

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND RETIREE COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Saturday, March 16th 2019

Council members present: Chair LTC (Retired) Nelson Laughton, COL (Retired) Jonas Vogelhut, COL (Retired) Terry Hodges, SSG (Retired) Genaro Flores, Mrs. Jean Flores, and RSO Ms. Betty Willard, Edmond "Eddie" Williams, CECOM, SSG (Ret) Lionel Palmer, Caesar Smith

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 and the upcoming Military Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD) scheduled for Saturday May 18th, 2019.

1. Rec Center - Reserved Ms. Willard has the confirmation in writing.

2. Maryland Challenge notified. Lionel talked with them and Ms. Willard confirmed. The cadets must be complete by 4pm (1600) on May 18th. That should be no issue.

3. Food for RAD.

a. 1SG Grill onboard/Lunch estimate/almost free. Ms. Willard still working to get a quote for 2019. Committee decided estimate should be for 170 personnel. No decision was made on the rate for 2019 RAD attendees, but not free (possibly \$2-\$3). Funding for lunch will continue to be supplemented by vendors.

b. Hand in Hand will provide donuts for breakfast.

4. RAD vendor update/comment sheet. No updates from the committee. Committee members urged to contact the possible vendors and come with updates to the April meeting. Need updates for CECOM protocol to make table signs.

5. RAD flyer status. Draft flyer completed, awaiting MG Taylor approval.

6. RAD Program status - Jonas recommended starting 2019 program with one hour for vendors (0900-1000) and formal program 1000-1115. Nelson agreed. Committee decided to delay deciding until the April meeting.

7. Direction signs- No issue. Still on hand and ready for placement.

8. Registration – who's manning/email address/comment sheet/retiree concerns

9. AV request – Mike Miller – Ms. Willard will work with Ceaser Smith/Joslin.

10. Anthem singer confirmed. Ms. Willard stated Sarah Grant confirmed. Nelson agreed to call her.

11. Speaker confirmed. Nelson confirmed Rene Campos of MOAA. Committee requested to gather a list of potential topics, such as retiree health care, retiree tax law changes, etc.

12. CECOM Protocol roles – Eddie confirmed table cloths. Concern that that mailings will consume the allocated 2019 budget, leaving no funds for lunch offset.

13. Newsletter. Nelson will contact Marty to coordinate.

14. Retiree Council membership list. Need update of participants.

15. APG News. Terry Hodges agreed to work with APG news for 2019 RAD article for before publicity and after summary.

The Council meeting adjourned at 10:05AM.