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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 -
6 September 2018

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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Deputy to the Garrison 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 Deputy to the Garrison Commander, (Mr. Robert L. Myers/IMRE-ZB), Redstone Arsenal, AL 35898

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1. The Golf Advisory Council conducted a meeting 6 September 2018, The Links at Redstone.

2. The agenda for the meeting is enclosed.

3. The following members/representatives were present:

Mr. Tom Small – President / Handicap Committee Chair
Ms. Kay Theodoss – Secretary / Member at Large
Ms. Kathleen Stirling – Redstone Arsenal Ladies Golf Association (RSALGA)
Mr. Trace Kea – Manager, The Links at Redstone
Mr. Ed Nunn – Chief, Business Operations Division
Ms. Jan Berry – Member at Large
Dr. Marvin Carroll – Member at Large
Mr. Gary Seal – Member at Large
Mr. Tim Starostanko – Member at Large
Ms. Frances Sullivan – Member at Large

4. The following members/representatives were absent:

Mr. Ron DeJong – Member at Large

5. The following guests were present:

MG Neil Thurgood
Mr. Chris Fry

6. Opening Remarks:

a. Mr. Small opened the meeting at 1131. The first order of business was to discuss the memorial for Mr. Bill Stirling.

b. Mr. Nunn noted that Army Regulation 1-33, The Army Memorial Program, outlines the policy and procedure for memorials on Army installations. The approval process first goes through Family and MWR and then to the approval authority.

c. A memorial plaque is hanging in the lobby of The Links recognizing deceased members. This plaque was initiated by Mr. Stirling since The Links was trying to move away from erecting additional memorials on the course.

d. Members discussed the role of the Golf Advisory Council to make a recommendation on requests for memorials. The Golf Advisory Council does not need to insert itself in this process since AR 1-33 has a set procedure for recommending and approving these requests. Ms. Berry made a motion to remove the Golf Advisory Council from the recommendation/approval process and allow the memorial request to be done in accordance with AR 1-33. Ms. Sullivan seconded the motion. The present voting members approved the motion.

e. Mr. Kea and Mr. Nunn will work with Ms. Phylis Hopson regarding her proposal for the memorial.

7. Golf Operations: Mr. Kea reported on the following:

a. The Club Championship was held Saturday and Sunday, 11-12 August 2018. The Links had \$3,000 in sponsor donations to support the prize money.

b. The Senior Club Championship is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, 15–16 September 2018.

c. Membership has been steadily increasing throughout the year even though the membership rolls are slightly under the number from last year. The number of rounds played are at the same level as the previous year.

d. The Links will begin the process of overseeding on Patriot greens 24 September 2018. The Patriot course will be closed for approximately 2 weeks to allow the seed to germinate.

e. The 11th hole green on Patriot is still recovering and has been closed while a temporary green has been put in place to allow the green to get healthy. The green will need to recover with its own growth, as this type of grass seed is not available on the market. The Links hopes to have the green open for the Senior Club Championship.

f. The long range plan for Fiscal Year 2020 is to replace the greens on Patriot and make them more consistent on the front and back of the course.

8. Handicap Committee Report:

a. Mr. Small stated the committee reviewed the tournament rules and made changes to reflect how the course would be played for Club Championships. The committee also answered questions regarding rulings in accordance with the United States Golf Association. The committee reviewed Club Championship scorecards and made adjustments to the gross score using equitable stroke control (ESC) when necessary. The Links staff posted those scores in the Golf Handicap Information Network for the players.

9. Volunteer Committee Report: Ms. Stirling reported that the volunteers have a few painting projects to begin. She will be working with Mr. DeJong to coordinate with the volunteers for various projects.

10. Ladies Golf Report: Ms. Stirling stated that all is going well.

11. Representatives/Individual Report/Open Discussion:

a. Mr. Seal asked about a way for patrons to provide feedback regarding their round on the course and was told that an ICE comment/suggestion box is available in the Pro Shop.

b. Mr. Seal was also concerned about several sprinkler leaks and the increase of weeds on the course. Ms. Berry agreed with his comments and added that there are also a significant number of bare spots and washout areas in the fairways. Mr. Kea commented that The Links has been combating the weed issue and looking for a proper solution to reduce or eliminate the weeds. They are also using the deliberate overseeding approach to address the bare areas.

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c. Mr. Small recommended adding another voting member to the Golf Advisory Council. Ms. Berry made a motion to set aside the bio requirement for Mr. Fry and add him to the council. Mr. Carroll seconded the motion. The present voting members approved the motion.

d. MG Neil Thurgood recommended establishing a communication plan to increase interest and better inform the golf community of changes and activities at the golf course.

12. Mr. Small adjourned the meeting at 1239 and thanked everyone for their support and their attendance.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas Small". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

THOMAS SMALL
Golf Council President

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**The Links at Redstone
Golf Advisory Council Meeting
6 September 2018**

1130 – 1135	Opening Remarks	Tom Small
	• Review and Vote Bill Stirling Memorial Proposal	
1135 – 1155	Golf Course Report	Trace Kea
1155 – 1200	Handicap Committee Report	Tom Small
1200 – 1210	Volunteer Committee Report	Kathleen Stirling
1210 – 1215	Ladies Golf Report	Kathleen Stirling
1215 – 1220	Representatives Individual Reports	
1220 – 1230	Old Business	
1230	Closure and Adjourn	

Next Golf Advisory Council Meeting is 1130, Thursday, 4 October 2018.