

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND
RETIREE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Saturday, March 21, 2015

Council members present: Chair LTC (Retired) Nelson Laughton, Co-Chair 1SG (Retired) Thomas Shumate, SGM (Retired) Robert Richardson, CMSGT (Retired) Thomas Alley, SFC (Retired) Rich Zalusky, SFC (Retired) Tony Rose (represented), SSG (Retired) Genaro Flores Jr., SSG (Retired) Rita Hewitt, and RSO Ms Betty Willard.

Council members not present: 1SG (Retired) Lonzia Hawkins, MSG (Retired) Nancy West, and DHR Mrs. Janet Dettwiler.

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

Topics of discussion:

Guest speaker update: Congress Andy Harris has not confirmed he will attend the 9 May event. Recommendation was to contact Maryland Senator Robert Cassilly; Nelson will contact Senator's office on Monday.

Vendors update: Nelson contacted key donators for this year's event. Tom Alley provided update on vendors he had contacted and confirmed. He indicated that the DeCA (commissary) does not desire to participate on this year's panel. Lonzia was unavailable to provide additional update; Tom Shumate will contact for status updated.

Lunch arrangements update: Council voted for Pulled Pork/BBQ Chicken menu; Rich will coordinate with First Sergeant's Smoked BBQ for order, TAX ID and address for payment. Council agreed on a \$2.00 cover charge for this year's event. Genaro, First Gentlemen of Hand 2 Hand, indicated his organization wishes to donate morning refreshments. The council concurred with this offer and several tables will be setup in the back right corner of the Ball Room.

Program: Tom Shumate will coordinate through the DHR to schedule IPR with Garrison Commander the week of 13 April. Once guest speaker is identified program will be finalized and provided to council members for review. Program must be completed and sent to printer no-later-than 25 April 2015.

Freestate Challenge Cadets support update: Rich provided update – New POC at Freestate – SGT Johnson. Cadets will support setup 0800 – 1130, 8 May 2015 and during the event 0800 -1300, 9 May 2015. Rich will coordinate with SGT Johnson to identify cadets to allow certificates to be prepared and signed the week of the event.

Marketing/Advertising update: Initial marketing completed, news article and flyer posted at commissary, PX, etc. Nelson will provide addition POC information for Aegis.

Directional signs update: Additional "7" signs have been purchased.

John Hopkins Family Health Plan giveaways update: Council voted to have standard John Hopkins tote bag as this year's handout.

Other topics: Robert brief recommended solution for installation access for guest speaker with non-DOD identification card. Robert will provided escort from 715 gate area. In addition the council requested that the 9 May guard staff be briefed on this event.

Scheduled Council Meetings for CY 2015:

March 21

April 18

May 9**RAD Day**meet at AA Rec Center

June 6--RAD AAR

July--no meeting

August--no meeting

September--no meeting

October 17

November 21

December 19