

## **FORT HAMILTON RETIREE COUNCIL**

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### **Retiree Council Minutes 07 June 2012**

The Fort Hamilton Retiree Council Meeting was held on 03 Jun 2012 in the Garrison Command Conference Room, Fort Hamilton, NY 11252

1. The meeting was called to order at 1610hrs by the Retiree Council Chairman followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, a prayer, roll call and approval of the minutes of March meeting as circulated.

2. The Retiree Council Chairman introduced representatives from the PX and commissary (see guest section of the attendance sheet). **The Commissary would like our Emails.** It was suggested that we add the link <http://www.commissaries.com/subscribe.cfm> to the Commissary in our Newsletter – thus we can go to the site and link up with both Commissary and PX. The DECA representative will look to vendors to see what can be done for the day of the RAD. We need the PX and Commissary on board this year.

4. The chairman also announced that we needed to address what most retirees needed to know about services and benefits, and add to the bulletin. He then asked for volunteers and a chair for the bulletin committee.

5. Retirees need AKO Accounts/CAC Cards – in order to access certain necessary web-sites. Many web sites are only accessible to CAC cards holders. The absence of CAC Cards greatly impacts retirees. Web sites for military publications that are not CAC protected are [militaryone.com](http://militaryone.com), [www.army.mil](http://www.army.mil).

6. Retiree Council needs regulatory means to retain funds, National needs to assist this Council in getting that done. A council member has been tasked with asking the Commander to request a Sub-Account to be opened up at Ft. Hamilton Savings. Additionally, there needs to be a change in regulation to allow “Certificates of Appreciation” upon retirement to be presented to individual/group of individuals of retiree’s choosing. Presently it can only be given to “spouses.” This precludes recognition of other supporters, especially for single soldiers who rely on those support systems.

7. Appointment to the Ft. Hamilton Retiree Council is eight (8) years, unless extended. Those members who are contributing will remain on active rolls. Those members who do not contribute will be removed from the rolls and will have to re-apply. We will ask the Retirement Service Officer to assist us in identifying the different military retiree members, so that we may reach out to them to join the Council.

#### **New Business:**

1. The Financial report submitted:

Beginning Balance as of March 1, 2012:\$668.00

Income donation from FHCSF Inc. and Thrift Shop: \$3,000.00

Ending Balance as of June 7, 2012: \$3,668.00

2. A list of the events at Ft. Hamilton and around the town was circulated as follows:

- Garrison Change of Command Ceremony – 25 Jul

