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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

15 DEC 2017

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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 -
7 December 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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ROBERT L. MYERS
Deputy to the Garrison Commander

*Thank you
Golf Council!*



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11 DEC 2017

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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 7 December 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. Trace Kea – Golf Course Manager
 - Mr. John Cook – The Links at Redstone
 - Ms. Jan Berry – Officer Representative
 - Mr. Ron DeJong – Member at Large
 - Mr. Gary Seal – Enlisted Representative
 - Dr. Marvin Carroll – Contractor Representative
 - Ms. Kathleen Stirling – Redstone Arsenal Ladies Golf Association (RSALGA)
 - Ms. Kay Theodoss – Family Member Representative
 - Mr. Ed Nunn – Chief, Business Operations
 - Ms. Frances Sullivan – Member at Large
4. There were no members/representatives absent.
5. Opening Remarks: Mr. Stirling opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. He introduced and welcomed Mr. Gary Seal, newest member of the Council.

6. Golf Operations:

a. Mr. Kea stated that there have been some changes made to the course. These include filling in some bunkers, removing dead trees, and beginning the cart path repairs (e.g. Patriot Course between number five green and number six tee). He also stated that replacement trees will be planted in strategic locations.

b. Ms. Berry asked if it is time to have the course re-rated in light of the changes in bunkers, trees, etc. She also suggested that some of the par three green tee markers are too close to the green and should be part of a re-rating effort. The leadership of The Links will look at this recommendation.

c. Ms. Berry also asked about participation in the recent tournaments. Mr. Cook stated that there were about the “usual” number of men participants in all of the tournaments but only one woman signed up and played in the Club/Senior Club Championship. He also stated that combining the two tournaments made scoring difficult. Ms. Stirling stated that many women do not sign up because they do not believe they have a chance of winning. Ms. Berry offered to meet with Mr. Kea to discuss further. She also mentioned that there is a Tournament Committee that can be used as a resource if needed.

d. Colored yardage discs have been ordered and will be installed in the center of fairways at the 100, 150, 200, and 250 yard distances. There is no requirement to paint (or repaint) lines on the golf paths.

e. Mr. Underwood is developing a list of projects for the volunteers to undertake. The list will be given to Mr. Stirling.

f. The transition to electric powered carts will begin in the next few months with 26 new carts being ordered. There are sufficient electric outlets/drops in the current cart barn to handle this first batch of electric carts. They will be placed in the normal rotation of the golf cart pool. Patrons will not be allowed to reserve or request them. There is a project to modify the cart barn in the near future in order to support more electric carts.

g. Mr. Stirling asked about the two, three-wheel handicap carts that have been out of commission for some time. Mr. Kea stated they are still in the inventory and new batteries are being procured to put them back into service.

h. The new schedule of Fees and Charges has been developed for 2018. Highlights include a \$100 increase in annual membership fees; daily fees on weekends and holidays will increase by \$3; no change in golf cart rentals; the term of “user fee” has been changed to “maintenance fee” to more accurately describe its purpose (no change in the amount from 2017). Annual GHIN (USGA Handicap Services) fees for members will be \$35 and \$40 for non-members for the period 1 January-31 December 2018.

i. Mr. Stirling asked about the status of utilization of the starter shack on the Patriot Course. Mr. Cook stated that the plan is still to install an ice machine and vending machines with the intent to leave the building open for patron usage. The goal is to have this in place for the upcoming spring season. It was discussed that two, ice/water machines be purchased; one for the starter shack on the Patriot Course and the other for the patrons on the Warrior Course. This is similar to what some country clubs have for their members. Mr. Small noted that the roof of the facility needs to be cleaned of leaves and pine needles; this will be a volunteer project.

7. Handicap Committee Report: Mr. Small stated there is no report for this month. He brought up the subject of directional signs to be placed in key locations to assist new golfers in knowing where to go. Mr. Kea said that signs are being ordered.

8. Volunteer Committee Report:

a. Mr. Stirling reported that on 6 December, Ms. Phyllis Hopson, Ms. Kathleen Stirling, and he spent several hours cleaning up the front of the facility as a “winterization” project (i.e. trimming rose and other bushes, raking leaves, and removing dead grass and flowers).

b. Mr. Stirling stated that he looks forward to receiving the list of projects from Mr. Underwood. The only outstanding project that he knows of involves closing the driving range on a Sunday afternoon in order for volunteers to dig up buried range balls using broken golf club shafts. This project has been discussed over the past two years, but hasn’t taken place.

9. Ladies Golf Report:

a. Ms. Stirling stated that although their season is officially over for the winter months, many ladies will be playing on a weather dependent basis.

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b. She also stated that several ladies have mentioned a need to change some of the Weeden Mountain Grill regular menu items. Mr. Nunn stated that the January timeframe is normally when this occurs and requested input as to specific changes that are desired.

10. Representatives/Individual Report/Open Discussion:

a. Ms. Sullivan stated that many ladies complain that the “short rough” is too long and they often cannot find their ball. Mr. Kea stated that he has looked at this and assures patrons the grass is cut to proper lengths; any change to cutting heights could affect the course rating.

b. Mr. Stirling reported that prior to the Council meeting he had the opportunity to meet with Mr. Robert Myers, Deputy to the Garrison Commander, and Mr. Nunn. Mr. Myers is relatively new to the area and enjoys playing golf; he is looking forward to becoming a regular player at The Links. Among other topics, they discussed the Golf Advisory Council Charter, which was last revised in 2015. Mr. Myers asked that the Council look at the Charter to see if any changes might be in order, such as the make-up of the Council. Mr. Stirling asked Council members to do exactly that and be prepared to discuss at the next meeting.

11. Mr. Stirling closed the meeting by thanking everyone for their attendance and wishing everyone a happy holiday season.

12. The next Golf Advisory Council Meeting will take place Thursday, 4 January 2018, 1130, The Links at Redstone.

13. The meeting adjourned at 1245.

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WILLIAM W. STIRLING
COL, USA (Retired)
Golf Council Secretary

**The Links at Redstone
Golf Advisory Council Meeting
7 December 2017**

1130 – 1135	Meeting called to order and opening remarks	Bill Stirling
1135 – 1155	Golf Course Report	Trace
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	

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