



NMRC MINUTES

12 April 2023

To: NMRC Members

The Nebraska Military Retiree Council met at 0900, 12 April 2023. The meeting was called to order by President Bill Nelson.

Officers Present: Bill Nelson, Dick Burch, Bryan Tlamka, Deb Tankesley; Members at Large: Randy Frazier, Joe Garcia, John Bailey and Peggy Brown

Absent: Merlyn Schuster and Dave Petersen

Guests: CW5 Henderson, CMSgt Horne, Dan Mitchell, SFC Niles and Bill Wiechert

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

Membership: As of 1 Apr 2023, the NMRC had 547 members.

Treasurer's Report: Bryan presented a quarterly report. Expenses were memorials. Current balance in checking is \$14,235.24. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made and seconded; the motion was approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

John Bailey reported that 17 June 2023 was available for the Retiree Social at the NNG Museum in Seward. The meal will be catered and alcohol available. The cost will be \$15 per person. Retired non-members are welcome with the cost plus their \$5 membership. The flyer will be sent out and distributed at ARNG and ANG breakfasts. A motion to approve the date, location and cost was made and seconded, the motion was approved.

Founders Award 2022: At the Retiree Social each year the Founders Award is presented to individual(s) who have demonstrated a significant interest in and have provided support of programs and activities affecting NE Military Retirees. Congratulations to the recipients Jerry Meyer, Ken Meyer, Al Riggins and Tom Brewer for 2022.

NEW BUSINESS:

In accordance with the by-laws, President Nelson accepted Al Riggins request to step down as Treasurer and appointed Bryan Tlamka as Interim Treasurer to fill the remaining term of Al's appointment. If desired, Bryan will be placed for election in his own right in October 2023.

Bill discussed supporting the annual St. Lo Run at the NNG Museum on 3 Jun 2023. Dave, John and Peggy will setup. The motion was made to cover the cost of groceries (fruit and water) and seconded; the motion was approved. Volunteers to assist are welcome.

Bill discussed that the ANG Chiefs Council asked if we could share our contact list of retirees to update their roster. Input was that sharing with a military organization we are affiliated with would be acceptable. A motion was made to share name, email, addresses and phone numbers of ANG NMRC members, the motion was seconded and approved.

Dick discussed that the VA and USCIS is hiring. Applications online at USAJobs.gov.

SFC Chris Niles, ARNG Retirement NCO explained that the Survivor Benefit Program (SBP) Open Season runs until Jan 2024. The policy guidance was received this week. If you would like to opt into or out of SBP there are many factors to consider and contacting your Retirement NCO or Air Reserve Personnel Center (ARPC) for guidance is advised. He is looking into sending a list of new retirees with emails to the NMRC affording the council the opportunity to send a courtesy introduction to the Council.

Dan Mitchell, Army Funeral Honors: The ARNG funeral honors began in 2004. They can only perform duties for Army personnel. They have teams located in Columbus, Kearney, Lincoln, Omaha and Scottsbluff. For Air personnel, Offutt conducts honors. Requests are received from funeral homes and need to include honorable or medical DD-214 or NGB 22 to be able to perform military honors. The ARNG has performed over 1300 funerals annually in the State. Funeral homes will coordinate with the American Legion and VFW when needed. If questions the emails are: USAF Honor Guard – OffuttHonorGuard@us.af.mil and Army Honor Guard – ng.ne.nearng.mbx.military-funeral-honors@army.mil or ARNG Military Funeral Honors. Dan Mitchell – Daniel.p.mitchell.ctr@army.mil (402-440-9094). MFH State Coordinator.

CMSgt Horne, Command Chief affirmed Offutt is used for Air Force Honor Guard duties. He asked to remind everyone about the 26 April 2023 Annual ANG Retiree Breakfast with doors open a 0730 and meal at 0800. The Commissary is now fully funded and should see prices stabilize. The announcement will be coming out that Maj Gen Bohac's change of command will be 8 July 2023 at the Pinnacle Bank Arena. Interviews will be conducted and his replacement should be announced the end of May. The 2023 Air Show will be 26-27 August with consideration being given to invite retirees to the Friday, 25 August show. The ANG Base will be receiving a Flight Simulator in the near future which also will be used by surrounding States.

CW5 Henderson, State Command CWO explained that leadership conducted a Strength Maintenance Retret with Unit, BN and MSC leadership to improve End Strength Objective. Currently, four units deployed with 2 units deploying in the next 30 days. CSM Scott Hansen is retiring in June. A ground breaking ceremony was held in September for the new Bellevue Readiness Center.

Peggy volunteered that she could collect dues at the East Campus Readiness Center for those who would like to drop off rather than mail in.

No further business was discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 1010, 12 Apr 2023

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

NMRC Meetings: 12 July 2023, 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

24 Apr: Veterans Claims Clinic, Phelps Agriculture Center, 1308 2nd St, Holdrege NE

26 Apr: Annual ANG Retiree Breakfast, 0800, Wing Dining

29 Apr: Military Kid's Ball, SAC Museum, Ashland

10 May: Retiree briefing, 1900hr, Kearney American Legion Post #52

27 May: 3rd Annual Patriotic Parade & Concert, Downtown Omaha

3 Jun: 8th Annual "Run to St. Lo", NNG Museum, Seward

17 Jun: NMRC Social at NNG Museum in Seward

Retirement: ARNG: SFC Chris Niles, (402) 309-8162, christopher.m.niles.mil@army.mil.

ANG: <https://www.arpc.afrc.af.mil/retirement/> or Total Force Service Center 800-525-0102

<https://www.retirees.af.mil/>

NMRC Email: nmrc90@gmail.com Website: www.neguard.org/retirement_council/

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