

## **ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND RETIREE COUNCIL**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

Saturday, October 6, 2018

Council members present: Chair LTC (Retired) Nelson Laughton, Co-Chair SGM (Retired) Frank Yoakum COL (Retired) Jonas Vogelhut, SGM (Retired) Robert Richardson, SSG (Retired) Lionel Palmer and RSO Ms. Betty Willard.

Council members not present: COL (Retired) Terry Hodges, CSM (Retired) Marty Angulo, 1SG (Retired) Lonzia Hawkins, MSG (Retired) Nancy West, SSG (Retired) Rita Hewitt, SSG (Retired) Genaro Flores, and DHR Mrs. Janet Dettweiler.

The meeting was called to order at 9:10AM.

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

The purpose of this meeting was to perform the general business of the Council.

Review of Committee Members. MSG (Retired) Nancy West requested relief from the council. Ms. Jill Brodbeck has a new job and is no longer with DHR in her previous capacity.

Draft Charter. The draft charter was circulated to those in attendance. Comments from council members should be sent to Frank at [fyokum@gmail.com](mailto:fyokum@gmail.com) before the November meeting for consideration. Otherwise, at the November meeting, the charter will be finalized and presented to the Garrison Commander.

RAD Date and Venue. Still to be determined. Mention was made that the date may be moved from the start to the end of Armed Forces Week in 2019. In addition, a decision is still pending with regards to the venue: Mallette Hall, the Aberdeen Recreation Center, or another location. Concerns with Mallette Hall include adequate parking; handicap access; possible excessive walk to/from the building for disabled; and exhibit space. Clarification should be provided by the November meeting.

First Sergeant Grill. There has been no confirmation that the First Sergeant Grill has been totally paid off from this year's RAD. Supposedly there has been a payment of \$300 leaving an outstanding balance of about \$150. Clarification should be provided by the November meeting.

RAD Speaker. A discussion was held concerning the RAD speaker. Several possibilities were mentioned. Research will be conducted and results will be discussed at the November meeting.

FEDVIP Open Season for TRDP enrollees. The council discussed the open season for FEDVIP and benefit fairs being held at Aberdeen and Edgewood. All agreed it was too late to push notifications through DFAS and that we must rely on word of mouth and APG News articles.

Topics for RAD. The council discussed possible topics for the RAD, to include a benefits fair and changes to the tax law.

Mention was made of the upcoming Harford County Veterans Resource Fair to be held at the Bel Air Armory on Saturday November 10<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am to 1:00pm.

The Council meeting adjourned at 9:45AM.

### **Remaining Scheduled Council Meetings 2018/2019**

The third Saturday of every month between now and May 2019. Check out the dates on the website: [www.apgretiree.com](http://www.apgretiree.com).