

## NMRC MINUTES

10 July 2024

To: NMRC Members

The Nebraska Military Retiree Council met at 0900, 10 July 2024. The meeting was called to order by President Bill Nelson.

**Officers Present:** Bill Nelson, Dick Burch, Deb Tankesley, Bryan Tlamka; Members at Large: Randy Frazier, Joe Garcia, Merlyn Schuster, Dave Petersen, John Bailey and Peggy Brown **Guests:** Col Hansen, CMSgt Horne and MSG Hartman

**Secretary's Report**: The minutes of the previous meeting were mailed/emailed to members. A motion to accept the minutes was made and seconded, the motion was approved.

**Membership:** As of 10 July 2024, the NMRC had 570 members. Breakdown: 434 paid members, 33 life members, 61 widows and 42 complimentary 2024 memberships.

**Treasurer's Report:** A quarterly report was presented. Current balance in checking is \$14,356.82. Expenses were for the Annual Social, St. Lo support, NG Golf Tournament and American Legion #52. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made and seconded; the motion was approved.

## **OLD BUSINESS**:

Garth Scism expressed a thank you from the American Legion Post #52 for the support donation. He received numerous positive comments. He looks forward to hosting next year and more attending.

Dave Petersen and John Bailey supported the St. Lo Run in Seward. There was a good number of runners.

John Bailey reported the Annual Social held 22 Jun at the NNG Museum was a success. All enjoyed the interesting presentation by Jerry Meyer covering the history of the Higgins Boat and seeing it.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

The Secretary of the Army selected CSM (Ret) Richard Burch as the next Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army (CASA) for Nebraska. Dick explained the responsibilities of the position. He will be able to continue as NMRC Vice President with some limitations.

MSG Hartman discussed the Retiree Appreciation Day to be held on 7 September 2024 at the Sesostris Shrine Hall, 1050 Saltillo Road, Roca, NE. A flyer will be sent out with details when finalized. Attendees invited will be retirees (ANG, ARNG and other branches), gray area retirees, spouses and those currently serving with 18 years or more of service. Topics and presenters being discussed include: VA, TRICARE, Space A, National Cemeteries, ID cards, USAA and others. Planning 0800-1500 for the day with a lunch option available. A motion for the NMRC to supply the coffee and donuts was made and seconded; the motion as approved. Col Hansen, Director of Staff-Air discussed a recent NNG Showcase event held for the community and political leaders that the 155<sup>th</sup> ARW is competing in for the K46 Tanker. He also discussed a recent medical care team partnership with the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) that a few servicemembers will become involved with

CMSgt Horne, Command Chief: The Air deployment is still ongoing in Guam. The ANG/ARNG personnel who performed duty in TX for Operation Lone Star have returned. The Nebraska ARNG received 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in the Region V Best Warrior Competition held in May. MG Strong and staff are planning to visit the city of Beatrice on 29 August 2024 for the Community Partnership Program.

No further business was discussed. Meeting adjourned at 1000, 10 July 2024

<u>OTHER COMMENTS:</u> Questions, comments or need assistance let us know. **NMRC Meetings: 9 October 2024, 0900** at the East Campus Readiness Center, Room 206. All are welcome to attend meetings held quarterly on the second Wednesday of January, April, July, and October at the East Campus Readiness Center. NMRC Dues are \$5.00/year or No Dues Life Membership for 85+

## Upcoming activities:

First Monday each month, 0700, ARNG Retirees, Virginia's Café, Lincoln
Last Monday each month, 0700, ANG Retirees, Stauffer's Café, Lincoln
Second Saturday each month, 0800, North Platte area Retirees, Perkins Restaurant, I-80 & S. Hwy 83
Third Wednesday each month, 1100, Patty's Pub, Lincoln
Quarterly, TBA, Kearney area Retirees Breakfast
17-18 Jul: Veterans Claim Clinic, Atkinson
26 Jul: Enlisted Assn Golf Tournament, Ashland
8-11 Aug: NE Vietnam Veterans Reunion, Lincoln
2 Sep: NE State Fair Veterans Day Program, Grand Island
7 Sep: Retiree Appreciation Day, Roca – Details TBA
27-28 Sep: Women Veterans Symposium, Kearney – Details TBA

**Retirement:** ARNG: SFC Chris Niles, (402) 309-8162, <u>christopher.m.niles.mil@army.mil</u>. ANG: <u>https://www.arpc.afrc.af.mil/retirement/</u> or Total Force Service Center 800-525-0102 <u>https://www.retirees.af.mil/</u>

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