

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Retiree Council Minutes of Meeting 15 May 2019

1. The 15 May 2019 FLW Retiree Council meeting was held at Dillard Hall, 13486 Replacement Avenue, building 470, room 2122, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Members Present:

LTC (RET) John Fensterer
1SG (RET) Walter Reese
COL (RET) Jon Byrom
1SG (RET) Eric Adams
LTC (RET) David Chuber
MSG (RET) William K. Burns
LTC (RET) Vasili Karatzas

Members Excused:

1SG (RET) Gilbert Negrete
LTC (RET) Leslie Dillard

Members Absent:

MSG (RET) David Robinson
1SG (RET) Michael Estright

Guest Present:

Mr. Noah Stevens, RSO, DHR
CSM Alexander, Garrison CSM
Ms. Katrinka Goode, SOS

Resignations:

2. Meeting called to order by LTC (RET) Fensterer, at 1000 hours.
- a. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
 - b. Guest introductions were made.
 - c. No deletions were made to the agenda.
 - d. The minutes of the 20 February 2019 meeting were presented for review and were approved as written.
 - e. There are two Officer and one Enlisted vacancies on the Retiree Council.
3. Committee Reports:
- a. Retiree Assistance Office. No report.

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- b. Health Care Board. No report.
- c. Retiree Council Financial Statement. \$1,490.37
- d. Legislative Liaison. None.

4. Area Council Reports:

- a. Springfield. Vacant. No report.
- b. St. Louis. N/A. No Report.
- c. Legislative Liaison: Vacant. No Report.

5. Old Business:

a. RAD FY1.

- (1) Approval from Department of the Army to host RAD on September 7-8, 2019.
- (2) RAD dinner. Eventful Catering was voted as the caterer.
- (3) Breakfast. Waynesville Masonic Lodge #375, Waynesville, MO.
- (4) Schedule the Bus tour by Mr. Michael Alley.

- b. Post Office box address is: **Fort Leonard Wood Retiree Council
PO Box 614
Fort Leonard Wood, MO 65473**

The PO Box has been secured for 13 months from July 2018, at a cost of \$70. This is a recurring fee for the council.

- c. The new **EIN** is **81-1992291**.
- d. The council is approved as a 501c (19) non-profit by the IRS for processing.
- e. 990 Form has been submitted and accepted by the IRS for 2018. This is the Council's annual requirement to file. This is due no earlier than 1 October and no later than December 31, annually.
- f. Retirees go to Social Security website and file under Medicare-only if not fully retiring. The commercial side of health care does not understand the full implications of TRICARE or TRICARE Plus. If you are a military Retiree and you have an off-post doctor, then TRICARE for Life is your part D for prescriptions on post and Part C for off-post. If your PCM is on post, or at a military treatment facility elsewhere, then you must file with the TRICARE ombudsman at the military treatment facility for TRICARE Plus which is your Medicare part C and is free since your PCM is on post at the military treatment facility. Need to better publicize and provide a clearer understanding of how it works. **GO TO THE HOSPITAL AND ASK TO SPEAK TO A BENEFITS SPECIALIST WITH QUESTIONS BEFORE ACTING.**

6. New Business.

- a. Katrinka Goode, Survivors Outreach – Meet once a month.
- b. Kristine Harland, AAFES – No report.

- c. Commissary – No report.
- d. Garrison CSM – Offered support to the Council with the Regimental Room for RAD Dinner.
- e. Civilian Workforce, CPAC – No report.
- f. Rhonda Hutsell & Kristina Stump, AVCC (ACS) – No report.
- g. Thrift Shop – No report.
- h. SOP – No report.
- i. RAD FY19.
 - (1) Museum's Engineer Regimental Room is currently locked in the 2019 Retiree Appreciation Dinner. CSM Alexander offered her support.
 - (2) Caterer has been confirmed via vote from the Council.
 - (3) Bus tour. Guide?
 - (4) RAD Guest Speaker for FY2019 still needs to be identified. Topic should be related to Retirees' interests, health care (Tri-Care, VA), investment in their future, etc... MSG (Ret) Burns will contact SMA (Ret) Chandler about his availability and get back to the council via email.
 - (5) Voted and approved to:
 - i. To purchase table cloths.
 - ii. To hold a FY19 Retiree Council Golf Tournament.
 - (6) 1SG (RET) Adams has acquired donations for door prizes.
- j. Retiree of the Year is 1SG (RET) Kenneth O'Dell. 1SG (RET) O'Dell and family and will be in attendance.
- k. Selection of new members. N/A
- l. Legislative Liaison. Tabled until August 2019 council meeting.
- m. Charter was reviewed, voted and passed.
- n. Chief of Staff of the Army's Retired Soldier Council – Hire and Inspire! The CSA Council was held the first week of May 2019. The bigger issues were the Exchange and DECA privileges being extended Soldiers on any disability percentage and the Defense Health Agency (DHA). DHA is reducing the health care providers. The Army and the other services are fighting to keep Retirees on the installations.
- o. Scheduled meetings for the upcoming year: FY19 Council meetings are scheduled for: 21 August 2019.
- p. Motion made and seconded to adjourn the council was approved at 1130 hours.

7. Next scheduled meeting: Dillard Hall, 13486 Replacement Ave, Building 470, Room 2122, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri at 1000 hours, 21 August 2019. Visitors are welcome to attend.



Kent Burns
MSG (RET), USA
Co-Chairman