

## ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND RETIREE COUNCIL

### MEETING MINUTES

Saturday, January 7, 2017

Council members present: Chair LTC (Retired) Nelson Laughton, Co-Chair 1SG (Retired) Thomas Shumate, SGM (Retired) Frank Yoakum, SSG (Retired) Rita Hewitt, SSG (Retired) Genaro Flores Jr., SSG (Retired) Lionel Palmer, and RSO Ms. Betty Willard

Council members not present: CMSGT (Retired) Thomas Alley, SGM (Retired) Robert Richardson, 1SG (Retired) Lonzia Hawks, MSG (Retired) Nancy West, SFC (Retired) Rich Zalusky and DHR Mrs. Janet Dettwiler.

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

#### **Topics of discussion:**

**Items Locked in for RAD** – Speaker Mrs. Cindy Smith, Outreach Assistant/Department Service Officer; Recreation Center 12 May (Set-Up) and 13 May (RAD); Recreation Center; 1SG Grill.

**Council Order**–Council appointment memorandum dated January 13, 2016 is valid through January 3, 2018. Appointment memorandum will be updated next summer when new Garrison Commander assumes command. Memorandum has been posted to retiree webpage.

**1SG Grill Estimate** – Council accepted proposal; Mr. Zalusky/Mr. Palmer confirmed acceptance with 1SG Grill and mailing route.

**Vendor assignment** – Council Chair, Mr. Laughton, asked for and assigned council members to contact vendors – Mr. Nelson Top Group; Mr. Shumate – On Post, Education and Other; Ms. Hewitt - Veteran Health/Benefits; Mr. Yoakum – Veteran’s Organizations and Harford County Agencies. Mr. Shumate will maintain a consolidated roster and requested that feedback for vendors be forwarded as received. Mr. Yoakum requested that an updated “Military Retiree Appreciation Day” flyer be provided to all council members and be forwarded to vendors as part of the initial contact.

**National Anthem Singer** –Mr. Yoakum has coordinated with Ms. Sarah Grant for this year’s RAD.

**Military Appreciation Day Flyer** –It was recommended that the “Coast Guard” emblem be added. Mr. Shumate will coordinate with Mrs. West for update and finalization of flyer.

**Garrison Commander briefing/update** - Initial calendar update completed late December. Request for Garrison Commander/CSM update early March. Mr. Shumate will coordinate with Mrs. Dettwiler, DHR to have briefing scheduled 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> week of March.

**Audio-Vision Support** – Mr. Shumate will request audio vision support in February. This will include posters and AA Ball Room support.

Remaining Scheduled Council Meetings CY 2017

February18  
March18  
April15  
May 12 (RAD Set-Up)  
May13 (RAD)  
June17 (AAR)