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ATTENTION OF:

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MEMORANDUM THRU Garrison Commander,  Fort Campbell, KY, 42223

FOR ODCSPER (DAPE-RSO), 200 Stovall Street, Alexandria, VA. 22332

SUBJECT: Fall 2008 Fort Campbell Retiree Council Meeting Minutes

1. The Fall 2008 Fort Campbell Retiree Council meeting was held 18 November, 2008 at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Members present were:

MG (Ret) Lindsay Freeman (Chair)	CSM (Ret) Ron Warrick (Co-Chair)
MG (Ret) Greg Gile	COL (Ret) Joseph Britton
COL (Ret) John Patrick	LTC (Ret) Mary Bryant
LTC (Ret) Larry Causey	LTC (Ret) Ray Eldridge
LTC (Ret) Earl McDowell	MAJ (Ret) James Taylor
CW5 (Ret) Robert Huffman	CSM (Ret) Harry Todd
CSM (Ret) Sidney Brown	SGM (Ret) Johnny Graben
SGM (Ret) Russell Cain	1SG (Ret) Willard Eldridge
MSG (Ret) Robert McBee	SFC (Ret) Larry Cannon
SFC (Ret) Glenn McBee	

Mr. Theodore Faulkner, Fort Campbell Retirement Services Officer

Mr. Steve Hickman, Fort Campbell Assistant Retirement Services Officer

Members Absent: SGM (Ret) James Motley and SGM (Ret) Johnny Graben

2. MG Freeman presented opening remarks and inquired as to how many shots were provided by BACH and new ID cards issued during last months Retiree Appreciation Day. CSM Warrick stated that over 300 shots were given and Mr. Faulkner stated that 41 ID Cards were issued. After MG Freeman's remarks each member then introduced themselves to the Council. CSM Todd inquired as to having an opening prayer, which he then presented. Mr. Faulkner stated that this would be incorporated into all future meetings as well as the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Mr. Faulkner discussed dinner arrangements and inquired if it would be better to have the Council dinner the night prior to the meeting instead of the night of the meeting. The consensus was to do so as many members must leave after the meetings and find it difficult to attend on the same day. MG Freeman also offered to host everyone again for the Spring 2009 meeting at his home in Land Between the Lakes. Mr. Faulkner also stated he would talk to the Adjutant General to try to increase the budget for Retiree Council meetings IOT allow those that drive further than 50 miles to the meetings to be reimbursed for lodging at Turner Guest House.

4. Mr. Faulkner then proceeded to go around the room and present a bio on each member so that the rest of the Council knew the background of the other members. This was in conjunction of introducing the two newest members, CW5 Robert Huffman and CSM Harry Todd.

5. Mr. Faulkner began an overview of last month's Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD) and asked for comments. Everyone agreed that the Passenger Processing Center (PPC) was a great location and plans are to hold it there next year as well. LTC Bryant mentioned that people who went to lunch missed the briefings that were ongoing. Mr. Faulkner stated that next year we should be able to start earlier and have the briefings completed prior to lunch time. He also stated that next year we will use the 4<sup>th</sup> Brigade's Dining Facility again as it was much better than the one we used this year. Other changes proposed for next year include making the RAD a two day event with a golf scramble the first day and a dinner that night. MAJ Taylor suggested alternative events for those that don't golf such as a tour of the Fort Campbell Museum and of the Customs House in Clarksville. In addition it was proposed to bring back the bus tour, have static displays, and a possible air assault demonstration. Also, shots and ID cards will both be at the PPC so that Retirees do not have to leave for different services. It was discussed whether we should hold the RAD in conjunction with the Week of the Eagles celebration but was rejected because the RAD would get lost with everything else that is going on. A committee was established to begin the planning for next year's event and consists of LTC Bryant, CSM Warrick, CSM Brown, and SGM Cain. The committee will meet again in December to formalize some of their ideas. The subject of donations as door prizes was discussed and the fact that everyone needs to be more proactive and begin soliciting sooner. SFC Cannon inquired as to getting a letter explain the mission and purpose of the RAD so that it may be provided to potential donors. Mr. Faulkner stated that he could provide a fact sheet and there was a proposal that MG Freeman could provide a letter as Chair of the council.

