



NMRC MINUTES

9 January 2025

To: NMRC Members

The Nebraska Military Retiree Council met at 0900, 9 January 2025. 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: CMSgt Horne, CMSgt Tontegode, MSG Hartman and SFC Olsen

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 31 Dec 2024, the NMRC had 589 members.

Update: 26 have not renewed their membership. 27 complimentary members became paid members. 14 States are represented in the membership.

Treasurer's Report: A quarterly report was presented. Current balance in checking is \$15,065.81. Expenses were for the Wreaths Across America and supplies. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made and seconded; the motion was approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

The 2024 Election ballots were counted and the results were:

President re-elected: Bill Nelson

Secretary re-elected: Deb Tankesley

Members-at-Large re-elected: Joe Garcia, Merlyn Schuster and Peggy Brown

A Founders Award recommendation was reviewed. The approved recipient will be announced after notification has been made. The presentation date of the award will be announced.

The NMRC supported the haunted armory in Lincoln and the Readiness Center in Kearney.

Bill reported we received a thank you from Wyuka for the Wreaths Across America.

Reminder that all ID cards will need to be updated to the new white cards by 31 December 2025. More information will be in the annual email.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dick discussed the new Tricare West Region changes. He shared that the deadline for the payment changes was extended to 15 and 30 January. Peggy added the new website is www.tricare.mil/west. More information will be sent out.

John discussed the login for various government sites. Many now require ID.me or Login.gov to verify access to your accounts. Discussed the Windfall Elimination Program (WEP) and Government Pension Offset (GPO) that can affect public/government retirees. John discussed he will check dates available at the NNG Museum for the Annual NMRC Social.

Dick discussed the ceremony/celebration for the 250th Army Birthday on 14 June 2025. He will be visiting Army Reserve members and plans to invite them to join the NMRC.

MSG Hartman discussed dates for conducting a 2025 Retiree Appreciation Day.

SFC Leah Olson was introduced as the new ARNG Retirement NCO replacing SFC Chris Niles.

CMSgt Horne will be retiring as the Command Chief on 12 February with a ceremony on 1 February. He introduced his replacement CMSgt Scott Tontegode. He discussed MG Strong's #1 goal is recruiting. The Community Partnership Program for involvement in more towns is being planned. The NE Guard has a new partnership with Tanzania. The Annual ANG Retiree Breakfast is being planned more details to follow. CMSgt Tiesthammer will be the new Wing Command Chief.

No further business was discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 1000, 8 January 2025

OTHER COMMENTS: Questions, comments or need assistance let us know.

NMRC Meetings: 9 April 2025, 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 NMRC Life Membership with no dues 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

31 Jan: Veterans Legislative Day, State Capitol

24 Jan: Chaplains & Suicide Prevention Program, Lexington, NE

8 Feb: Greater Nebraska Military Ball, Kearney NE

Retirement: ARNG: SFC Leah Olsen, (402) 309-8162, leah.m.olsen2.mil@army.mil

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