

MEMORANDUM FOR Members, Greater Fairbanks Military Retiree Council

SUBJECT: Minutes of Meeting, Greater Fairbanks Military Retiree Council

1. Under the provisions of AR 600-8-7, Retirement Services Program, the Greater Fairbanks Military Retiree Council met 5 April 2004, 7:00 p.m., Last Frontier Club. Chairperson Richard Miller presided.

2. Present:

Ladd McBride	Mary Alice Jackson
Doris C. Mercer	Jay Underwood
Bettye Underwood	Dave King
Beth King	Jo Deer
Chuck Deer	Ralph Miller
Diane Miller	Terry Miller
Richard Miller	Lisa Stoneking
Heidi Mattson, Vet Center	
Colonel William Gamble, Commander, MEDDAC	
Colonel Priscilla Hamilton, Commander, DENTAC	
CSM Michael Bunting, Fort Wainwright Garrison CSM	
Gail Scarborough, RSO	

3. Chairperson Richard Miller called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. Members stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. Introductions were made.

4. Minutes: Approved as written.

5. Committees:

a. Community Action Council (CAC): Richard Miller reports random requests for additional identification and proof of insurance may be made at the gates. Summer passes for the Golf Course will be available April 15<sup>th</sup>. Previous pass holders will receive a discount.

b. Membership: Richard Miller announced Dennis Goldbach will no longer be available for this position. Richard volunteered to assume the duties.

c. Legislative: Richard Miller reports the Expeditionary Medal for Iraq and Afghanistan has been approved. Space A Travel for family members on CONUS flights will continue. The benefit which was tested last year has been extended. No new expiration date has been established. The Mayor is considering the establishment of a tax on all motorized vehicles and trailers. Ladd stated no one is sure how this will be enforced. State will be the collector.

6. Program: Heidi Mattson with the Fairbanks Vet Center announced the Standdown for Veterans is scheduled for August 21<sup>st</sup> at Pioneer Park. Services will include dental and optometry screenings, dental cleanings, dental work, medical screenings, and vocational rehabilitation. Veterans will also receive military issue items such as sleeping bags and craft kits. The activities will begin at 7:30 with breakfast and close at 3:00. Family members will receive meals, but services are restricted to veterans only. Heidi also stated the Vet Center is looking for volunteer drivers. They have received a van, but must provide drivers. Volunteers will drive veterans to and from medical appointments. Please contact Heidi for assist with completion of the volunteer application. Drivers are needed Monday through Friday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Any number of hours is appreciated.

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7. Old Business:

a. Retiree Appreciation Day: Gail reports invitations are at the printer and will be mailed tomorrow. Lunch is \$16.50 per person and features Fried Chicken and Baked Lasagna. Guest Speaker is Kaylee Hardcastle. MG Brown will give opening remarks. A tour of the new hospital is offered that afternoon. She reminded everyone that the hospital is still a construction site, not ADA compliant. To take the tour, you must be able to climb up and down stairs. Anyone not able to take the tour may attend a briefing at the Project Office located on Neely Road (across from the gas station) at 2:00 p.m. Tours will start from the project office at 2:00 p.m.

b. Keeping Our Promise: Ladd McBride reports that HR 3474 currently has 204 sponsors. An additional 13 are needed to have a majority. Companion bill S2065 in the Senate has 8 co-sponsors. He has written to the Alaska delegation to request support. Congressman Young has indicated he will not co-sponsor the bill.

8. New Business: Ladd McBride was elected as Vice Chairperson for the upcoming year. Troy Stoneking will assume duties as Chairperson.

9. Announcements:

a. The Quilters Guild will meet Thursday from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. in Bldg 3401, room 246.

b. Thrift Store is in need of clothing donations for adults and children. Volunteers are also needed.

c. Colonel Gamble will depart in July for his new assignment at the Pentagon. It is the season of PCS for hospital staff. Backfills from Madigan are requested. Currently, two replacements for Internal Medicine have been identified. A third physician has been requested.

10. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

11. Next Meeting: The May meeting will be held on May 1<sup>st</sup> in conjunction with the Retiree Appreciation Day.

RICHARD MILLER  
Chairperson

I have reviewed these minutes.

GAIL SCARBOROUGH  
RSO