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MEMORANDUM FOR Chairman, Fort Jackson Retiree Council, Fort Jackson, SC 29207

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Fort Jackson Retiree Council Meeting (1 Nov 12)

ACTION OF APPROVING AUTHORITY

Minutes of the Fort Jackson Retiree Council meeting conducted on 1 Nov 12 are  
approved/disapproved.

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BRYAN T. ROBERTS  
Brigadier General, U.S. Army  
Commanding

**Fort Jackson Retiree Council Meeting Minutes**  
Fort Jackson, South Carolina 29207

1. The Fort Jackson Retiree Council held its regular bi-monthly meeting at 1800, 1 November 2012, in the Directorate of Human Resources (DHR) Training Room, Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

a. Members present.

COL Mike Molosso, USA Retired, Chairman  
COL William A. Whatley, USA Retired  
CAPT L. E. Spradlin, USN Retired  
LTC John R. Marcucci, USMC Retired, Vice Chairman  
LTC Tom McAndrews, USA Retired  
LTC Ward D. Ward, USA Retired  
CW5 David A. Ratliff, USA Retired, Secretary  
CW4 Constantine S. Green, USA Retired  
CSM Russel Anderson, USA Retired  
CSM Michael L. Armstead, USA Retired  
CSM Daniel E. Hagan, USA Retired  
CSM Carl M. Lopez, USA Retired  
MSGT Robert W. Barkalow, USAF Retired  
MCPO Jim Null, USN Retired  
SGM Robert B. Price, USA Retired  
SGM Joyce S. Roberts, USA Retired

b. Members absent/excused.

BG Nick Sipe, USA Retired  
COL Bernie Chapman, Jr., USA Retired  
MAJ Jackie Smalls, USA Retired  
CW4 Harry S. Sobjack, USA Retired  
CSM Jesse DeBerry, USA Retired  
MCPO James T. Price, USN Retired  
MSGT James W. Rodgers, USAF Retired

c. Others present.

COL Michael S. Graese, Garrison Commander  
CSM Ernest Lee, Garrison Command Sergeant Major  
COL Scott Nahrwold, Deputy Garrison Commander, USA Retired  
COL Robert Youmans, DHR/AG Office, USA Retired  
MSG Greg Fountain, Retirement Services Officer, USA Retired  
Mrs. Rose Ann Turner, DFMWR  
Mrs. Pam English, MACH  
Mr. Bernard Ellison, Commissary

2. Chairman Molosso called the meeting to order at 1800 and thanked all present for their attendance. The minutes from the 6 July 2012 meeting were approved. New members, LTC (Ret) Ward D. Ward and CW4 (Ret) Constantine S. Green were welcomed as new members of the Retiree Council. CSM (Ret) James "Boo" Alford submitted his resignation from the Retiree Council in September 2012.

3. Garrison Update – COL Graese:

a. COL Graese briefly discussed his career and that he was a former Garrison Commander at Fort A.P. Hill.

b. Visual Changes. The Commanding General has directed that a beautification effort for Fort Jackson be undertaken. This involves repairs and elimination of unattractive areas wherever possible.

c. Gate Guards. Effective 1 October 2012, the gate guards were required to be DA Civillian employees and not contractors. Fort Jackson had 57 guards prior to 1 October but is now authorized 37 guards but only 21 have been hired. This necessitated posting Military Police at the gate and reducing operating hours at the gates. By mid-December hiring should be at 100%. Fort Jackson has requested an additional 10 guards and is awaiting a decision by the CG, IMCOM.

d. Community of Excellence. Fort Jackson is hoping to be an Army Community of Excellence (ACOE) in 2014. The Commanding General wants to establish a "Culture of Excellence" across the entire installation to insure all customers are taken care of in a timely and professional manner. The retiree community is a significant part of the customer base. In July, there were 16,000 ICE submissions with a 92% favorable rating.

e. Retiree Council Questions. CSM (Ret) Anderson wondered why the gate guards ask where he is going when he shows a military identification card. COL Graese will inquire. CSM (Ret) Hagen asked about the deer stands on Fort Jackson. The wooden stands are falling apart. Current plan is to replace all wooden stands with metal stands.

4. Old Business: None.

5. New Business:

a. The 2013 Retiree Appreciation Days are scheduled to be held 16 –18 May. The dates are on the master calendar. Retirees will be honored at the Basic Combat Training Graduation on 16 May. CSM (Ret) Lopez asked if a group of retirees could participate in the Pass and Review of the Review Ceremony. The Council felt a significant number of retirees from The Purple Heart Association, Disabled American Veterans, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars,

Special Forces Association, Combat Veterans Association, and South Carolina Guard Retirees Association would be willing to participate. The Council felt the number had to be capped at approximately 100 marchers. Suggestions for a guest speaker are due at the next meeting. Potential speakers mentioned were MG (Ret) Turner, COL (Ret) Schwedo, or a Chief Warrant Officer.

b. CSA Retiree Council Issues. The CSA Retiree Council is soliciting issues for the upcoming meeting in April 2013. COL (Ret) Molosso is a member of the CSA Retiree Council and discussed last year's meeting and the types of issues the Council reviewed. There are no issues from Fort Jackson for the CSA Retiree Council.

6. RSO: None.

7. Council Reports:

a. Golf. Fees increased from \$62.00 to \$72.00 per month. This is the first increase in five years.

b. MACH. The MACH received an email from the Office of the Surgeon General congratulating Moncrief Medical Home on receiving the National Committee for Quality Assurance recognition. The Moncrief Medical Home is one of only two to receive this national recognition. The MACH received full accreditation from the Joint Commission. The parking lot is undergoing changes so there are more handicapped places for vans. Also, the wheelchair access ramps are being improved. Flu shots are available at MACH, Solomon Center, and the Commissary. A new Nutrition Care Clinic opened and is providing weight management for all patient categories (diabetic, high blood pressure, etc). The Federal Medical Benefits Fair was 9 November 2012. The MACH has a new Public Affairs Officer, Mr. Andre Butler; however, Mrs. English will continue to support the retiree constituency. The Optometry Clinic sees patients who are TRICARE Prime, TRICARE for Life, or TRICARE Standard for standard eye exams or for cataract diagnosis and removal. The ophthalmologist has a 100% customer satisfaction rating.

c. Family and MWR. Fort Jackson is hosting a Recycling Day on 15 November 2012 at the Officer's Club. Document shredding will be offered along with electronic recycling. Renovations continue on the NCO Club. Everything inside is being replaced. This is the first major update since the facility opened in 1977.

d. AAFES. A comment was made about intermittent gas receipts at the Gate 2 Shoppette.

e. Commissary. The commissary will be open the Monday before Thanksgiving and Christmas. The Commissary supported the Sergeants Major Association's food drive for Harvest Hope Food Bank.

f. Community Information Exchange. None.

8. Closing Comments, Adjournment, and Next Meeting: The Purple Heart Association had a memorial dedication at the Dorn VA Hospital on 9 November 2012. COL (Ret) Molosso presented a Chief of Staff of the Army's Retiree Council coin to LTC (Ret) Marcucci for his outstanding support of the Retiree Council and the USO. The meeting adjourned at 1940. The next meeting is 10 January 2013.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Molosso', with a horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

**MICHAEL R. MOLOSSO**  
COL, USA Retired  
Chairman, Fort Jackson Retiree Council