

Northern Alaska Military Retiree Council

August 2, 2018; 6:00 – 7:00 pm

Last Frontier Community Activity Center

Welcome

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order

Introductions

Chairman: Walter E. Crary, VVA VSO

Vice-Chairman: Daniel Blashill, Retiree and BACH Representative

Recorder: Janice Westlind, USO Pathfinder Scout and Retired, AK Army National Guard

RSO: Steven Schack, Retired, Soldier for Life

Subject: Minutes of Meeting, Northern Alaska Military Retiree Council (July 5, 2018)

Approval of previous meeting's minutes: {allow members to review, vote on}

Attendees:

1. Walter Crary, Commander of American Legion Post 11, Vietnam Veterans of America Veterans Service Officer, Local Ch 2 Disabled American Veterans Treasurer and Secretary, Past Commander, Commander of DAV Dept AK, Chairman of Retiree Council.
2. Daniel Blashill, retiree and Bassett Army Community Hospital Human Resources, Vice Chair Retiree Council
3. Steven Schack, retired, Soldier for Life RSO
4. Janice Westlind, USO Pathfinder, and retired AK Army National Guard
5. Virginia Yeaton, AF Sergeants Assoc, EAFB
6. Kayleigh Hardcastle, BACH
7. Angie Crary, AAFES Operations Supervisor

Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD) planning:

Schack: Invitations went out, flyers are ready, will email to Council members. 2750 invites prepared for regular mail. Eielson and Fort Wainwright PAOs will post on social media. Left a message for Clear and Greely representatives. DFAC will host brunch. The Red Cross will have a table, a display, and refreshments. Verdie Bowen agreed to attend but may be double-booked. There will be outdoor

displays with Strykers. No new donations have been received. Yeaton has a quilt to contribute. Schack hasn't heard back from the Commissary yet. Vendors may set up the night before at 1800. Lathrop Junior ROTC will post and retire the colors.

Hardcastle: Needs estimated number of attendees.

Yeaton: Asked if old military memorabilia could be displayed. Schack encouraged members to bring items if they wish.

Crary, A: AAFES will have giveaway items for the RAD and gift baskets.

Other Business:

Hardcastle: Lots of construction going on at the hospital, including the roof. Some of the parking areas are blocked off. Replacing MRI and CT scanners this summer so in-house testing will spin down. An MRI trailer will be brought in since the MRI will take 1 month to replace, followed by the CT. PCS season will only leave 1 internist remaining, but 2 are coming in soon. A new orthopedic surgeon should be arriving any day now. Will go down to 2 general surgeons, and 1 family practice doctor. The new Commander starts 20 July. Several civilian employees retiring at the end of the year. Facility is still having trouble with HealthNet.

Yeaton: At the Eielson medical clinic, a physician assistant is retiring tomorrow. New pediatricians are coming in, and 1 new flight surgeon. Very short on medical staff; MDOS Commander is seeing patients and doing PHAs.

Westlind: Tony Gantt has left the USO; his replacement is Wilson Lubin, a retiree from Fort Wainwright. We're doing a staff visit to Fort Greely on Wednesday. USO Pathfinder will host 2 workshops: Federal Resumes on 10 July and VA Home Buying on 18 July.

Meeting adjourned 6:42pm. Next meeting is Thursday, Aug 2 for RAD planning, all approved.