



FORT KNOX RETIREE COUNCIL

18 October 2024

The Fort Knox Retiree Council was called to order at 1310 hours, Friday, 18 October 2024 in the Sadowski Hall by BG (Ret) Charles D. Estes, Chair, who presided. The meeting commenced immediately after the completion of the 2024 Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD).

Voting members present:

Charles D. Estes, BG (Ret), USA, Chair
 Rodney J. Newell, CSM (Ret), USA, Vice-Chair
 Belinda Gaither-Schmitt, SFC (Ret), USA, Secretary
 Jackie A. Ash, CSM (Ret), USA
 Bernard Hayes, MAJ, (Ret), USA
 Michael Pesko, Jr., MAJ (Ret), USA
 Betsy Brocklehurst, MSgt (Ret), USAF
 Harold Denson, 1SG (Ret), USA

Voting members absent:

Darren W. Hargrove, SGM (Ret), USA

Emeritus members:

David Shearer, CW4 (Ret), USA	- Absent
Irvin Lyons, SGM (Ret), USA	- Absent

Non-voting members:

Thomas C. Cunningham, LTC (Ret) USA	- Absent
Glenda Nicol, MSG (Ret), USA	- Absent
Thomas A. Goff, CW5 (Ret), USA	- Absent
Georgie Sharp, CPL (Ret), USMC	- Absent
Richard C. Ward, MAJ (Ret), USA	- Absent

Non-voting council advisory members present:

Mr. Kevin Corbin, Civ, DHR/AG
 Mrs. Gail Harding, DHR, RSO

BG (Ret) Estes began the meeting by stating that this year's RAD was a success and that it was a much better setup than last year. He mentioned that setting up Food Trucks and tables for attending retirees to

eat was a great concept. He also talked to the Food Truck vendor and was told that the vendor was very pleased with his profit.

BG (Ret) Estes then asked the Council members for their comments, which included that the parking was set up great this year, and that the golf cart driver took retirees right to the door. Some concerns were the lack of tables and that some organizations did not show up. In addition, the high dose flu shots were not available at the Health Clinic and some attendees were disappointed about that.

Ms. Harding read some of the event comments and concluded that most participants liked the new venue and the set up. Ms. Harding will publish the final AAR after the approval of the Garrison Commander.

State reports:

Illinois: No Report

Ohio:

CSM (R) Newell informed the leadership that he is stepping down as the Vice Chair. MAJ (Ret) Pesko made a motion to accept CSM (Ret) Newell as an Emeritus member. Motion passed.

Indiana:

Kentucky:

RAD 2025:

The date for the 2025 RAD was set for 24 October 2024.

Chief of Staff issues:

BG (Ret) Estes asked the Retiree Council members for a recommendation to the Chief of Staff. We are still working on one major concern, which is the funding of voting members. Mr. Corbin informed BG (Ret) Estes that for the upcoming year the funding was approved to pay for the April 2025 and October 2025 meeting for the 2 voting members of each state.

BG (Ret) Estes adjourned the meeting at 1355 hours, Friday, 18 October 2024. The next meeting will be at 0900 on 24 January 2025. Ms. Harding will distribute the meeting dates for 2025 once they are approved.

/s/ Belinda Gaither-Schmitt
BELINDA GAITHER-SCHMITT
SFC (RET), USA
Secretary, Retiree Council

/s/ Charles D. Estes
CHARLES D. ESTES
BG (Ret), USA
Chair, Retiree Council