

Base New Orleans Retiree Council Meeting

MINUTES

MARCH 12, 2014

1030-1130 COAST GUARD BASE NEW ORLEANS

MEETING CALLED BY	Captain Jon Gage, Base New Orleans Commanding Officer		
TYPE OF MEETING	Base New Orleans New Orleans Retiree Council Meeting		
FACILITATOR	Jim Montgomery David Mulford		
GREETINGS	YNCM Wolf opening remarks		
BUISNESS	Approval of Minutes from last Meeting Approval of next meeting date will be Second Wednesday of every month at 1030		
MEMBERS	Airhart, Joanne Lacassin, Mike Airhart, John Babin, Francis "Skip" Banks Guy Barger, Gilda Barger, James Baynes, Garland Billings, Jackie Billiot, Fred Boudreaux, Winston Bowen, Skip Butko, George Byrd, Jon Carter, Layne Casale, Bob Casale, Gary Daigle, Wendy Davis, Jerry Diel, Kristoffer Dittman, Robert Douviller, Ruel Everett, Billy Falcon, Thomas	Ferniz, Eugene Fisher, Angela Flanagan, Lawrence Fratello, Luke Hart, Scott Huse, Jeffrey Jones, Larry Kloran, Hal Krucenski, Leon Lacassin, Mike Marcum, George Marshall, Kevin Matlock, Bruce McGruder, Kenneth Meyers, John Mitchell, Kenneth Mobberly, Jim III Montgomery, Jim Mulford, David Murphy, Timothy Narkiewicz, Thea Noyes, Steve Otto, Catherine Otto, Claude	Ponseti, Patrick Preau, Donald Pulse, James Quigley, Patrick Ribag, Harley Renfro, Don Richards, William Rivera, Anthony Robbins, Dennis Ross, James Saylor, Charlie Scarmado, Pete Sherlock, John Siebenkittel, Paul Sutton, Steven Thomas, J. Douglas White, Michael Williams, George Jr. Ybos, Walter
POSITION DISCUSSIONS	Still need some positions filled!! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair (generally an Officer) – David Mulford • Co-Chair (generally a Chief) – Kenneth Mcgruder • Director of Volunteers – Jim Montgomery • Director of Print Media – Dave Mulford • Director of Social Media – Doug Thomas • Active Duty Coordinator – YNCM Richard Wolfe • Think Tank Coordinator – Jerry Davis • Mentoring Coordinator – Don Renfro • Social Liaison – Fred Billiot • Retiree Outreach/Visitation Director – Ken McGruder • Veteran's Benefits Liaison – Larry Jones • Transitioning Assistance Director – Bob Casale • Membership - OPEN • Parliamentarian/Secretary – David Mulford • Historian – Catherine Otto • Publicity - OPEN • Treasurer – Kenneth Mcgruder, Eugene Ferniz • Budget – Jerry Davis • Ways and Means - OPEN • MWR Liaison – Angela Fisher • Healthy Living – Joanne Airhart • Fundraising – Angela Fisher 		
THE HELP DESK	Jim Montgomery, Volunteer Coordinator, discussed the Help Desk		
SUGGESTIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social event possibly pot luck for May at Coast Guard Station New Orleans at Bucktown. Pending approval from Station CO and to invite the active duty crew to participate. 		

FOSTERING MUTUAL INFORMATION SHARING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outreach program discussed with several members requested a visit. • Discussed sharing information with other areas in district as well as information sharing across the district. • Pass anything through email that would be helpful to put in the newsletter via email to dave223d@gmail.com (just hit the reply button it's the same email address used to send out the minutes).

GENERAL DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed survey results were limited due to the short notice turnaround time frame. • Discussed reviewing Base New Orleans RV Park • Dues: Approved for 20 dollars each year for membership, it will be a recommended donation not a mandatory donation to maintain membership. We strongly welcome and encourage all to participate to assist with expenses. • Suggested for a Pot luck social visit at Coast Guard Station New Orleans (location Bucktown) in May for a meeting that the active duty crew can attend as well. Will discuss with Station Co. • Volunteer Opportunity: Raintree Children and Family Services volunteer March 21 2014 to be emailed • Coast Guard Day event participation with us providing either monetary assistance or some volunteer work in to ensure it's not a burden for the active duty crews to host, since they do not get funding for other than active duty members for the event. Suggested to solicit for door prize donations for Coast Guard day event. • Treasurer volunteered: Kenneth Mcgruder and Eugene Ferniz Thank you • Budget volunteered: Jerry Davis Thank you • Healthy Living: posted a newsletter article for exercise for next edition Thank you Joann Airhart • Veterans Benefits Liaison: Larry Jones is available for any assistance you may need. • Social Liaison: Fred Billiot reminded everyone about the upcoming Crawfish festival on March 20 2014 • Transitioning Assistance: Bob Casale reminded everyone that those contemplating retirement may want some advice from someone already retired and will offer our services in upcoming TAPS sessions. • Active Duty Coordinator: Discussed Retiree activities office at Keesler AFB and Survivor Guide and benefits. Scanned and attached through email. Thank you YNCM Wolf • George Butko volunteered to help with the Social Media Thank you • Discussed Outreach program to visit members

CONCLUSIONS	<p>Thank you for participating in the retiree council. As your Chair, my goal is to have some fun as we meet our goal to assist the retirees in the area. It will never be my council, it's everyone's council. Everyone's always welcome to suggest anything that will help out the retirees in the area. Keep your suggestions coming!! Especially for the newsletter. Thank you again.</p> <p>The meeting was held at Base New Orleans 12 March at 1030 to 1128 with an outstanding turnout of 22 members. The meeting went extremely very well with a lot of information being shared. The suggestion to have a formal meeting followed by a social meeting on alternating months was welcomed by all. We can start collecting donations for the annual recommended donated dues since a basic checking account will be set up very shortly. The account will turn nonprofit and tax deductible once we receive a nonprofit employee Identification number from the IRS...but can take months to approve.</p> <p>Next Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Every second Wed of the month, with the next meeting 9 April, Wed, 1030, Base New Orleans - Social Event Meeting May 14th with a possible potluck cookout, planned for Station New Orleans pending Co Station Approval.

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Base New Orleans RV Park	Think Tank Coordinator	TBD
Draft newsletter	Director Print Media	Asap
Draft minutes	Secretary	Asap
Conference calling setup: Pending for next meeting, need phone number	Chair	Asap
Basic Checking account to turn over to treasurer		