

## **ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND RETIREE COUNCIL**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

Saturday, January 12, 2019

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

Council members not present: CSM (Retired) Marty Angulo, 1SG (Retired) Lonzia Hawkins, SSG (Retired) Genaro Flores, Mrs. Jean Flores, SSG (Retired) Rita Hewitt, and DHR Mrs. Janet Dettweiler.

The meeting was called to order at 9:05AM.

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

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

Mr. Edmond Williams, CECOM Protocol Office, was a welcome guest at the Council meeting.

RAD Date and Venue. The date of the RAD has been set as Saturday May 18, 2019. The venue decision has not yet been finalized. The Chair will meet with the Garrison Commander for a decision before the next Council meeting.

FreeState Challenge Academy Support. Council Member Palmer will contact the Academy to advise them of the date of the RAD and to solicit their support.

RAD Speaker. An offer has been made and tentatively accepted by CDR (Ret) Rene Campos to be the guest speaker for the RAD. Confirmation will be made once the date is closer.

RAD Vendors. The vendor contact list was circulated. The Chair encouraged the Council to sign up additional vendors who have an interest in the retired military demographic, but restricted the offering to any company who desires to do a sales pitch. The APG RSO office will maintain the vendor contact sheet and updates will be reported to that office.

RAD Vendor Expectations. A suggested vendor information sheet was circulated and edited by the Council. Changes will be made and re-sent to the Council members by the Co-Chair.

Draft Charter. The draft charter was circulated to those in attendance. The Chair will present the charter to the Garrison Commander for his review.

RAD CIG Responsibilities. Mr. Williams will coordinate with the CIG concerning table drapes, vendor identification placards, flyers/posters, resourcing, and audio/visual.

RAD Agenda Development. This subject will be discussed at the March 2019 meeting.

**Due Outs:** The following are due outs for the meeting:

Robert Richardson will coordinate with the 1SG Grill for lunch  
Mrs. Uribe/Betty will develop the newsletter  
Mrs. Uribe/Betty will contact AV (Mike) for the RAD  
Frank Yoakum will arrange the singer for the National Anthem  
Jonas Vogelhut will chair the February meeting

The next Council meeting will be Saturday February 9<sup>th</sup>.

The Council meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM.