James Taylor

CSM (Ret) Harry Todd

SGM (Ret) Johnny Graben

ISG (Ret) Willard Eldridge

SFC (Ret) Larry Cannon

CSM (Ret) Ron Warrick (Co-Chair)

COL (Ret) John Patrick

LTC (Ret) Larry Causey

LTC (Ret) Earl McDowell

CW5 (Ret) Robert Huffman

CSM (Ret) Sidney Brown

SGM (Ret) Russell Cain

MSG (Ret) Robert McBee

SFC (Ret) Glenn McBee

Mr. Steve Hickman, Fort Campbell Assistant Retirement Services Officer

Members Absent: MG (Ret) Greg Gile, SGM (Ret) Johnny Graben, and Mr. Theodore Faulkner, Fort Campbell Retirement Services Officer

2. The meeting began with CSM (R) Todd leading the Council in prayer and then the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Mr. Foster Goodman, Installation Adjutant General, addressed the council to inform them that the Garrison Commander takes great interest in the Retiree Council and the Retiree Appreciation Day and that he appreciates their service. It was suggested that the new Garrison Commander be invited to the next meeting.

3. The Chief of Staff, Army Retiree Council Report for 2009 was discussed with healthcare being the number one concern for Retirees Army wide.

4. Mr. Ken Griffin from TRICARE and Ms. Diana Young, Chief, Managed Care at Blanchfield Army Community Hospital (BACH) briefed on changes to managed care and TRICARE.

a. Ms. Young stated that BACH is over-enrolled and effective 1 January 2009 started accepting only those Soldiers and Families that reside on Fort Campbell into the BACH Clinics. Everyone else must obtain a Primary Care Manager off post. She also stated that active duty Soldiers that are currently being seen at BACH will have to go off post once they retire.

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- b. Saint Thomas and Baptist hospitals are now part of the TRICARE network.
 - c. TRICARE is working to add additional groups of physicians into the network around Clarksville. One Group may be located around the Exit 11 and Martin Luther King Blvd area.
 - d. TRICARE is working on improving its website with one improvement being the search option for TRICARE and those providers who are currently accepting new patients.
 - e. New TRICARE contracts are being worked and if approved, Fort Campbell will be moved from the TRICARE North region to TRICARE South region.
 - f. There was much discussion on the lack of TRICARE participating providers in the outlying areas and the attempts to attract more physicians into the network.
5. Ms. Tabitha Bemis from the Installation Action Council gave a short presentation as to the role of the Council and asked for feedback from the Retiree Council members as to any issues that she may take back to her Council. She left an "Issue for Consideration" form with each Council member and asked if they thought of any issues to please fill them out and send them in. She also was made aware of our Retiree Appreciation Day in October and that she may want to set up a table to solicit issues from a larger group of Retirees.
6. This year's Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD) was discussed. It will be held in the same location as last year which is the Passenger Processing Center (PPC) on 24 October 2009. The Council was briefed that the guest speaker will be MG (Retired) Matz who is the President of the National Association of Uniformed Services. There will be several changes this year to include a larger static display of Soldiers and equipment. This year's intent is to have minimal briefings and all briefings concluded before releasing the Retirees to visit the booths that will be available. Other items discussed were:
- a. Coffee mugs and bags with the Retiree logo will be given to each Retiree in attendance. The Council was also informed that we may try to provide an MRE to each Retiree but due to certain considerations we may not be able to do so.
 - b. All activities will be co-located within the PPC such as ID Cards and Immunizations. We will again attempt to have flu shots as well as Shingles vaccinations.
 - c. As part of the Health Fair, it was suggested that Vision Screening be added this year, if possible.
 - d. We will have four 44 passenger buses to take Retirees on bus tours with stops at the Fort Campbell Museum and the Air Assault School for a 15 minute demonstration. Bus tours will not occur until the afternoon.

e. Door prizes were discussed and members were queried as to the status of any door prizes they were working on. Some were unaware of the letter signed by MG (R) Freeman asking for donations and requested they be re-sent. It was requested that if they obtained any significant door prize to let us know so that we may include it in our Retiree Bulletin when we send it out.

f. Some Council members inquired as to the possibility of reserving some of the parking spaces close to the PPC for their use. It was stated that that should not be a problem and that we could probably reserve some spaces for those who needed to park closer.

g. Advertising the RAD was discussed and Council members were asked to do what they could to announce the event in their local media. It was asked if a standard news announcement could be provided to them to use when approaching newspapers/radio stations.

h. RAD Committee Members requested to meet again prior to the RAD at the PPC to review the setup for all the activities.

7. Other items discussed during the meeting are:

a. Need to send out copies of the minutes from the Fall 2008 Council meeting.

b. CW5 Huffman volunteered to develop a collaborative web page for the Council to utilize to assist them with issues that they encounter from Retirees in their local areas.

c. The issue of having a Retiree Council member from another branch of the military was discussed. CW5 Huffman reminded everyone that our Constitution limits membership to Army Retirees. The question was raised if we could appoint a non-voting member instead.

d. There seemed to be a disparity as to which Constitution was in effect as different Council members had different versions. All members were promised that a current copy would be sent to them.

e. CW5 Huffman offered to host the Council at his home which is near Exit 11 in Clarksville when we have our next meeting.

f. This year's Retiree Bulletin was discussed with a target release date of late August. Members were asked that if they had any topics or articles to please let us know.

g. The Post 9/11 GI Bill was discussed and LTC (R) Eldridge stated that Lipscomb University was participating in the Yellow Ribbon program whereas they would make up the difference between what the GI Bill pays and the actual cost of tuition.

8. 19 November 2009 was decided upon as the date for the next Retiree Council meeting after discussion led by MG Freeman.

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9. The meeting adjourned at approximately 1200 hours.

10. POC is the undersigned at 270-798-5280.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Faulkner', written in a cursive style.

THEODORE W. FAULKNER
Retirement Services Officer