

**JOINT BASE LEWIS-MCCHORD  
RETIREE COUNCIL  
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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, 29 November 2012.
2. The meeting was called to Order at 1200 hours by Co-Chairman, CSM (Ret) Alvarado-Ramos who announced that the proceedings were being recorded.
3. Minutes from the previous meeting on 27 September 2012 were approved with corrections.
4. Attendance:
  - a. Members Present:
    - CSM Lourdes Alvarado-Ramos, USA Retired, Co-Chairman
    - COL (CH) Lawrence Barry, USA Retired
    - COL Alphonso Knight, Jr., USA Retired
    - COL Edward A. Starbird, USA Retired
    - LTC John C. Levesque, USA Retired
    - CSM Herbert C. Schmeling, USA Retired
    - CSM Herbert Stumpf, USA Retired
    - SGM James A. "Tony" Woods, USA Retired
    - MSG Miguel Padilla, 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:
    - MG Eugene L. Daniel, USA Retired, Co-Chairman
    - COL Julie A. Martin, USA Retired
    - COL David Slotwinski, USA Retired
    - COL James F. Schoonover, USA Retired
    - LTC Christopher Gilmore, USA Retired
    - LTC H "Gus" Schwartz, USA Retired
    - 1SG Grace Kendall, USA Retired

c. Others Present:

Mr. Alex Silva, Retirement Services Officer (RSO)

Mrs. Kathi Proctor, Asst RSO

Ms. Roberta Antry, Chief, Military Personnel Division (MPD)

Dr. Teresa Bruder, Madigan Healthcare Systems Representative

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

5. Old Business:

(a) Key Note Speaker for RAD 2013 will be Mr. Patrick McGhee, Exchange General Manager. The Council would like Mr. McGhee to talk about the expansion of the Exchange.

(b) Dr. Bruder briefed the council on the meeting in January 2013 with COL Homas, the MHS Commander, MG (Ret) Daniel, CSM (Ret) Alvarado-Ramos, Dr. Bruder, Mr. Silva and Mrs. Proctor.

(c) Mr. Silva briefed the council on the progress of RAD 2013 preparations. RAD 2013 will be held in Hangar #9 on JBLM-McChord Field. Mrs. Proctor, Asst RSO, sent request to DA RSO to include JBLM's RAD for 17 May 2013 in the next Army Echoes.

(d) Armed Forces Action Plan (formerly called Army Family Action Plan (AFAP)) was held 15-17 October 2012. MSG (Ret) Padilla briefed the council on the new GI Bill to pay old college debts and landlords not allowing SM's to break their lease when they come down on PCS orders. CH (COL, Ret) Barry gave a summary of his experience on the AFAP "board", and will provide a more detailed report at the January 2013 council meeting. SSG (Ret) Johnson briefed the council on his experience at the AFAP. AFAP conferences provide subjects and topics that pertain to military personnel and their families, whether active duty, retired, reserve or National Guard. The conferences have helped to get some public laws changed to benefit the military at-large.

6. New Business:

(a) CSM (Ret) Alvarado-Ramos briefed the council on some of the items on the agenda for the new Governor-elect Jay Inslee. CSM (Ret) Alvarado-Ramos will talk with Governor-Elect Inslee about a commitment to our Active Duty, Retirees and Veterans that reside here in Washington State.

(b) Mr. Silva will send an invite to Ms. Robin Baker, Army Career and Alumni Program (ACAP), to attend a future council meeting and explain the benefits of ACAP for military personnel as they are leaving the military and going into the civilian sector.

(c) CSM (Ret) Woods provided the council members with the knowledge that family members of 100% disabled veterans can attend colleges/universities with free tuition

through the VA. SM's getting out of the military at a rate of 400+ per month. ACAP is becoming mandatory for all SM's leaving the military. ACAP and/or career counselors will start speaking with SM's 18 months before their end of service commitment.

(d) COL (Ret) Knight briefed the council on LTG Lovelace who is onboard as the DA Retiree Council co-chairman. COL (Ret) Knight also suggested that LTG Lovelace be invited to be the Key Note Speaker for RAD 2014.

(e) Ms. Antry reminded council members that the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) deadline is set for 15 December 2012.

7. The Council meeting was adjourned at 1240 hours. The next Council meeting will be held on Thursday, 24 January 2013, at Patriot's Landing, DuPont, Washington.

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