

Fort Jackson Retiree Council Meeting Minutes

Post Headquarters, Post Conference Room

Ft Jackson, South Carolina

Thursday, January 4, 2024

1800

1. Chairman

- **Opening Remarks**

- JR Sanderson opened with prayer
- Chair thanks JR and Joe McLamb for their dedication and service to the Council and Retirees at large.
- Attendance sheet passed around room (See Spreadsheet)
 - Others in Attendance- Arnedtra Mitchell, Spencer Miller
- Introductions of all personnel in attendance (to include dial-in) including their name, how long they've been on the Council, and why they want to be on the Council.
- Chair and Secretary met with the Ft Jackson Commanding General and Deputy Commander prior to the meeting.

2. Review and Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

- Minutes from 2 November 2023 unanimously approved

3. Chair's Opening Comments

- **Purpose of the Fort Jackson Retiree Council (FJRC) is to (no change):**

- Be a conduit of information, regardless of Service
- Focus on matters of relevance
- Operate knowing Retirees are capable and resourceful if armed with useful information.

- **The Fort Jackson Retiree Council (FJRC) Area of Responsibility includes:**

- 64,456 retirees as of Jan 1, 2023 across South Carolina
- 28K Army, 12K Navy, 4.2K USMC, 19K Air Force
- Determine support needed for the Army Central Command as they depend on Fort Jackson for all Retirement Support
- Understand role of South Carolina National Guard (Guardsmen) and 81st Readiness Division (Reservists)

- **Initiatives (no change):**

- **Improve communications with Retirees.**
 - Paul Flondarina take lead on information dissemination
 - Military outreach from council members to stimulate involvement
 - Enroll Retirees in our Retiree email system.

- “Spoke and Hub” approach to state and regional retirees
- County Veteran Affairs Officers (CVAOs), MOAA Chapters, and Purple Hearts chapters may support further disseminate information
- **Community Outreach.**
 - How can the FJRC assist with the Profession of Arms of the Active Duty personnel?
- **Retiree Transition Process**
 - Senior Leader Transition. Assisting the Senior Leaders in transition to a contributing member of society.
 - Transition Assistance Program (TAP) support by FJRC. Engage the service member early.

4. Garrison Update (COL Tim Hickman)

- Name change of roads. NCO Club will become the “1917” Club.
- Renovations to NCO Club parking lot and roof
- Renovations to Pickens CDC
- Renovations to Ed Center (Strom Thurmond)
- Upcoming renovations to Mini Mall (Spring)
- Main road intersection traffic lights will be blinking yellow from 18:00 – 06:00

5. Retirement Services Officer Update (Regina Harlan)

- Retiree Appreciation Days (RAD) 16-18 May 2024
 - Thursday Breakfast with the CG and Graduation
 - Friday Golf Tournament (9-12)
 - Saturday RAD Expo (9-12) at the Solomon Center
 - Tasks:
 - Determine food and bus plan for Thursday breakfast with the CG
 - Identify Guest Speaker for RAD Day 1 and Graduation (Officer)
 - Identify Guest Speaker for RAD Day 3 (Perhaps from the USDVA)
 - FJRC to identify a RAD Working Group
- Lost the ability to “see” other Service in the email distribution.
- RAD bulletin will be published in April

6. Dorn Veteran Medical Center Update (Rebecca Strini)

- Ms Strini will be the interim Director for the next two months.
- MRI machine replacement is available and in use
- Pharmacy renovations complete
- There is a mobile prosthetics unit that is able to get out to more rural areas
- Medical Companions can be requested to assist in appointments and transportation
- Over 400 food boxes delivered for the holidays
- USDVA and SCDVA just signed an MOU for mutual support

7. Agency Reports

- **Moncrief Health Clinic (COL Warren Stewart)**
 - New COVID booster and Flu shots available; masks are not yet required
 - MHS Genesis prescription refill button should be in operation this spring
 - Moncrief Change of Command this summer
 - Acute care clinic transition – more same day appointments will be available through MHS Genesis (o/a 29 January)
- **Commissary (Lisa Barbee)**
 - Tricare for Life info booth set up through 20 January.
- **AAFES**
 - No representative from AAFES was present.
- **FMWR (Rose Ann Turner)**
 - Looking for feedback on holiday hours (inconvenience/ suitability)
 - Activities up on Facebook Page
 - Basketball tickets
 - Valentine's Day
 - Deep Sea Fishing (2 MAR)
 - Fishing Derby (22 Apr)
 - Victory Travel open to retirees

8. Internal Reports

- **CIE**
 - No representative from the Council attended the last CIE.
 - Next CIE is Feb 13, 2024.
- **Golf Course**
 - Discussion on how opening golfing to the public impacts process and procedures.
- **Communications Initiative.**
 - Numerous supporting agencies exist to help inform and educate our retirees (e.g., MOAA, Purple Heart, etc and can reinforce our message).
 - Paul will discuss with the Chair and Secretary at another time.

9. Unfinished Business

- Nomination for the Chief of Staff of the Army Retiree Council submitted, awaiting response to see if the FJ Nominee was accepted.

- Three nominations of issues were submitted by the FJSC Retiree Council for the CSA's Council for review.
 - RSO stated one of the three was not accepted. The RSO is determining who rejected the submission and for what reason.
 - Three issues were:
 - Legal support for Retired Soldiers
 - Chip-enabled identification cards for retired Soldiers
 - Potential gaps in medical coverage for retiring Soldiers.

10. New Business

- Update By-Laws from the 2005 version.
- Identification of a RAD working group
- Guest Speaker for RAD (Officer)

11. Closing Comments

- Chair thanked all for what they do to support our retired population, regardless of service.
- The Next meeting is 7 March 2024.



Dan Beatty

Chairman

Fort Jackson Retiree Council

Enclosure.

Attendance

| Rank | Last Name | First Name | Jan 24 |
|-------------|------------------|-------------------|--------|
| CSM (ret) | Armstead | Michael L. | P |
| SMSgt (ret) | Askin | Denise | A |
| Mrs. | Baker | Donnell | A |
| MSGT (ret) | Barkalow | Robert W., Jr. | P |
| COL (ret) | Beatty | Dan | P |
| MAJ (ret) | Colombo | Joseph N. | P |
| MSGT (ret) | Creech | Jessica | A |
| Mr. | Creech | Paul | A |
| CSM (ret) | DeBerry | Jesse J. | A |
| CSM (ret) | Dostie | Eric | P |
| CSM (ret) | Everson | Melvin | A |
| CAPT (ret) | Flondarina | Paul | P |
| COL (ret) | Gergulis | John G. | P |
| TSGT (ret) | Geriner | George | A |
| MSG (ret) | Goode | Villardine | A |
| CW4 (ret) | Green | Constantine S. | P |
| COL (ret) | Horn | Carl W. | P |
| CSM (ret) | Lopez | Carl M. | P |
| LTC (ret) | Marcucci | John R. | P |
| LTC (ret) | McAndrews | Tom | A |
| COL (ret) | McLamb | Joseph | P |
| Ms. | Morgan | Shannon | A |
| MCPO (ret) | Null | Jim | A |
| SGM (ret) | Price | Robert B. | A |
| SGM (ret) | Roberts | Joyce S. | A |
| COL (ret) | Robillard | Thomas A. | A |
| COL (ret) | Sanderson | JR | P |
| LTC (ret) | Snell | James Ross | A |
| COL (ret) | Vitali | Steve | P |
| Mrs. | Wallace | Pamela | A |
| COL (ret) | Whatley | William A. | P |
| CSM (ret) | Wrightsman | Dan | A |