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

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Fort Jackson Retiree Council Meeting (10 September 2020)

ACTION OF APPROVING AUTHORITY

Minutes of the Fort Jackson Retiree Council meeting conducted on 10 September 2020 are approved/disapproved.

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MILFORD H. BEAGLE, JR.
Brigadier 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, 10 September 2020, by teleconference due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

a. Members Present.

COL Mike Molosso, USA Retired, Chairman
COL John Gergulis, USA Retired
COL Carl W. Horn, USA Retired
COL William A. Whatley, USA Retired
COL Steve Vitali, USMC 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
CSM Michael L. Armstead, USA Retired
CSM Carl M. Lopez, USA Retired
MSG Edward Lundeen, USA Retired
MSGT Robert Barkalow, USAF Retired
SGM Robert B. Price, USA Retired
SGM Joyce Roberts, USA Retired

b. Members Absent/Excused.

LTC James Ross Snell, USA Retired
CSM Russel Anderson, USA Retired
CSM Jesse Deberry, USA Retired
MCPO Jim Null, USN Retired
TSGT George Geriner, USAF Retired
Mrs. Angie Evans, Surviving Spouse
Mrs. Donnell Baker, Surviving Spouse
Mrs. Pamela Wallace, Civilian Retired
Mr. David Omura, Director Columbia VA Healthcare System
Mr. Sterling Byrd, VA Healthcare System

c. Others Present.

COL Tara Hall, Commander, MAHC
COL Kevin Snyder, Deputy Commander for Nursing, MAHC
LTC Tajudeen O. Ottun, Chief, Department of Pharmacy, MAHC
CSM Erin Hicks, MAHC
Mr. Mark Cox, Deputy Garrison Commander
Mr. Ray Smith, DES
MSG Greg Fountain, USA Retired, Retirement Service Officer
Ms. Dorothy H. Edgerton, Chief, Legal Services Division

Mrs. Rose Ann Turner, FMWR
Mr. Thomas Kuttamperoor, AAFES

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.

3. Minutes from the 9 July 2020 meeting were approved.

4. Deputy Garrison Commander Update: Installation is coordinating with MUSC for COVID-19 drive-thru testing in late September.

5. Commander, Moncrief Army Health Clinic Update:

a. Pharmacy is closed 12 and 14 September 2020 for equipment updates and training. Effective 1 October 2020, prescription pick up at MAHC will be changed. Individuals will check-in, receive a buzzer (like restaurants use), park and remain in their vehicle. When the buzzer is activated, users will enter the Pharmacy to receive their prescriptions(s). The individuals bringing prescriptions outside are employees from other areas in MAHC. As clinics and other areas reopen, these employees are needed in these areas.

b. Prescription App: Defense Health Agency (DHA) updated the app. Users have additional pages to scroll through to reach the required page.

c. New Prescriptions: Submitting electronic prescriptions is the fastest method to obtain medicine. Submitting hand-written prescriptions requires additional verification.

d. Flu Shots: MAHC expects to receive flu shots in November 2020. Shots will be given at the Solomon Center parking lot by driving through and remaining in your vehicle. If shots are received off-post, patients need to update their records. MAHC will not have the high dose shot recommended for people over 65.

e. Access to Care: MAHC is reopening more areas each week. More face-to-face appointments are available. Some wellness checks may have been postponed since March and patients are encouraged to schedule these appointments now.

f. VA and DHA: Meshing these systems is a long-term project.

g. Hearing Aids: With MAHC reopening clinics, the provider is working, and hearing aids are available.

6. VA Update: COL (Ret) Robillard reported Dorn VA started scheduling face-to-face appointments.

7. Old Business: Memorialization packet for COL (Ret) Angelo Perri is working its way through the system. More to follow as updates are received.

8. New Business:

a. Legal Services: Ms. Edgerton reported staff shortages impact services available to Retirees for notary and Powers of Attorney. In August, the Fort Jackson SJA saw nine Retirees. The office makes referrals as needed. Legal services are available at Shaw AFB.

b. DES: If Retirees are approved for installation access on Wednesday or Thursday for scheduled appointments, they are not allowed to visit the PX, Commissary, or other installation facilities. Retirees are still attempting to enter the installation on Wednesdays and Thursdays and some issues have occurred when they are denied access. DES asked for help in spreading the word across South Carolina.

9. RSO:

a. Retiree Appreciation Days 2021: Suggested dates are 13-15 May and 20-22 May 2021. Council agreed that 13-15 May is the primary choice since these dates coincide with Armed Forces Appreciation. Council needs to select a theme and speaker.

b. Retiree Bulletin is posted on the Fort Jackson webpage.

c. Chief of Staff Army Retired Soldier Council (CSARSC): Issues to be forwarded through the chain of command are due NLT 1 October 2020 to the RSO.

10. Council Reports:

a. Golf. Golf Council meeting is 15 September 2020. Courses are in great shape.

b. MAHC. See paragraph 5.

c. DFMWR. Bingo reopens 25 September 2020. Reopening the bowling alleys is being explored. Gyms are open. From 0500-0700 is active duty only. Inside dining starts this week at the NCO Club. Curbside Library service is available.

d. AAFES. Due to COVID-19, Black Friday will not be held. AAFES is offering 12 Weeks of Savings in lieu of Black Friday. Limited inside dining is available.

e. Commissary. No report.

f. Community Information Exchange: No report.

9. Closing Comments, Adjournment and Next Meeting: COL (Ret) Molosso asked CSM (Ret) Lopez if the Purple Heart Association supports Surviving Spouses using the Purple Heart license plate. CSM (Ret) Lopez said the Association supports this. COL (Ret) Molosso would like to conduct the November 2020 via Zoom. Those members unable to connect can still dial-in to the meeting. Keep getting the word out about access to the installation. One percent of our constituents are causing problems at the gates and facilities. COL (Ret) Molosso requested that issues be forwarded to him or the secretary and not directly to the leadership. The next meeting is 5 November 2020. The meeting was adjourned at 1930.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Molosso', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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