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15 August 2024

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

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Fort Jackson Retiree Council Meeting

ACTION OF APPROVING AUTHORITY: The enclosed minutes of the Fort Jackson Retiree Council meeting conducted on 11 July 2024 are ☒ approved ☐ disapproved.

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Fort Jackson Retiree Council Meeting Minutes

Post Headquarters, Post Conference Room

Ft Jackson, South Carolina

Thursday, July 11, 2024

1800

1. Chairman

- **Opening Remarks**
 - Shared appreciation for everyone's attendance and support of RAD activities
 - Attendance sheet passed around room (See Spreadsheet)
 - Others in Attendance:
 - COL Pase - Moncrief Commander
 - COL Hickman, CSM Kotula and Mark Cox - Garrison
 - Roseann Turner - DFMWR
 - William Smith – Office Sen Graham
 - John Hughes – DES
 - Dusty Franklin – 81st RD
 - Introductions of all personnel in attendance

2. Review and Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

- Minutes from May 2, 2024 unanimously approved

3. Chair's Opening Comments

- Recognized the Retirement Services Team for the successful execution of our Retiree Appreciation Days events
- Acknowledged that this meeting would be focused on an After Action Review (AAR) of RAD activities to better prepare for next year (see attached AAR)
- 81st Readiness Division Commanding General to change command in July.
- Fort Jackson Commanding General will change command in August.
- **Initiatives (no change):**
 - **Improve communications with Retirees.**
 - Paul Flondarina take lead on information dissemination
 - County Veteran Affairs Officers (CVAOs), MOAA Chapters, and Purple Hearts chapters may support further disseminate information
 - **Community Outreach.**
 - Continue to seek for opportunities for the FJRC to assist the military community
 - **Retiree Transition Process**
 - Senior Leader Transition. Next Senior Leaders in transition social with local business leaders is TBA

4. Garrison Update (COL Tim Hickman)

- CSM Kotula on board since March.
- FJSC 4th of July activities had 35k in attendance.
- Victory Hall (formerly known as the O'Club) to reopen this fall as an event center.
- Renovations to Pickens CDC still underway; reopening tentative Spring 2025. Middle School Programs relocated to Solomon Center.
- Renovations to Coleman Gym to begin by Jan 2025.
- Will host a Job Fair/Summit tentatively in September to see if there are business opportunities with the community.

5. Retirement Services Officer Update

- Retiree Appreciation Days (RAD) 16-18 May 2024 AAR conducted with council (See attached), of note:
 - Will improve messaging to partners
 - Provide marked parking spaces for vendors and attendees away from Solomon allowing retirees access to closest spots.
 - Will move buses to another parking lot to provide more retiree parking.
 - The SC National Guard J1.1 and the 81st Readiness Division need to be present at the Expo.
 - Will work harder and earlier to advertise with other Services around that state.
 - Next year speaker will be enlisted; need suggestions by September meeting
 - Next year's dates are May 1-3, 2025.

6. Dorn Veteran Medical Center Update (no change)

- Oscar Rodriguez new Director
- Ashford Lenearo Dep. Director
- **Facility Update**
 - State of the art sterile compounding facility IAW USP 797/800 and Joint commission was activated Feb 2024
 - Police worn body cameras
 - Robotic surgery program completed its 700th case (gen surgery, knees)
 - Several VISN 7 site visits to review telehealth, Community Care, AWE, GEMS, SPH, Emergency mgt and engineering programs
- **Construction Update**
 - Bldg. 10 – construction delayed for fire suppression pump and exterior porches, expect completed Dec 2024
 - Rehabilitation bldg. complete, should be moving into Jun 24

- 2nd parking garage construction has started, existing garage has added an additional deck and 1st & 2nd level is now open. Once complete overall net gain 500 spots
- Parking & Paving project awarded to pave and paint all parking lots on campus as well as install “parking pucks” that will link to an app to show which spots are vacant or full
- New MRI machine being installed in our MRI bldg. Currently, we have a mobile MRI unit while the construction is being completed on the new unit
- **Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC) Update**
 - Sumter – new 25K sq ft facility, opened Monday 6 Nov 2023
 - Florence – construction underway, expected completion Aug 24
 - Rock Hill – construction underway expected completion fall 24
 - Approved for new 285K sq ft HCC in Greenville for design 2025
 - Approved for new 55K sq ft clinic in Spartanburg for design 2025
 - Requested new clinics for W. Columbia and Laurens County

7. Agency Reports

- **Moncrief Health Clinic (COL Chris Pase)**
 - Pharmacy issues have all been addressed, should be back to normal wait times
 - Refill on MHS Genesis portal in real time, filled w/in 72 hrs
 - Closed personnel gap, almost at full capacity. Should result in less wait time and increased services offered (less referrals)
 - 1 pair of prescription eyeglasses per year authorized for retirees
 - Issue raised about TRICARE For Life (TFL) not having access to MHS Genesis once the service member reaches the age of 65 and is enrolled in Medicare where TFL becomes the secondary insurance. **(See attached flyers for assistance)**
- **DECA.** No attendee.
- **AAFES. (Tammy Toney)**
 - Exchange Birthday 25 July 24
 - Specials at the Main Store, Expresses, Class Six and Food Court
 - Drawings/Raffles will be held at the Jackson Main Store
 - Mini Mall Project
 - On going and slated for completion in early spring
 - March or April timeframe
 - Challenges exist with renovating an aged structure
 - Panera is slated for opening late winter or by first of 2025
 - Facilities to include but not limited to: Military Clothing, Class Six, Doc Dental, Optical, Barber, Laundry Dry Cleaning, Patriot Outfitters, Trophy Shop
 - Others in progress of solicitation

- **FMWR (Roseann Turner)**
 - World Long Drive Final July 22nd
 - 17 Aug Hilton Head Fishing Trip
 - FJSC Oktoberfest September 29th.

8. Internal Reports

- **CIE.** No report.
 - **Seeking a FJRC Volunteer to attend these.**
- **Golf Course (No Change)**
 - Discussion about updating facilities and grounds
 - Looking at food truck options instead of opening kitchen for patrons
- **Communications Initiative.**
 - Working with DFAS customer relations about joint retiree comms

9. Unfinished Business

- Nothing significant to report.

10. New Business

- Potential removal of members with over three consecutive absences (each will be contacted individually by Secretary).
- Establish working committee for next year's RAD events.
- Volunteerism. Need members on the FJ Retiree Council who are willing to participate in activities, not just meetings.

11. Closing Comments

- Chair thanked all for what they do to support our retired population, regardless of service or compo.
- The next meeting is September 5, 2024.



Dan Beatty

Chairman

Fort Jackson Retiree Council

Enclosure.

Attendance

RAD AAR

Moncrief Flyers