

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Commissary/PX Council Meeting Minutes, 11 August 2011

1. The Commissary and Post Exchange Advisory Council meeting was called to order by Mr. Dennis Dekker, Director of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation on 11 August 2011 at 1330 hrs.

2. Members present:

- CSM Filipe Paul (CG)
- Mrs. Cornelia Paul (CG)
- CSM Thomas Geddings (2E)
- Mr. Gary Giebel (ARL)
- PO Justin Shoemaker (BOSS/Navy)
- Ms. June Bisbey (ACS/Volunteer)
- Ms. Jane Hickok (AAFES)
- Mr. Earl Bailey (DECA)
- Ms. Sharon Denmen (Deli Manager)

3. Minutes from the 16 June meeting were reviewed; three questions were brought up from the old minutes.

a. OPORD for Commissary/PX Advisory Council. Mr. Dekker stated that the OPORD was written and sent to all WSMR organizations on 11 August. OPORD requires organizations to provide FMWR the names of individuals that will attend this forum.

b. Locating a portable diesel fuel truck at the AAFES Gas Station to determine the demand for diesel on WSMR. Response from Ms. Hickok: Due to environmental and safety issues AAFES cannot move in a temporary tanker to dispense diesel. Ms. Hickok stated that she is working a survey for diesel demand; FMWR will assist in distribution. DMV cannot provide information on the amount of vehicles requiring diesel. It was asked what is the AAFES standard for carrying diesel. Ms. Hickok stated that there are many smaller installations where AAFES does not sell diesel, however most of these installations have diesel stations readily available outside the gate. She stated that AAFES has asked the Garrison for assistance in funding the installation of diesel tanks/lines, and hopes that with a good survey reflecting solid data on diesel demand, both AAFES and the Garrison will look favorably at funding the required equipment. Civilians and contractors cannot be targeted in this survey.

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c. Poor produce at the Commissary. Mr. Bailey stated that, after a lengthy contract process, a new Fort Worth Texas contractor will start delivering produce on 1 September. He stated this company is very large, delivering over 9.5 million cases of produce annually, and will be servicing most western commissaries as well as the stores and restaurants they currently service. Because of their size and volume the produce should arrive fresher and be of better quality than provided by the current contractor. Mr. Bailey stated that the new contractor will offer a wider variety of produce items and will deliver fresh plants during the holiday seasons as well. He further stated that there may be produce shortages until 1 September as he is refusing to accept 5-6 cases daily from the current produce vendor.

4. New Business (AAFES).

a. Effective 2 September the Shoppette will extend hours on Friday and Saturday to midnight, and Sundays until 10 PM. This will be a 90-day test.

b. Navy shirts will arrive next week. Ms. Hickok stated that she gave CSM Robinson the complete list of military clothing that AAFES currently stocks. CSM Paul stated that, upon the return of Ms. Hickok and CSM Robinson early September, he will meet with them, CSM Geddings, Chief Watson and MSG Sanchez to discuss needs for military clothing.

c. A question was asked about AAFES food service and the long lines at Subway during the previous NIE field test. Ms. Hickok stated that the Shoppette (food sales), Subway and the hot dog vendor all got hit very hard during the last NIE. She stated that she provided Subway with additional freeze/refrigerator space. NIE has requested AAFES to provide mobile food units to support the upcoming NIE test (Moes BBQ, Roach Coach, Fudruckers) and that the Fort Bliss AAFES was working this issue. CSM Paul stated that the Oct/Nov NIE will be concentrated on the southern half of the range.

d. It was asked if the rumor circulating about Subway reducing weekend operating hours was true. Ms. Hickok stated that she has heard of no weekend change in hours. She stated Subway weekend business is very slow and offered mainly as a service as Saturday sales average \$300-\$400 while Sunday sales average \$200-\$300.

e. New Subway programs; yogurt breakfast parfait and crispy chicken sandwich.

f. The AAFES General Manager from Fort Bliss (Paula Gunderson) has transferred to Fort Hood. The new General Manager will arrive mid September from Fort Leonard Wood.

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5. New Business (Commissary).

a. Commissary case lot sale will be held 15, 16 & 17 September.

b. Better Opportunities for Single Service Members (BOSS) Commissary Appreciation date will be released soon. BOSS will be actively promoting this with the Commissary.

c. The new produce vendor is willing to assist in sponsoring events on the installation with banners, fruit trays, etc. Mr. Bailey asked for a list of event dates; he will forward to the produce company.

d. Mr. Bailey introduced Ms. Denman, the new Deli manager for the contractor. Ms. Denman stated that several changes have been made and she intends to make more to include preparing a larger variety of deli sandwiches, going back to making fresh bread and rolls daily, and adding fresh baked cookies and ciabatta rolls; the deli will start selling soups this fall. The deli's oven is not large enough to bake French bread or baguettes. Specialty items can be ordered 2 weeks in advance.

e. A statement was made that meat items, pork chops in particular, are packed in quantities too large for some Soldiers. Mr. Bailey stated that if his meat cutters cut the items, they can pack it any size desired by the customer. He stated that items received pre-packed cannot be broken down to smaller quantities. They try to have both small and large packs available; customers should ask the meat cutter for special packaging.

7. The next meeting will be held at the Frontier Club at 1330 hrs, 13 October 2011. For calendar purposes, below are future meeting dates; all meetings will be held at the Frontier Club beginning at 1330 hrs.

- 13 October 2011

- 8 December 2011

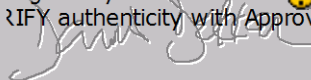
- 9 February 2012

- 12 April 2012

- 14 June 2012

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