

Northern Alaska Military Retiree Council

July 5, 2018; 6:00 – 7:00 pm

Last Frontier Community Activity Center

Welcome

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order

Introductions

Chairman: Walter E. Crary, VVA VSO

Vice-Chairman: Daniel Blashill, Retiree and BACH Representative

Recorder: Janice Westlind, USO Pathfinder Scout and Retired, AK Army National Guard

RSO: Steven Schack, Retired, Soldier for Life

Subject: Minutes of Meeting, Northern Alaska Military Retiree Council (June 7, 2018)

Approval of previous meeting's minutes: {allow members to review, vote on}

Attendees:

1. Walter Crary, Commander of American Legion Post 11, Vietnam Veterans of America Veterans Service Officer, Local Ch 2 Disabled American Veterans Treasurer and Secretary, Past Commander, Senior Vice Commander of DAV Dept AK, Chairman of Retiree Council.
2. Daniel Blashill, retiree and Bassett Army Community Hospital Human Resources, Vice Chair Retiree Council
3. Steven Schack, retired, Soldier for Life RSO
4. Janice Westlind, USO Pathfinder, and retired AK Army National Guard
5. CSM Juan Cornett, Garrison Command Sergeant Major
6. Milt Sawyers, UAF representative and retiree
7. Angie Crary, AAFES Operations Supervisor
8. Rick Young, WAXIE Inc. representative

Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD) planning:

Schack: A draft RAD invitation was sent up the chain for approval (Schack handed out copy of the invitation for member approval, no objections). **DFAS** will send 2 representatives to RAD and 1 will speak; **LTC Foote from Fort Greely** will also speak. An invitation to speak was sent to **Verdie Bowen**. Waiting to hear back from **Commissary** about support they can provide. Expecting to see some

representatives at our July meeting. Hoping to get folks from the **Dental Clinic**. Will invite command team from **Clear AFS**. Also sent invites to the **Vet Center, Paws for Purple Hearts** and **AUSA (Sawyers: please include UAF)**. **Golf simulators** will be up and running.

Blashill: Fairbanks Chevy will donate some coffee cups and car detailing certificates. Will see if **The Outpost** will donate. **Golf course**: Manager needs numbers of how many will golf and will give them coupons for \$30 value. **Bowling Alley** will have coupons for 50% off. **BACH** says it is too early in the season for flu shots but may provide cholesterol screenings. Will check with **Dental Clinic** for support.

CSM: Did anyone ask for an **MKT for RAD?** (**Schack:** Yes, a request went up.)

Young: Here to support the RAD and get information.

Crary, W: Are we planning **radio announcements?** (**Schack:** will coordinate with PAO and newspaper. **CSM:** Suggested contacting Felicia Jackson to put out public service announcement messages on **Nixle and Facebook.**)

Other Business:

Schack: No minutes are available from the May meeting.

Blashill: Update on Tricare: lost many providers, some slowdown in service.

CSM: The **1-25** has shipped to Korea, 9-month rotation. **AUSA** meeting was held on 6 June: Mick Braun is the new President; next meeting is 10 July at noon at the Westmark. AUSA will fund a cake for the Army Birthday Run, 3' x 5'. There is funding for scholarships for **NCO of the Year and Quarter**. The **Army Birthday Run** will be held 14 June and Badger Gate will be closed. There is a new **stop light/turn signal** at Badger Gate.

Sawyers: UAF hired a **Director for Military & Veteran Affairs**, her name is Jackie Morten. She is a Reserve LTC and adjunct professor; will start in a couple of weeks. Sawyer will meet with her and Chancellors. Office will be in Room 102C of the Eielson Building at UAF. It is a large room with 2 offices within. Sawyer spoke to Ms Mary Kreta at UAF re: the **USO Pathfinder** program and she is interested in meeting.

Crary, A: no comments

Westlind: USO Show Troupe in Alaska 6-7 June, group went to Eielson, FWA, Greely, and JBER.

Young: Heard that Dr Mark Wade was interested in building a **veteran's clinic** in Fairbanks at Peger and Davis Roads. Facility would connect via causeway with The Surgery Center. (**Sawyers: VA Clinic on FWA** needs a bigger space.)

Crary, W: Any news on the veteran's village/housing? (CSM: mentioned Fort McCoy has such a facility.)

Meeting adjourned 6:35pm. Next meeting is Thursday, July 5th for RAD planning, all approved.