

Fort Hood Soldier for Life
Retiree Council Meeting Minutes
18 July 2023

1. The Soldier for Life Retiree Council met on 18 July 2023, in the Copeland Building 18010, Battalion Ave, in the DHR Conference Room 2nd Floor at 1200hrs.

2. The following individuals were present:

BG (Ret) Randy Anderson, Chairperson
SGM (Ret) Jerry Hernandez, Co-Chairperson
COL (Ret) William Salter
LTC(Ret) Pat Christ
LTC (Ret) David Shaw
CSM (Ret) Frank Minosky (Associate Member)
CSM (Ret) Melissa McFrazier
CSM (Ret) Angela Wilson
MSG Tracey Brown-Greene
Naomi Roupe (Gold Star Representative)

3. The following were not present for the meeting

LTC (Ret) Linda Webster
LTC (Ret) David Shaw
CW5 (Ret) Jeanne Pace
CSM Lawrence McCullar
SFC (Ret) Acquanetta Pullins Sneed
SFC (Ret) Adriene Evans Quickley (Associate Member)
SGM (Ret) Guadalupe Lopez

4. Old Business: Ms. Roupe sent emails to all members whose term was up to expire or had expired due to COVID times, and the council getting back into routine of meetings and moving forward with Retiree Day for 2023. All members responded back except for two members.

5. New Business:

a. At 12 noon BG (Ret) Anderson opened the meeting and welcomed all those present to the meeting. Discussion of items on the agenda that needed to be discussed is as follows.

b. Introduction of new member: BG (Ret) Anderson introduced CSM (Ret) McFrazier to the group, CSM (Ret) McFrazier will be the Retiree Council Representative for CRDAMC, and Health Care Advisory Council. CSM (Ret) McFrazier was CSM at once time for CRDAMC, so this was good fit for the council.

c. Review of non-participation of council members: According to our bylaws a letter with suspense date must be sent to non participates and order to see if they are still willing to serve on the council or be removed. A nonresponse will be noted of immediately removable of the individual.

d. 2023 Soldier for Life Retiree Appreciation Day: This will now be held on one (1) day only on Saturday 28 October. The Golf Tournament along with ID Cards and Legal Service will be the only options offered on Friday 27 Oct. Was noted the FRAGO is out.

e. Saturday 28 October 2023 Retiree Day: Location, breakfast and lunch is still being worked, though we are looking to hold retiree day all at Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center (CRDAMC). The opening ceremony's location is still being worked due to space. CSM (Ret) McFrazier integrated that the CRDAMC assembly rooms at CRDAMC would be very tight to hold opening ceremonies max is 150 maybe 175 but that would be pushing it wall to wall individuals not including band, podium, flags etc. Another location that might work better would be The People choice bldg., which used to be the old sim center which can hold up to five hundred people. By holding all events at the hospital retirees can hopefully have breakfast at the hospital DFAC, where patrons will pay for their own breakfast and lunch. RSO will need to send letters out to those organizations that normally would set up at the county fair at the club to make sure they know of the change of location to get them to set up at the CRDAMC location for retirees. The Legal Office on base as well as the ID Card Section would be the only two areas that would stay the same for Retiree Day. There is no Friday night social such as bingo, and no Saturday night dinner. Will look into Retiree Ceremony on Friday evening to see what roll if any we have. Ms. BG (Ret) Anderson would like to start IPRs with certain individuals so that we stay on track. SGM (Ret) Jerry Hernandez noted that for the golf tournament Dealership will Sponsorship Dealer will provide cars MSG (Ret) Brown-Greene will be the action officer and work with RSO regarding this. More to follow on Retiree Day since we are only 103 days out from the event. (see attachment 1)

f. 1st Cav Horse Detachment still be an option for the retiree day, COL (Ret) William Salter will work on getting this setup for the Retiree Day. Was also asked about adding the new museum to the day events for the retirees as well as the MP Working dogs. No update as of today on this. Overall, more to follow on these additional items are needed.

g. LTC (Ret) Pat Chris proposed that we establish a brick memorial for the recipients of the Annual SGM (Ret) Elijah King Honorary Retiree Award at The National Mounted Warfare Museum. This would replace the plaque that is normally given to the honorary recipient at the retiree ceremony. The recipient would be given a certificate noted that there will be a brick placed in their honor at the National Mounted Warfare Museum. The cost of initial brick would be \$200 followed by \$100 each year for honorary retirees. LTC (Ret) Christ further requested that we honor all those previous recipients with a brick at \$100. Will need to decide on how many awards have been made in the past years was mentioned that the RSO should have this information. One question is how

we fund this for our honorary retirees. Some of the council members mentioned they had no problem and donating dollars, if necessary, though was mentioned that there might be an organization that might like to offset the cost of the bricks. SGM (Ret) Hernandez will work with PENFED/First Heroes Bank/Auto Dealership for sponsorship (\$300). The proposal was passed unanimously. More information to follow.

h. Guest Speaker for Retiree Day opening ceremony has been confirmed with Temple VA Hospital Mr. Kiefer.

i. Health Care Advisory Council Update: CSM (Ret) McFrazier reported that CRDAMC will hold back school & sport physicals on 21 July and 5 August. (see attachment 2).

k. Community Service Council update: LTC (Ret) David Shaw reported on the CSC that he and Ms. Roupe attended on 28 June 2023. They have asked to be added to the invite for the monthly meetings so that the Retiree Council can have a place at the tables. Useful information was put out to the community. BG(Ret) Anderson thanked both individuals for getting us back on the invite to this meeting.

l. SGM (Ret) Jerry Hernandez made note that our Honorary Retiree nomination for 2023 has been received and will be SGM (Ret) Guadalupe Lopez. He also reported for SFC (Ret) Pullins-Sneed regarding VA Benefits.

6. Closing Remarks BG (Ret) Anderson; noted that the meeting went very well and that we have a lot of work to do for retiree day. Would like to begin IPRs so we can put positive control measures in place.

7 Meeting adjourned at 1300 hrs. with next meeting scheduled for August 15, 2023 Copeland Bldg. Housing Conference Room.

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