

## MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Wuerzburg Armed Forces Retiree Council Meeting

1. The Wuerzburg Armed Forces Retiree council convened at the "Kirsch Baum" Gast Haus in Rottendorf, 1900 hours, 21 March 2007. Mr. Billy Barber, President, called the meeting to order.

## a. Council Officers present:

- (1) Mr. Billy Barber - President
- (2) Mr. Charles Deso - Vice President
- (3) Mr. James Engstrom - Secretary
- (4) Mr. Robert Heafey - Council Member
- (5) Mr. D.W. Hope - Council Member
- (6) Mr. Donald Pezel - Council Member
- (7) Mr. Otis Keith - Council Member

## b. Council Officers excused:

- (1) Ms. Hildegard Henry - Council Member
- (2) Mr. Sidney Jenkins - Council Member

c. Additionally 48 persons attended the council meeting including retirees, spouses and widows.

## 2. Old Business:

a. The minutes of the last council meeting were read and approved.

b. We discussed para 3c of our last minutes in reference to "Recipients of our Minutes". We still have no word from Schweinfurt on our council becoming a Sub-Council of Schweinfurt. We will have more information at our next council meeting in May.

## 3. New Business:

a. Mr. Barber welcomed the attendees to our first council meeting being held on the German economy. It was great to see the large attendance.

b. Mr Hanwalter mentioned the dilemma that he was having trying to acquire an Immigration Card for his spouse. It was suggested that we try to have Mr. Geisler, "Operations Supervisor for Federal Benefits and Social Security" at the Frankfurt Consulate again attend one of our future meetings. Maybe he could help clarify this situation. (The council will get in touch with Mr. Geisler). Mr. Hanwalter also had handouts for directions to the new PX at Panzer Kaserne in Stuttgart.

c. Our council had just received notification from USAREUR that IMCOM-Europe (Installation Management Command) is staffing a change to Army in Europe Supplement 600-8-7, that would do away with the USAREUR Annual RAD (Retiree Appreciation Day) and task each direct reporting garrison with holding its own RAD. This was met by negative results from all attendees this evening. Garrison level RADs would not be able to provide counselors from CONUS as USAREUR has done in the past. To put it bluntly, we feel that the expertise level would be lowered. We will update you when this situation is

finalized at USAREUR.

d. A question was raised as to the status of Box R's at the Wuerzburg Community Mail Room. (Ms. Linda Dicho, Postal Supervisor was contacted and she will try to attend our next meeting).

e. Two topics from the latest "Army Echoes" were discussed. The new lapel pin for retired soldiers and recruiting referral bonus raised to \$2000.

f. Mr. Withers mentioned that the Katterbach Heli-Port Dental Clinic is taking retirees. Sick call is at 0730, you will be seen right away and also scheduled for cleaning. (Not sure how long this service will be available for retirees).

g. Ms. Monica Page, "Contact Representative for the Wuerzburg Health Clinic TRICARE" attended our meeting and went one on one with several attendees.

4. The meeting was adjourned at 2030 hours.

5. The next meeting will be held on 16 May 2007 at the "Kirsch Baum" Gasthaus in the town of Rottendorf. Meeting to start at 1900 hours. Most of us will arrive early (around 1730) and dine together as a group before the meeting.

6. The POC for all actions discussed and for further information regarding the minutes is Mr. Billy Barber, Council President at Tel: 09323-1283, FAX, same number, or Mr. James Engstrom Tel: 09321-921390, FAX: 09321-923561 or e-mail JEngstromJ@aol.com.

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