

The one hundred and twenty-eight (128) meeting of the Fort George G. Meade Retiree Council was held at 2234 Huber Road, Fort George G. Meade, Maryland at 9:15 a.m., 8 Jun 13, in accordance with AR 600-8-7, this report of the meeting is submitted:

The following members were present:

MG Roderick J. Isler, USA Ret (Chairman)

CSM Sandra A. Matlock-Williams USA Ret (co-Chairman)

COL Erwin Burtnick, AUS Ret

COL Burt L. Rice, USA Ret

COL Jean Simmons, USA Ret

SGM Jim Gilbert, USA Ret

MSG Charles Plummer, USA Ret

SSG Shirley Grande, USA Ret

SSG Walter Hollman, USA Ret

Mrs. Catherine Eckford

Mrs. Missy Duncan

Frank Macias, Commissary

Ms. Christine Hopke, RSO Rep

MG Isler called the meeting to order with a welcome to all. COL Rice rendered the invocation and MG Isler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The discussion focused on the meeting location for the council with no solution provided at this time.

Highlights of the Mar 13 council meeting were discussed for minutes.

Commissary

Frank Macias discussed that Ft. Meade received nine scholarships from Fisher House and DECA. That is the most ever in one year from Ft. Meade.

Furloughs for commissary staff will be in effect from 8 Jul 13 through 30 Sep 13. Because of this the commissary will be closed on Mondays during this period and there is no case lot sale this year.

The commissary will conduct an inventory, starting 9 Jun at 7pm. The commissary will be closed during the inventory.

SGM Funk asked about the self checkout lines in the commissary with the machines breaking down. The commissary is and will continue to look at this issue.

RSO

The RSO are back in their space at 2234 Huber Ave. The Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD) is 18 Oct 13. The invitations are forthcoming. RAD will take place at McGill Training Center starting at 8am. KACC will be there. DFAS will not participate this year and finance will not attend the event to update change of addresses. Retirees should use the website: www.mypay.dfas.mil to update their address.

They are looking for a Guest Speaker for the event. The suggestion was made that the guest speaker comes from another military organization because MOAA addressed the audience at the last two RADs.

Due to furloughs, the RSO office will stay open Monday through Friday. They will work with reduced staff, with two staffers on Mondays and one staffer on Friday. Also, the ID card section will no longer open the first Saturday of every month until further notice. It is recommended that appointments for new ID be made on the Ft. Meade website or telephone 301-677-3342.

KACC

The patient family advocacy council meets the third Tuesday each month at 3pm. If anyone is interested they are looking for new members. KACC is organizing a cancer support group. There is a new refill pharmacy open. It is separate from the pharmacy and located down at the other end beyond the radiology.

Their newsletter discussed tick bites. Be aware of them and get checked out if you get one. Pain Services are located on the second floor; you do not have to go to Walter Reed.

Relay health has secured email services. They are establishing a group medical appointment for diabetes in the wellness center for better access to health care services.

KACC is also looking for Red Cross volunteers. There is online training if interested call 301-677-8261 and speak with Becky May.

KACC has a high no show rate for appointments. There is the highest in the region. And they lost \$346,000. Leave message to cancel appointments. 301-677-8800. Due to furloughs, KACC will close on Fridays.

The VA clinic is now open. It opened 26 mar 13. It is recommended that the council walk through to see it. They are building up staff at the clinic. They have an eye doctor in the clinic. It is recommended that VA be invited to the council to make a presentation.

Old Business:

Currently we do not have a treasurer. The council opted to not have a Retiree Fund Checking account at this time. When the need for an account becomes necessary the council will address at that time. Council members are asked to sign up to bring in donuts and coffee.

New Business:

The dates of the council meetings were discussed. The preference is the first Saturday of the month each quarter. The next two meeting are 14 Sep 13 and 7 Dec 13.

COL Erwin and CW2 Godbolt resigned from the council and will no longer attend meetings. Thank you for your support and best wishes for your futures.

The council was asked to support the RAD with door prizes as well as staffing support.

Col Rice provided a brief of the ongoing construction across the installation
The old golf courses are now the east campus of NSA. An Information Center is going on the golf course. Near 198 is a water reclamation project. It is to siphon off 2.5 billion gallons to cool down the facility with a 40% savings.

Candlewood Suites is building a 243 room guest house. This will include individual rooms and suites.

Single housing units are being built for 816 troops. There are 400 units being built for senior unaccompanied units b3eing constructed. There are two new child care centers in the plan that will open for 24 hours. There is an extra parking lot near KACC. The Barracks near the student area are being upgrade. It is a gut and rebuild project.

There is a planned DINFOS expansion. An indoor range near bridge headquarters for the Asymmetric Warfare Group.

The old colony 7 will become a new cytological museum.

There is consideration to lease or by Eisenhower Gold Course in Anne Arundel County. This is the strongest option for replacing the golf courses that have been turned into an office park

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AUSA is hosting the Army's Birthday Breakfast at Club Meade.

The next retiree council meeting will be held at 4216 Roberts Ave., in the ACAP office.

MG Isler adjourned the meeting at 10:45.

Respectfully Submitted.