6. Ms. Joelle Lee, the Fort Campbell AAFES manger, gave an overview of AAFES. She stated that we currently have the largest PX with over 280,000 square feet and that they operate five remote sites located in Nashville, Smyrna, Chattanooga, Knoxville, and Arnold Air Force Base. In 2007 AAFES returned 2.9 million dollars to the Fort Campbell MWR. She stated that a new Pizza Hut has opened up on post but only has delivery and walk up service and that the PX will begin selling firearms in December. Other concessions/changes that are coming: Southern Maid Doughnuts will be opening a store in the Town Center Complex in the Jan/Feb time frame; Car Care Center is getting an upgrade and may change to a franchise operation such as Firestone; Two shoppettes are getting upgrades next year and a new shoppette is being built out by gate 10, along with a new Burger King, Subway, and Starbucks. 1SG Eldridge asked about price matching and Ms. Lee stated that if the price difference is within \$10 the cashier will adjust the price at the register no questions asked. For any item with a difference of over \$10, the customer must present a sale flyer or advertisement. MAJ Taylor remarked that high end electronics do not seem to be as competitively priced as other items. Ms. Lee stated that is due to the very low profit margin that these items generate. LTC Patrick inquired as to the amount of money AAFES loses due to bad checks. Ms. Lee stated she was not sure on that subject but that most of there losses come from fraud and shoplifting. LTC Bryant inquired as to the use of mystery

shoppers by AAFES. Ms. Lee stated that yes, they do use mystery shoppers and that anyone interested may go to AAFES.com to register. The subject of not being able to return items to the PX for repair when it is defective was mentioned. Ms. Lee stated that a new contracted company called PC Tech will be located in the store to handle warranties for PX computer related items.

7. Ms. Peggy Watzek, a Health Benefits Advisor from BACH presented an overview of TRICARE, explaining the differences between Prime and Standard coverage. She emphasized the \$3,000 cap regardless of which coverage you have. MAJ Taylor asked what areas in Tennessee and Kentucky have Prime coverage and Ms. Watzek stated that coverage was not available everywhere and that it depended on your zip code.

8. Ms. Lynn Jamroz gave an overview of the TRICARE Retiree Dental Plan (TRDP) and some of the changes that just took effect on October 1<sup>st</sup>. TRDP has now expanded outside the United States, covers implants, additional white fillings, and an increase to the maximum allowed for braces as the major changes. She also wanted to point out that TRDP is not subsidized by the government and that the Retiree pays 100% of the premiums and your zip code determines your premium amount. COL Britton pointed out that the maximum of \$1200 per year in coverage is insufficient considering the cost of dental treatment today. He also said that the \$1200.00 coverage has not changed in a number of years.

9. Mr. Faulkner discussed the Retiree Newsletter and stated that we would keep the same format for next year and that if members had any articles that they would like to include to send them to us. Mr. Faulkner also stated that we would not send out as early as we did this year.

10. Several issues were discussed concerning what to submit to the CSA Retiree Council. Those adopted were: The TRICARE Management Activity (TMA) seek a waiver of the established reimbursement rate based upon locality; Repeal the portion of John Warner National Defense Appropriations Act that mandated employers stop offering incentives to TRICARE eligible employees; Improve the AKO Retiree Homepage to include a discussion forum created by the Battle Command Knowledge System at Fort Leavenworth; Re-negotiate TRICARE Retiree Dental Program contract IOT increase the annual benefit amount. COL Britton stated that he would gather some background data concerning TRDP as an issue to raise the yearly maximum allowed. Mr. Faulkner stated that he would write up the issues and send them out for review.

11. COL Patrick brought to everyone's attention the DoD Statistical Report and the information that it contains regarding the Retiree population. He stated this could be a very valuable source of information when speaking to lawmakers or other organizations.

12. Mr. Faulkner discussed our webpage and its improvements and the increase in "hits" that we are starting to get.

13. The meeting was adjourned at 1440 with our next meeting tentatively scheduled for 21 May 2009.

  
THEODORE W. FAULKNER  
Retirement Services Officer