

**ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND RETIREE COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Saturday, October 26, 2013**

Council members present: Chair LTC (Retired) Nelson Laughton, Co-Chair SFC (Retired) Louise Leonguerrero, CSM (Retired) Godofredo Posadas, 1SG (Retired) Thomas Shumate, SFC (Retired) Rich Zalusky, SSG (Retired) Genaro Flores Jr.

Council members not present: MSG (Retired) Lonzia Hawkins, SSG (Retired) Lionel Palmer, SGM (Retired) Gregory Miller, RSO Ms Betty Willard, ARSO Mrs. Jean Flores and DHR Mrs. Janet Dettwiler.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM

Topics of discussion:

Team effort of RAD - Excellent job, work outstanding with the coordination of the luncheon event and vendor notification per Nelson.

Improvement needed - RAD late cancellation notice and the event cancellation was noted in the APG News under the schedule events page. No additional lines were noted compared to the Octoberfest which the cancellation was noted on the front page. One of the issues was the paper cut off 2nd of October 2013. Nelson will make contact with the APG Public Affairs in reference to the cancellation notification for future events. Tom noted that we still had four families that did not get the notification of the cancellation and showed up for the event Saturday. Nelson suggested that Freestate Challenge possibly launder and press the sheets for the vendor tables after the event next year. It was noted we may want to move the RAD back to September 2014 so we may prevent fiscal issues. Ft Meade, MD rescheduled their 2013 RAD to 1 Nov 2013. We could not because of our guest speakers scheduling issues. Review vendor list and have Louise task Genaro, Lionel and Gregory for on/off post vendors. Tom will resend the latest vendor list to Louise. Retain the use of the 1SG Grill catering service for next year's RAD event because of same location of the event at the APG Recreation Center. Two sets of direction signs were made per Fred Posadas for a total of 1 to 6 signs. Comment sheets modified to add who you like to be the guest speaker. Record of what we produced "Final Product" for Tom Shumate and Betty Willard to process. Design a local decal for RAD 2014 any suggestions are appreciated. Tom addressed starting coordination no later than July 2014 or at the earliest March 2014.

Calendar Year 2014 RAD Council Meeting Dates –

15 March 2014
19 April 2014
17 May 2014
21 June 2014
19 July 2014
16 August 2014
20 September 2014

RAD council members - Total count of members 13. Two new members addressed by Tom Shumate - Retired COL Lou Brown and Retired CSM Robert Richardson of Emergency Services, (previously DLES) will attend our next meeting scheduled Saturday - 15 March 2014.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 AM.