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MEMORANDUM FOR President, Golf Advisory Council, The Links at Redstone,  
Redstone Arsenal, Alabama 35898-5000

SUBJECT: The Links at Redstone Golf Advisory Council Meeting Minutes -  
8 November 2017

1. The enclosed subject minutes are approved/disapproved.
2. My point of contact is Mr. Ed Nunn, Chief, Business Operations Division, Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, 256-842-0876 or eddie.w.nunn.naf@mail.mil.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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MEMORANDUM THRU Director, Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, (IMRE-MW/Mr. Derrick Gould), Redstone Arsenal, AL 35898

FOR Garrison Commander, (COL Thomas P. Holliday, Jr./IMRE-ZA),  
Redstone Arsenal, AL 35898

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1. The Golf Advisory Council conducted a meeting 8 November 2017, 1135, The Links at Redstone.

2. The agenda for the meeting is enclosed.

3. The following members/representatives were present:

Mr. Bill Stirling – Secretary and Volunteer Chair  
Mr. Tom Small – Handicap Committee Chair  
Mr. John Cook – The Links at Redstone  
Ms. Kathleen Stirling – Redstone Arsenal Ladies Golf Association (RSALGA)  
Ms. Kay Theodoss – Family Member Representative  
Mr. Ed Nunn – Chief, Business Operations Division  
Ms. Frances Sullivan – Member at Large

4. The following members/representatives were absent:

Ms. Jan Berry – Officer Representative  
Mr. Ron DeJong – Member at Large  
Dr. Marvin Carroll – Contractor Representative

5. The following guests/visitors were present:

COL Thomas P. Holliday, Jr., Garrison Commander  
CSM Billy R. Counts II, Garrison Command Sergeant Major

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6. Opening Remarks: Mr. Stirling opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. He particularly thanked COL Holliday and CSM Counts for taking time to attend the meeting. He stated that he had passed out copies of the Golf Advisory Council Charter dated July 2015 to facilitate discussions at the end of the meeting.

7. Golf Operations:

a. Mr. Cook noted that both the Handicap Tournament and Club and Senior Club Championship have been held since the last meeting.

b. The annual Chili Cook-off and Scramble held last weekend, 4 November, was well attended. The next golf event will be the 2-person Turkey Shoot on 18 November. This event features a different format every six holes. Ted's BBQ will be sponsoring the event.

c. The annual Christmas Party will be 1800, Friday, 1 December. As in past years, there will be many items on sale in the pro-shop.

d. Mr. Cook introduced the incoming Golf Manager, Mr. Trace Kea. Mr. Kea has been here one week and has had the opportunity to drive both courses with Mr. Larry Underwood. Mr. Kea stated that he was very impressed with the facilities and the variety of play that The Links has to offer. He stated that he was very impressed with all of the staff members he has met and looks forward to being a member of the team. He also looks forward to finding ways to improve the golf course and operations.

e. Mr. Nunn stated that repair of the cart path between number 5 green and number 6 tee on the Patriot course is underway. He also stated that new electric golf carts are being purchased and that they will be transitioning from gasoline powered carts to electric carts. This will be a phased project and will take some time.

8. Handicap Committee Report: Mr. Small reported that the committee marked the courses for the recent Golf Championships. The committee also verified handicaps for the Handicap Tournament, worked with the staff on resolving issues arising during the Championships, and ESC'ed the score cards before loading into the GHIN system. Mr. Cook thanked the committee for that effort.

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9. Volunteer Committee Report:

a. Mr. Stirling reported that volunteer Mr. Frank Thonus is doing much better and the bench refurbishment project has resumed. Currently, two benches are in the shop and 15 benches have been completed and placed back on the course. There are 10 more benches to refurbish on the course.

b. Ms. Stirling, with the assistance of Ms. Phyllis Hopson and Ms. Robbie Curry, have cleaned and painted all tee box markers (except green tees) on both courses.

c. Mr. Stirling told Mr. Kea that we have a very energetic and enthusiastic group of volunteers who are eager to support The Links at Redstone. Often the biggest challenge for the committee is identifying projects for the volunteers to undertake.

