

JOINT BASE LEWIS-MCCHORD
RETIREE COUNCIL
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1. The monthly meeting of the Joint Base Lewis-McChord Retiree Council was held at Waller Hall, JBLM, Washington, on Tuesday, 19 November 2024, 1130-1300.
2. The meeting was called to order at 1130 by BG Oscar Hilman, USA Retired Co-Chair.
3. Minutes for 15 October 2024 meeting were reviewed and approved by the members present.
4. Attendance:
 - a. Members Present:
BG Oscar Hilman, USA Retired, Co-Chairperson
CSM Lourdes Alvarado-Ramos (Alfie), USA Retired, Co-Chairperson
COL Julie Martin, USA Retired, Operations Administrator
SSG David Singer, USA Retired
COL James Schoonover, USA Retired
CSM Herbert Stumpf, USA Retired
CSM Frank Handoe, USA Retired
LTC Thomas Morgan, USA Retired
LTC Roberta Standridge, USA Retired
MCPON John Cap, USN Retired
1SG Grace Kendall, USA Retired
CW4 James Fitzpatrick, USA Retired
Marilyn Likens, Widow Representative
 - b. Members Not Present:
MSG Jake Robinson, USA Retired
SFC Susan Woods, USA Retired
SFC William Kindt (Billy), USA Retired
MSG Miguel Padilla, USA Retired
SFC Michael Zaharevich, USA Retired
 - c. Others Present:
Ms. Janet Lucas-Riley, Retirement Services Officer
Ms. Christine Kindt, Assistant Retirement Services Officer
CW4 Richard Begonia, USA Retired (council candidate)
5. Program: SrA Anne Perucho, 62nd Aerial Port Squadron, gave a presentation on Space Available Travel from the McChord Passenger Terminal. The slide presentation, brochures and FAQ sheet were provided to council members. Key points:
 - a. The passenger terminal operates 7 days a week, 0600-1800.
 - b. Contact 253-982-7259 or email at spacea.mcchord@us.af.mil.
 - c. Sign up may be done by walk-in or email.
 - d. Free of charge except for custom fees and meals; a boxed meal is \$6.

- e. Retirees and their family members are category 6. Surviving spouses of retirees may only fly CONUS and their family members may travel with them.
- f. AMC flights adhere to TSA baggage screening guidelines; and two pieces of checked baggage are allowed but each bag may not exceed 70 pounds.
- g. Need to bring immunization records and passports for OCONUS travel.
- h. Pets are not allowed except service animals.
- i. Retirees with family members may fly CONUS and OCONUS; Hawaii and Alaska are considered CONUS.
- j. AMC SeaTac Gateway is another option, 253-982-3504, seattle.gateway@us.af.mil
- k. Need to know what services are available at the passenger terminals; most do not have ATMs. Long term parking at the McChord terminal is allowed for up to 60 days; and a vehicle pass is provided upon request.

6. Old Business:

- a. Retiree Appreciation Day: Christine Kindt gave an update. Planning for the 2025 RAD is underway. The OPORD is with I Corps. The first IPR is scheduled at 0800, 14 Jan 25.
- b. Issue Submission to the Chief of Staff of the Army Retired Soldier Council (CSARSC): Julie prepared the input for the issue on eligibility for overseas Space A travel for retiree widows. It was submitted to IMCOM.
- c. Nominations of Council Members for the CSARSC 4 year term were due by 25 October. Frank Handoe and Grace Kendall were both nominated. The nominations went forward to IMCOM.

7. Open Discussion:

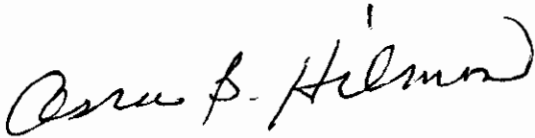
- a. The members want to request the 62nd Air Wing PAO produce a YouTube video of the process to sign up for Space A travel. Julie will follow up. Contact info for the PAO is 253-982-5638 or 62aw.pa.mail@us.af.mil.
- b. Ideas for 2025 Presentations or Initiatives:
 - (1) Hawk Career Center transition process
 - (2) Linked-in overview and how to use
 - (3) 65+ state and federal benefits
 - (4) Add Religious Service Office as a council member
 - (5) Improve social media and website presence; Frank Handoe does update the websites for DHR.
 - (6) What retiree spouses need to know before their sponsor dies and the importance of the correct cause of death listed on the death certificate
 - (7) Survivor Benefits Plan
 - (8) VA Benefits Letter will not mention dependents who may be eligible for payment; this is an issue.

8. Upcoming Presentations:

- a. Holiday Gathering, 1730, 10 Dec, at Patriots' Landing, flyer and menu provided
- b. RAD IPR, 0800, Tuesday, 14 January 2025, Waller Hall
- c. Council Meeting presentation in January will be Casualty Affairs.

9. Adjournment: The meeting concluded at 1300 hrs. The next meeting will be Tuesday, 21 January 2025, at Waller Hall, JBLM, Washington.

Approved by:



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