

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND
RETIREE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Saturday, June 15, 2013

Council members present: Chair LTC (Retired) Nelson Laughton, Co-Chair SFC (Retired) Louise Leonguerrero, CSM (Retired) Godofredo Posadas, ISG (Retired) Thomas Shumate, MSG (Retired) Lonzia Hawkins, SFC (Retired) Rich Zalusky, SSG (Retired) Genaro Flores Jr., SSG (Retired) Lionel Palmer, RSO Ms. Betty Willard, and ARSO Mrs. Jean Flores.

Council members not present: Mrs. Janet Dettwiler (DHR/AG).

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM.

Topics of discussion:

Council Briefing – Council members were briefed by Mrs. Debbie Armendariz, APG Exchange Manager on the Exchange new leadership, current business outlook, marketing tools and programs that support active duty and the military retiree community. Council members thanked her for the update and service to the installation.

Council Memorandum – Council members agreed to remove SFC (Retired) David Pickett and add CSM (Retired) Godofredo Posadas to the council. Tom Shumate tasked to have appointment memorandum updated and signed by Garrison Commander.

RAD 2013 guest speaker – Nelson Laughton confirmed that Mrs. Nancy Jacobs, Maryland State Senator has agreed to be this year's guest speaker. Nelson Laughton tasked to contact Mrs. Jacobs and narrow down speaking engagement timeline.

RAD 2013 Lunch Option - Council members reviewed Ruggles and First Sergeant Grill respective menus. Based on prices from both vendors it was recommended that First Sergeant Grill be approached on overall cost. Rich Zalusky tasked to contact First Sergeant Grill for final pricing. Council tabled further discussion on this item until First Sergeant Grill provides final pricing at which time council members are requested to provide an aye/nay vote through email.

RAD 2013 Vendors Spreadsheet – Louise Leonguerrero provided an update to council members on this year's potential vendors. Nelson Laughton requested that council members continue to work through the contact/validation/verification attending process over the next couple months. Louise Leonguerrero tasked as the primary organization POC information holder supported by Lonzia Hawkins, Lionel Palmer, and Jean and Genaro Flores. Nelson will approach potential vendors for contribution to offset retiree lunch cost and event program production and will approach John Hopkins on handout material.

RAD 2013 program format – Short discussion on actual RAD program format topics to work through at next meeting – Timeline of Events, Marketing, Panel and Immunization. Initial Garrison Commander (GC) briefing packet completed and forward to committee members to review and forward back comments to Tom Shumate no later than Tuesday evening. Tom tasked to consolidate and provide finalized packet to Nelson and Janet Dettwiler for presentation to GC. Additional tasking for council members – consider who actual needs to participate in panel question and answer session; Jean Flores to contact potential singer and Social Security representative; Lionel Palmer contact potential VA representative; Janet Dettwiler contact DES for electronic bill board support; and Fred Posadas on RAD road signs. Nelson's guidance to council members - continue to work actions and keep all council members updated through email.

Historical Records – Update provided to Chair on collection of documentation for APG Retiree Council. Council members Tom Shumate and Rich Zalusky continue to work action item.

Next scheduled meeting – 17 August 2013, 9AM

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 AM.