10. Ladies Golf Report:

a. Ms. Stirling stated that the end of the year for Ladies play was 1 November. It was a good year with many varied and fun events.

b. She also noted that the new slate of officers has been identified for the new year.

11. Representatives/Individual Report/Open Discussion:

a. Mr. Stirling opened this topic by asking for discussion on the merits of continuing to have a Golf Advisory Council.

b. Mr. Small stated that he was the individual who introduced this topic at a previous meeting. He then quoted from the Vision Statement of the Golf Advisory Charter focusing on "The Advisory Council represents the interests of The Links at Redstone (hereafter referred to as The Links) including active duty service members, Department of the Army Civilians, federal employees, retirees, Family members, and other eligible patrons of the Redstone Arsenal golfing community." The point being that the Council represents 98% of the population referenced in the Vision Statement and if the Council should continue, maximum effort should be made to ensure it is being used to its full potential. The meetings are a gathering of the members to discuss issues and provide status reports. Yet changes are being made that affect all users without input from the Golf Advisory Council. He went on to state that currently there are five vacancies on the Golf Advisory Council, to include the President position. The past President and two others have resigned because the Golf Advisory Council is not being utilized in the way it was intended.

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c. COL Holliday let the council know that he reads the Golf Council Minutes every month and is very impressed with the effort of volunteers and the Council. He stated that although he is not dictating that the Council continue, he believes it serves a very meaningful purpose. He went on to say that there does need to be better communication to the Golf Advisory Council and they should be the first to know what changes are being considered at The Links at Redstone.

d. CSM Counts commented on the great work that is being done by the volunteers. He wants to ensure that proper recognition is given to deserving individuals. Mr. Nunn commented that each year the golf volunteers are well represented at the annual Post-wide volunteer luncheon. Mr. Stirling stated that he is a member of the Redstone Army Volunteer Corps Advisory Council and will be attending the next meeting, 14 November.

e. There was discussion about closing out Council meetings for the year. In the past, the last Council meeting was held in November and meetings resumed the following March. After some discussion, it was agreed that the last meeting for 2017 will be 7 December. This will facilitate a preview of fees and charges for 2018 and a look at the tournament schedule for the upcoming year.

f. Mr. Stirling made a motion that the Golf Advisory Council continue in its current configuration. The motion was seconded by Mr. Small and carried by vote; there were no objections. Mr. Stirling said that he would prepare a revision to the Golf Advisory Council Charter to bring things up to date.

g. Mr. Stirling said that Mr. Gary Seal would be joining the Council as a member at the next meeting and would serve as an Enlisted Representative. This brings the total number of vacancies to five; President, one Officer, one Enlisted, one Federal Government, and one Member at Large.

12. Mr. Stirling closed the meeting and on behalf of all Council members extended appreciation to COL Holliday and CSM Counts for taking time to attend the Council meeting.

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13. The next Golf Advisory Council Meeting will take place Thursday,  
7 December 2017, 1130, The Links at Redstone.

14. The meeting adjourned at 1245.

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Golf Council Secretary

**The Links at Redstone  
Golf Advisory Council Meeting  
8 November 2017**

1130 – 1135	Meeting called to order and opening remarks	Bill Stirling
1135 – 1155	Golf Course Report	John Cook
1155 – 1200	Handicap Committee Report	Tom Small
1200 – 1205	Volunteer Committee Report	Bill Stirling
1205 – 1210	Ladies Golf Report	Kathleen Stirling
1210 – 1245	Representatives Individual Reports/ Open Discussion	
1245	Closure and Adjourn	

**Next Golf Advisory Council Meeting is 1130, Thursday, 7 December 2017**

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