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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Minutes of Schweinfurt Retiree Council Meeting

1. The minutes of the Schweinfurt Retiree Council meeting on 13 October 2009 have been reviewed and are approved.
2. POC is Sherry Renz, Garrison Retirement Services Officer at 353-8812.



EVERETT S. P. SPAIN
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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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1. The Council President convened a meeting of the USAG Schweinfurt Retiree Council in Bldg 230 on Tuesday, 13 Oct. 09 at 1500 hrs.

2. Personnel present for the meeting:

Council Members Present:

CW2 (Ret) Charles Glover, USA	President
1SG (Ret) John W. Steckmyer, USA	Vice-President
SFC (Ret) Billy Barber, USA	Würzburg sub-council President
SFC (Ret) D.W. Hope, USA	Würzburg sub-council Member
SSG (Ret) Charles L. Parker, USA	Member

Council Members Absent:

CSM (Ret) Ricardo Mercado, USA	Member
SFC (Ret) Michael Rodriguez, USA	Member
SFC (Ret) James Engstrom, USA	Würzburg sub-council Secretary

Non-Voting Members/Guests:

Elton Shedaker

3. Old Business:

a. On 12 July 2009, Michael Swafford, President of Retiree Council, submitted a written notice of resignation as President of the USAG Schweinfurt Retiree Council.

b. A nomination for President was taken. Mr. Charles Glover was nominated for President of the USAG Schweinfurt Retiree Council and accepted the nomination. A vote was taken and Mr. Glover was elected president.

c. Instruction for applying for the Presidential Memorial Certificates for deceased retirees was distributed to the Council members so that they may assist family members when applying for the certificate. The request for the Presidential Memorial Certificate has been added to the Retiree Casualty Assistance Guide.

d. The USAG Schweinfurt Retiree Council was present and provided a one hour block to the two day Casualty Assistance Officer training Soldiers on 21 July 2009. The training is provided to active-duty Soldiers who may be called on to provide assistance to the next-of-kin of retirees. An emphasis was made on the fact that retiree's pay and personnel issue cannot be handled by the Military Finance Office or Military Personnel Division in Bldg 40, Conn Barracks. Those issues must be addressed to the Federal Benefits Unit at the Frankfurt Consulate.

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e. Mr. Glover has received more information on the Foreign Medical Program from the Veterans Affairs Office. If you are a veteran with a VA service connected disability, Mr. Glover (09727-5833) or other council members will be able to assist with applications and information.

f. D.W. Hope received information that the German Finance Office will be sending out letters to all retiree living in Germany telling them what income should be declared to the Germany Finance Office. Once a letter has been received, further information will be provided.

4. New Business:

a. LTC Everett Spain is the new USAG Schweinfurt, Garrison Commander. LTC Spain comes to us from Washington, where he was a White House Fellow in both the Bush and Obama Administrations, acting as the Deputy Chief Operating Officer for the Department of the Treasury's \$700 Billion bailout program.

b. Nominations for the Retiree Council secretary were taken. Elton Shedaker was nominated and accepted the nomination. A vote was held and Mr. Shedaker was elected secretary.

c. Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

d. Recommendations were made to amend the Retiree Casualty Assistance Guide to include a section on internet accounts and passwords so that surviving family members can access needed records (i.e. AFAS, VA, etc.).

e. Annual influenza immunizations are available at the health clinic. The H1N1 immunization is also available, but you must call the clinic (09721-96-6378) to ensure that it is in stock since current doses are limited at the present time.

f. There will be a DFAS call in service available in Germany on 15 October 2009. The phone number is 06202-806080. This is a pilot opportunity and may be available on other dates if the activity warrants it.

g. The following items will be presented Retiree Council President's meeting held at the upcoming Heidelberg Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD):

1. The 30% tax assessed on the first Survivor Benefits Plan (SBP) payment.
2. International direct deposit for SBP.
3. The 5 pound package mailing proposal.
4. Accountability of Retiree Council Reports; direct/indirect reporting and what information is forwarded.

h. The retiree mailing list currently has 360 mailing addresses. There are approximately 160 plus retirees in the USAG Schweinfurt area of responsibility. The council will be reviewing the current mailing list to reduce the mailing list to those in our area.

i. Upcoming Retiree Council Meeting dates are:

Tuesday, 12 January 2010

Tuesday, 13 April 2010

Tuesday, 13 July 2010

j. The next Retiree Council meeting is scheduled for 12 January at 1500 hrs at the Yellow Ribbon Room, Bldg 230, Ledward Barracks, Schweinfurt.

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5. The meeting was adjourned on Tuesday, 13 Oct. at 1600.

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CHARLES J. GLOVER
President
USAG Schweinfurt Retiree Council