

## **ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND RETIREE COUNCIL**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

Saturday, February 9, 2019

Council members present:, Co-Chair SGM (Retired) Robert Richardson, SGM (Retired) Frank Yoakum, COL (Retired) Jonas Vogelhut, SSG (Retired) Andre McMullen, SSG (Retired) Lionel Palmer, Mr. Edmond Williams, Mrs. Jocelyn Uribe and RSO Ms. Betty Willard.

Council members not present: Chair LTC (Retired) Nelson Laughton COL (Retired) Terry Hodges, 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 9:00AM.

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

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

SGM (Retired) Robert Richardson assumes the duties of Co-Chair from SGM (Retired) Frank Yoakum due to Frank's extensive work travel schedule.

RAD Date and Venue. The date of the RAD has been set as Saturday May 18, 2019. The venue is the Aberdeen Recreation Center. The RAD will be the concluding activity for Armed Forces Week at APG.

#### **Other RAD planning:**

- 1SG Grill will support the event as long as he gets paid in a timely manner. We will charge \$2 per person to eat at the Grill.
- Freestate Challenge Academy will support on Friday and Saturday. 10-12 cadets will help set up, tear down, and perform other duties as needed. Appreciation certificates will be prepared and presented.
- CDR (Retired) Rene Campos confirmed that she will be the guest speaker. Rene works at MOAA in Alexandria VA and works the veterans and retiree portfolio.
- Mrs. Sarah Grant of Rosedale MD confirmed that she will be the National Anthem singer.
- Betty is working the vendor contact sheet and will send out once it is updated.
- Edmond said the CIG is committed to preparing the event signs, the banner, the agenda, the flyer, and any new vendor signs.

- Surveys for the participants and vendors need to be prepared
- A speaker gift should be purchased. It was suggested that the Chair will procure this gift.
- Betty/Jocelyn will coordinate with the Garrison Commander for sending out an invite letter to all retirees similar to last year's letter, but at least 30 days prior to the event; as well as special recognition for the AV support.

Newsletter input needs to be given to Betty.

The next Council meeting will be Saturday March 16<sup>th</sup>.

The Council meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM.