

FORT DETRICK ALL SERVICES RETIREE COUNCIL
MINUTES
14 May 2012

1. The Council was called to order by the Chairman, COL Phillips, at 1900 in the Community Support Center at Fort Detrick, Maryland. Pledge of Allegiance was led by CPT Glausier.

2. Attendance:

a. Members present:

COL (USA Ret) Alan Phillips (Chairman)
CSM (USA Ret) James Shaheen (Vice Chairman)
RADM (USPHS/USCG Ret) William Prescott
CDR (USNR Ret) Charles Chipley
CPT (USMC Ret) Robert Glausier
CSM (USAR Ret) Reginald Kephart
Msgt (USAF Ret) Doug Markin
1SG (USA Ret) John Wilcox
SFC (USAR Ret) James Frye
SFC (USA Ret) Margaret Sayre
SSG (USA Ret) Anthony Malavenda
Mrs. Betty Bennett (Surviving Spouse, USA)

b. Members absent:

LTC (USAFR Ret) Robert Fenimore
CSM (USA Ret) Bran Thompson
MSG (USAR Ret) Fred Moxley Jr.
MSG (USA Ret) Scott McKnight
SFC (USA Ret) Sheila Brown
SFC (USA Ret) Michele Thomas
Seaman (USN Ret) Dennis Helmstetter

c. Garrison Staff:

CSM Federico Boyce, Garrison Command Sergeant Major
CSM Cassandra Redd, Incoming Garrison Sergeant Major
Mr Eddie Coleman, Retirement Services Officer

3. The Chairman welcomed members CSM Boyce and CSM Redd. CSM Boyce introduced CSM Redd as his replacement. He reminded everyone that the change of responsibility is scheduled for 24 May 2012 and that all are invited. CSM Boyce expressed his pleasure with his Ft Detrick assignment and thanked the Retiree Council for its support to the Garrison and retired community. He has been selected for assignment to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. COL Phillips thanked CSM Boyce for his support of the Council and steadfast support of retirees during his tenure. CSM Redd gave a brief history of her military career in medical and administration career fields and expressed her intention to remain involved in Council affairs.

4. Chairman's Report

a. An email copy of the Chief of Staff, Army Retiree Council Report was provided to each council member. As a quick summary, COL Phillips indicated that 8 installations forwarded 16 issues to the CSA Retiree Council for consideration. The main issues continue to be medical care and the cost of TRICARE. He reminded the members that Fort Detrick elected not to forward any issues this year.

b. There was a recommendation that the Retiree Appreciation Day be entirely separate from the Community Health EXPO activities. Council requests the Garrison re-look at the 2012 RAD with respect to having it on a different day from the EXPO, in a single location such as the American Legion Hall, and having the desired representatives present.

5. RSO report:

a. Mr Coleman presented a comprehensive demonstration of the Retiree Services Web Pages from the Fort Detrick Homepage. An index to the Retiree Webpage is in the left margin of the page, consisting of Mission Statement, Meetings/Events, Services, Online Resources, Veteran Service Organizations and Retiree Newsletter (PDF). The Retiree Page also shows the RSO location, office email address, and telephone and FAX numbers. There is a large blue icon in the center of the page inviting retirees and family members with email access to register to receive the electronic version of the retiree bulletins and other announcements. The Online Resources button provides links to many of the services that retirees and family members would need to know and appreciate. For example there is information on how to change your mailing address. For those retirees who have myPay access, changing address is an option you can complete on line.

b. The Garrison Web Master has established a link at retiree services webpage where our retirees and surviving spouses who have computer access can receive the Fort Detrick's retiree newsletter, "Report to Retirees" by e-mail. Now that the link is established the RSO will work with the MPD to push information out to all subscribers. To register for the E-Retiree Newsletter go to website <http://www.detrick.army.mil/retiree/> and click on the word "subscribe". It takes less than a minute to register. This webpage provides lot of information for retirees and family members from all branches of the service. If you find something missing and outdated please let me know so that it can be corrected.

c. SFC Maggie Sayre recommended that a speaker from the Casualty Assistance Branch at Ft Meade speak at the next RAD.

d. RSO reminded Council members that he would collect the number of volunteer hours they had worked for the last month at the end of the meeting. It is important that we report the number of volunteer hours to the Installation Volunteer Coordinator.

6. Mrs. Betty Bennett reminded members that the Commissary would have a Truck Load Sale on 17-19 May 2012.

7. The next meeting is scheduled for 11 June 2012.

8. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2010.

Signed:

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ALAN B. PHILLIPS
Colonel, USA, Ret
Chairman

