



## NMRC MINUTES

9 October 2024

To: NMRC Members

The Nebraska Military Retiree Council met at 0900, 9 October 2024. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Dick Burch.

**Officers Present:** Dick Burch, Deb Tankesley; Members at Large: Randy Frazier, Joe Garcia, Merlyn Schuster, Dave Petersen and Peggy Brown

**Absent:** Bill Nelson, Bryan Tlamka & John Bailey

**Guests:** COL Daniel Benes, CSM Dennis Krecklow and Jocelyn Kuta

**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 9 Oct 2024, the NMRC had 589 members.

Breakdown: 447 paid members, 33 life members, 57 widows and 52 complimentary memberships.

**Treasurer's Report:** A quarterly report was presented. Current balance in checking is \$14,170.81.

Expenses were for the Retiree Appreciation Day. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made and seconded; the motion was approved.

### OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion pertained to the Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD) held on 7 Sep. Comments were that it was well attended by over 100, the representatives from the VA, ARNG and ANG along with a variety of presentations were informative and beneficial.

### NEW BUSINESS:

#### 2025 NMRC Dues (\$5.00/year or Life Membership for those 85+ without dues):

Members whose dues expire 31 Dec 2024 will receive a separate email/mail notification.

We are only able to accept check or cash.

#### 2025 Election Ballot & 2024 Founders Award (Due NLT 15 Dec 2024):

Attached is the Election Ballot and Founders Award Nomination forms. You may submit your vote by names in an email, scan or airmail to the P.O. Box.

COL Benes, Chief of Staff-Army: He discussed the fiscal status of the ARNG. Preparations are being made for the process of deployment of troops known as Notification of Sourcing (NOS) of ARNG medical, ANG fire fighters and an ARNG maintenance company. Possible to send troops to Florida due to the hurricane. The ARNG recruiting goal is to gain 388. Proposing legislation for a monetary bonus to those serving, served or retirees that refer a recruit who enlists.

CSM Krecklow, Command Sergeant Major: The Community Partnership Program (CPP) will be visiting Doniphan, VA Memorial and Grand Island on 16 Oct 2024. Previous visits to enhance relationships with the community and leaders were in Wahoo and Beatrice. The Adjutant General's #1 goal is recruiting. There have been numerous ARNG Change of Responsibility moves for Command Sergeants Majors. Many soldiers are retiring at 20 to 25 years of service. The Governor's 10 Shoot (previous known as TAG Shoot) was attended by 100 Army and Air members in Hastings. CMSgt Horne will be retiring and his replacement announced in the next few weeks.

Jocie Kuta discussed the Women's Symposium held 27-28 Sep that was well attended with many informative presentations. The Warrior, Soldier and Family Readiness, which is for those serving or retired, have had to rearrange personnel due to funding. Chaplain Sauer and Jocie will be presenting Safe Talk – Suicide Awareness in Lexington NE and the flyer for registration will be sent to members.

Peggy discussed a Veterans Appreciation event at St Marks in Lincoln on 10 Nov. MG (Ret) Bohac will be a guest speaker. A flyer will be sent out. The Lincoln Veterans Parade organization is still looking for volunteers. She plans to represent the NMRC at the Lincoln Haunted Armory. Garth and Vickie Scism plan to represent the NMRC at the Kearney Haunted Readiness Center.

A request was presented from Wyuka for Wreaths Across America. A motion was made to approve \$170 for 15 wreaths to be placed at Wyuka Soldiers Circle, the motion was seconded and approved.

No further business was discussed.  
Meeting adjourned at 1010, 9 October 2024

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

**NMRC Meetings: 8 January 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 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  
16 Oct: Community Partnership Program, Grand Island NE  
18 Oct: Haunted Armory, Lincoln, NE  
19 Oct: Retiree Appreciation Day, Ft Riley KS  
19 Oct: Retiree Appreciation Day, Offutt AFB  
24 Oct: Haunted Readiness Center, Kearney NE  
2 Nov: Veterans Parade, Lincoln NE  
8 Nov: SafeTalk Suicide, Lexington, NE  
10 Nov: St Marks Veteran Appreciation Event, Lincoln NE

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