

FORT DETRICK ALL SERVICES RETIREE COUNCIL
MINUTES
16 April 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
CPT (USMC Ret) Robert Glausier
CSM (USAR Ret) Reginald Kephart
Msgt (USAF Ret) Doug Markin
CDR (USNR Ret) Charles Chipley
SSG (USA Ret) Anthony Malavenda
Mrs. Betty Bennett (Surviving Spouse, USA)

b. Members absent:

RADM (USPHS/USCG Ret) William Prescott
Seaman (USN Ret) Dennis Helmstetter
SFC (USA Ret) Margaret Sayre
1SG (USA Ret) John Wilcox
CSM (USA Ret) Bran Thompson
SFC (USAR Ret) James Frye
MSG (USAR Ret) Fred Moxley Jr.
MSG (USA Ret) Scott McKnight
SFC (USA Ret) Sheila Brown
SFC (USA Ret) Michele Thomas

c. Garrison Staff:

Mr Eddie Coleman, Retirement Services Officer
Mrs. Marsha Duncan, Installation Volunteer Coordinator

3. Chairman's Report:

a. The Chairman welcomed members and a visiting retiree, LTC (USAFR) Robert Fenimore. COL Phillips introduced Mrs. Marsha Duncan, the Installation Volunteer Coordinator and gave her the floor to brief the members on the Installation Volunteer Program.

b. Mrs Duncan reminded members that their service to the Council was voluntary and that we should be capturing the number of hours volunteered each month. Fort Detrick provided many opportunities for people of all ages to volunteer. Retirees' family members can also volunteer. She reminded council members that there are volunteer positions in the Library, Fitness Center, Youth Services, Child Development Center, Auto Craft Shop, Education Center, Judge Advocate Tax Center, Army Community Services, and Thrift Shop. There are volunteer positions in the community and within the school system which are credited to the Fort Detrick's Volunteer Program when performed by servicemembers and

their family members. Some of the community opportunities include the Good Guides Program, Boys and Girls Club, the Frederick Rescue Mission, the Mental Health Association Hands On Frederick, and the R.S.V.P Program. Mrs. Duncan requested every volunteer to register in the Volunteer Management Information System to give the Army a method to track volunteer hours and what position volunteers are working. Retirees from all services can volunteer and be counted in the Fort Detrick's Volunteer Program. For more information about volunteering, please call 301-619-3171 or stop by the Community Support Center, Building 1520, Room 129.

4. RSO report:

a. E-Retiree Newsletter. The RSO is working with the Garrison Web Master in establishing a website where our retirees and surviving spouses who have computer access can receive the Fort Detrick's retiree newsletter, "Report To Retirees" by e-mail. This action will save Fort Detrick money and other resources used in printing and mailing the approximately 18,000 retiree bulletins each year. The reduced cost of printing and mailing the bulletin to every retired servicemember will assist in continuing this important service to those who don't have access to a computer. 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.

b. Speakers for the 2012 Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD). Suggestions for guest speakers for the next RAD in November are requested. Speakers from TRICARE, Legal Assistance, DFAS-Retired Pay, and Legislative update were suggested. DFAS-Retired Pay has already indicated they will send a speaker.

c. It was suggested the RAD program and information tables be co-located at the American Legion. A large majority of retirees/family members did not go on the installation just to visit the information tables at the Community Exposition. COL Phillips stated the suggestion would be discussed with Garrison staff involved with the Community Exposition.

5. Committee Report. Mrs. Betty Bennett announced the Commissary would have a Truck Load Sale on 17-19 May 2012.

6. The next meeting is scheduled for 14 May 2012.

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

Signed:

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ALAN B. PHILLIPS
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Chairman