

**JOINT BASE LEWIS-MCCHORD  
RETIREE COUNCIL  
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JOINT BASE LEWIS-MCCHORD, WASHINGTON  
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1. The bi-monthly meeting of the Joint Base Lewis-McChord Retiree Council was held at Patriot's Landing, DuPont, Washington, on Thursday, 26 July 2012.
2. The meeting was called to Order at 1200 hours by Co-Chairman, MG (Ret) Daniel who announced that the proceedings were being recorded.
3. Minutes from the previous meeting on 24 May 2012 were approved.
4. Attendance:
  - a. Members Present:
    - MG Eugene L. Daniel, USA Retired, Co-Chairman
    - CSM Lourdes Alvarado-Ramos, USA Retired, Co-Chairman
    - COL (CH) Lawrence Barry, USA Retired
    - LTC H "Gus" Schwartz, USA Retired
    - CSM Herbert Stumpf, USA Retired
    - CSM Herbert C. Schmeling, USA Retired
    - SGM James A. "Tony" Woods, USA Retired
    - SFC Wally Potter, USA Retired
    - SFC Susan Woods, USA Retired
    - SSG J. W. Johnson, USA Retired
    - SSG Nancy Robbins, USA Retired
    - Mrs. Meryle Myatt, Widow's Representative
  - b. Members Absent:
    - COL Darvin Barnes, USA Retired
    - COL Alphonso Knight, Jr., USA Retired
    - COL Julie A. Martin, USA Retired
    - COL James F. Schoonover, USA Retired
    - COL Edward A. Starbird, USA Retired
    - LTC Christopher Gilmore, USA Retired
    - LTC John C. Levesque, USA Retired
    - 1SG Grace Kendall, USA Retired

c. Others Present:

Mr. Alex Silva, Retirement Services Officer (RSO)

Dr. Teresa Bruder, Madigan Healthcare Systems Representative

Mr. Jack Whitaker, JBLM-McChord Field Retiree Activities Office (RAO)

Ms. Sharon O'Malley, Chief, Medical Managed Care Division

5. Old Business:

None

6. New Business:

- (a) Ms. Sharon O'Malley, Chief, Medical Management, Managed Care Division, gave a brief overview of the program. Ms. O'Malley briefed the differences between the Tri-Care for Life (TFL) and Tri-Care Plus. TFL is for retirees aged 65 and older who are receiving Medicare Parts A & B. Medicare Part B premiums are taken out of the Social Security payments and there is no Tri-Care premium. Tri-Care Plus is military treatment facility primary care enrollment program that is offered at selected military treatment facilities. All beneficiaries eligible for care in military treatment facilities (except those enrolled in Tri-Care Prime, a civilian Health Maintenance Organization (HMO), or Medicare HMO) can seek enrollment for primary care at military treatment facilities where enrollment capacity exists. Non-enrollment in Tri-Care Plus does not affect TFL benefits or other existing programs.
- (b) CSM (Ret) Alvarado-Ramos reminded council members to bring in issues for the Chief of Staff (CSA), Army Retiree Council to be submitted for annual review. Mr. Silva will prepare the issue to go forward to the CSA for consideration during the 2013 CSA Retiree Council Meeting.
- (c) CSM (Ret) Alvarado-Ramos let the council members know that the CSA Council was not seeking nominations for the upcoming year since there are no vacancies on the CSA Retiree Council board at the present time.
- (d) COL (Ret) Knight and SFC (Ret) Woods gave brief overviews of the CSA Retiree Council Meeting that was held in April 2012. A couple of the unresolved issues include: Continued support for the ongoing efforts between the Department of Defense (DoD) and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to improve the compatibility of the two health care systems to preserve and improve the benefits for all beneficiary groups; and to support the Defense Finance & Accounting Services (DFAS) initiative to forgive any overpayment of retired pay for any period after the date of death of a Retiree through the last day of the month in which death occurs.

7. The Council meeting was adjourned at 1330 hours. The next Council meeting will be held on Thursday, 27 September 2012, at Patriot's Landing, DuPont, Washington.

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LOURDES ALVARADO-RAMOS  
Command Sergeant Major, USA Retired  
Co-Chairman, Joint Base Lewis-McChord  
Retiree Council

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EUGENE L. DANIEL  
Major General, USA Retired  
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