

FORT DETRICK ALL SERVICES RETIREE COUNCIL
MINUTES
11 June 2012

1. The Council was called to order by the Chairman, COL Phillips, at 1900 in the Community Support Center at Fort Detrick, Maryland. Pledge of Allegiance was led by CPT Glausier.

2. Attendance:

a. Members present:

COL (USA Ret) Alan Phillips (Chairman)
CSM (USA Ret) James Shaheen (Vice Chairman)
RADM (USPHS/USCG Ret) William Prescott
CDR (USNR Ret) Charles Chipley
CPT (USMC Ret) Robert Glausier
CSM (USAR Ret) Reginald Kephart
CSM (USA Ret) Bran Thompson
1SG (USA Ret) John Wilcox
Msgt (USAF Ret) Doug Markin
SFC (USAR Ret) James Frye
SFC (USA Ret) Margaret Sayre
SSG (USA Ret) Anthony Malavenda
Mrs. Betty Bennett (Surviving Spouse, USA)

b. Members absent:

LTC (USAFR Ret) Robert Fenimore
MSG (USAR Ret) Fred Moxley Jr.
MSG (USA Ret) Scott McKnight
SFC (USA Ret) Sheila Brown
SFC (USA Ret) Michele Thomas
Seaman (USN Ret) Dennis Helmstetter

c. Garrison Staff:

Mr. Kenneth Daniels, Director of Human Resources
Mr. Brett Conyers, Staff Judge Advocates Office
Mr Eddie Coleman, Retirement Services Officer

3. The Chairman welcomed Council members, Garrison Staff members, and Brett Conyers to the Council meeting. Mr. Conyers is a long time employee of the SJA and a JAG officer in the Army Reserve. He also welcomed COL Lee, (USAF Ret) and her spouse to the Council meeting. COL Lee is a recent retiree and resident of the Fort Detrick area.

4. Special Report by Mr. Conyers, Office of the SJA.

Mr. Conyers gave a presentation of the services available at the Legal Assistance Section of the Staff Judge Advocate Office. As retirees, surviving spouse and family members, all are entitled to the following services: consumer law issues; contract disputes; landlord/tenant disputes; contract review; creditor problems; nonsupport; immigration; motor vehicle laws; merchant scams; wills; powers of attorney; bankruptcy and indebtedness; separation/divorce; notarizations and taxation. Most of the Mr Conyers presentation

concentrated on wills preparation and estate planning. Consultation for a Last Will and Testament will include a discussion about your estate plans - the plan that allows you to decide how to transfer your property after death.

A will is also important to nominate a guardian for your minor children. If you die without a will, the state of your domicile will decide how to divide your property based on its intestacy law.

Additionally the Legal Assistance Office provides free tax preparation service starting in January and ending on or about the 15 April. Tax preparers are both active duty service members at Fort Detrick and military retirees/surviving spouses in the Frederick community. All tax preparers trained and certified by the IRS.

5. Special Report by Mr. Daniels, USAG

As the Director, Human Resources, Mr. Daniels has overall responsibility for the RSO functions including the RAD. Several of the Council members had suggested we consider separating the RAD activities and the Community Health EXPO which is also scheduled for 8 November 2012. Mr. Daniels addressed this suggestion and other general concerns of council members. After much discussion it was decided that the RAD should again be held at the same time as the Community Health EXPO this year. We will relook at this suggestion as we plan for the 2013 RAD. The renovated auditorium will be large enough to accommodate the RAD so going off post will not be necessary.

6. Chairman's Report

COL Phillips reviewed the overall plans for the RAD and the tentative lineup of guest speakers. The RSO has already taken action to have representatives from DFAS and Casualty Assistance Command (Ft Meade) attend. He will be working with the other normally present organizations to confirm their participations. These include the Barquist Medical, VA Outpatient, Johns Hopkins and DA among others.

COL Phillips reminded the council members of the importance of reporting volunteer hours to the RSO for submission to the Installation Volunteer Coordinator.

7. RSO Report

a. A direct link to the Retirees Website is now on the Garrison Homepage, click on Retirement Services under "Hot Links" in the center column of the page. I am coordinating with webmaster and PAO about placing the Council's minutes on the website. Corrections of the Retiree WebPages are on-going. If you see items that can be changed let me know.

b. The receptionist in Military Personnel Division is now collecting email address of retirees and surviving spouses in our effort to keep them informed of events that they can participate.

c. Speaker from the Casualty Assistance Branch at Ft Meade has been requested for the RAD. I will follow-up with the CAC at Fort Meade.

d. I am requesting articles from the Garrison activities for the Retiree Bulletin. Mrs. Bennett has already submitted an article for The Thrift Shop.

7. The next meeting is scheduled for 13 August 2012.

8. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2030.

Signed:

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ALAN B. PHILLIPS
Colonel, USA, Ret
Chairman