

## MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Retiree Council Minutes of Meeting 15 November 2017

1. The 15 November 2017 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  
LTC (RET) Frank G. Bridges  
CW4 (RET) Raymond Gilbreath  
CSM (RET) Maria Vigil  
MSG (RET) William K. Burns  
1SG (RET) Walter Reese

**Members Excused:**

COL (RET) Jon Byrom  
COL (USAF-RET) Phil Samples  
LTC (RET) Vasili Karatzas  
CSM (RET) Peter Hiltner

**Members Absent:**

MSG (RET) David Robinson

**Guest Present:**

Mr. Noah Stevens, RSO, DHR

**Resignations:**

SFC (RET) Robert Henderson

2. Meeting called to order by Co-Chairman, CSM (RET) Maria Vigil, at 0902 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 15 August 2017 meeting were presented for review and were approved as written.
  - e. There are two Officer and three Enlisted vacancies on the Retiree Council.
  - f. The Co-Chairman (Officer) vote will be tabled until the 21 February 2018 meeting.
3. Committee Reports:
- a. Retiree Assistance Office. No report.

- b. Health Care Board. No report. CONCERN: Automated systems not user friendly to Retirees. This is as a result of a visit to the pharmacy where the scanner was not reading ID cards when scanned as instructed. It works for Military Members however, it was discovered that Retiree ID Cards had to be held much closer and at an angle for the machine to read them.
- c. Retiree Council Financial Statement. Finance statement provided by October 2016 Armed Forces Bank Statement – No report.
- d. Legislative Liaison. None.

4. Area Council Reports:

- a. Springfield. COL (USAF-RET) Phil Samples. No report.
- b. St. Louis. N/A. No Report.
- c. Legislative Liaison: Vacant. No Report.

5. Old Business:

- a. RAD FY17 AAR.
  - (1) 111 Retirees attended the morning briefing at Abrams Theater while 230 attended the fair at NFH.
  - (2) 96 Retirees attended the dinner this year.
  - (3) Dinner costs were the biggest complaint again this year.
  - (4) More support from the Retired Soldiers that volunteered to be on the Council.
  - (5) Retirees are not feeling appreciated and some used the word “disrespected.”
  - (6) Bus tour by Mr. Michael Alley was well received.
  - (7) Ensure we invite local Mayors (WSR, Lebanon, Rolla, Houston, Marshfield, Springfield, etc...) to RAD and RAD Dinner.
  - (8) Get on MSCoE’s calendar (Nancy Gregory) versus going thru IMCOM.

b. Veterans’ Day Parade. Retiree of the Year (ROY) had to walk to entire parade due to lack of vehicles. Luckily, the CSM was able to do so. What happens when we have a ROY who is unable to walk and they make this mistake again? Need to work with the Chamber of Commerce to come up with a contingency plan.

- c. 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 at a cost of \$60. This will become a recurring fee for the council.

- d. The new EIN is **513181118**.
- e. 501c (19) application is complete and has been received by the IRS for processing.

6. New Business.

- a. Katrinka Goode, Survivors Outreach – Meet once a month. No report.

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- b. Vanessa Rowland, AAFES – No report.
  - c. Garrison CSM - No report.
  - d. Must select a new Co-Chair to replace LTC (RET) Fensterer due to his term as Co-Chair has ended. May be voted on via email or at the February meeting.
  - e. RAD Guest Speaker for FY2018. Tabled until February meeting or may be brought up in an email vote.
  - f. Request approval from Department of the Army to host RAD on September 7-8, 2018.
  - g. RAD Dinner 2018.
    - (1) Put request for the Musuem in through MSCoE HQ, Nancy Gregory.
    - (2) Will vote via email for suggested location of RAD Dinner.
    - (3) Will vote via email for person in charge of the selection for food vendors for the RAD Dinner.
  - h. Mr. Noah Stevens. Volunteer Award is authorized for those that are selected as the Retiree of the Year. Volunteer enrollment in the Ft Leonard Wood Volunteer system. Cannot use appropriated funds for visitors. Letter for acceptance to the Council for new members will be signed by the Garrison Commander. Retirees are now referred to as Retired Soldiers.
  - i. Enrollment in the Installation Volunteer Program is required for those on the Retiree Council. VMIS address is <https://www.myarmyonesource.com>
  - j. Retiree of the Year. Solicitation for nominees to begin now. Deadline is February meeting.
  - k. Notification of the Retiree of the Year will be done by formal letter signed by the Garrison Commander.
  - l. Selection of new member. Captain (RET) Jeffrey Hawkins was nominated and voted as an accepted member of the Council.
  - m. Legislative Liaison. Tabled until February 2017 council meeting. XXXXX
  - n. Scheduled meetings for the upcoming year: FY18 Council meetings are scheduled for: 21 February 2018, 16 May 2018, 15 August 2018 and 21 November 2018.
  - o. Recommendation for February meeting to discuss bringing the Regimentals into the RAD process and support. Regimental week is scheduled to be combined into one single week in FY18.
  - p. Motion made and seconded to adjourn the council was approved at 1105 hours.
7. Next scheduled meeting: Dillard Hall, 13486 Replacement Ave, building 470, room 2122, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri at 0900 hours, 21 February 2018. Visitors are welcome to attend.

  
MARIA VIGIL  
CSM, USA (RET)  
Co-Chairman