



October 17, 2022

MEMORANDUM FOR RETIREES

Minutes of the October 2022 Bi-monthly membership meeting of the Misawa Military Retirees' Association (MMRA)

1. The meeting was held on Tuesday, October 4th at 1700 In the Gray Room of the Consolidated Open Mess. Presiding officers: President Paul Sayles, Vice-President Gary Grishaver, Secretary-Joseph Roginski, Treasurer Dave Barton and 12 general members were in attendance.
2. Joe Roginski read the minutes of the August 2022 meeting, which were accepted and approved.
3. OLD Business:
 - a. Toby Fanelli – Joe Roginski reported that Bill Tuttle and himself took Toby to the Aomori Immigration Office on September 28th and processed an application for extension of long-term residency. We also started an application for permanent residence, which requires more documents. That application is in process now. Joe Roginski commented that he has paid the house rent up to December, and toby has agreed that he needs to give up the house. Joe suggested that we rent a storage locker and store his personal items such as papers, photos, etc. and then dispose of the furniture, clean up and turn over the house to the landlord. Bill suggested that this process be completed through the winter into spring. Lee Martin noted that the Powers of Attorney for Dave, Gary, Joe and Bill are expiring and need to be done. (Open)
 - b. COVID – Dave Barton commented that the hospital has the boosters now and you can use the hospital application to make appointments for the shots. Ray Eberhardt added that it you have to cancel to call ahead so shots are not wasted. Paul Sayles commented that the flu shot line opens on 14 October at the Community Commons, times to be announced, and that the flu shot and covid shots can be taken at the same time. Gary Grishaver added that he has posted the URL for the shot appointments but he can post it again if needed. Paul added that the omicron booster is from Phiser and the Moderna version is still pending. (Open)
4. NEW Business
 - a. Air Show – A member reported that the attendance to the air show was about 35,000 far less than the usual 75,000, due to that fact that attendance was limited by tickets only. (Closed)
 - b. Commissary – A member commented that the shortages at the commissary continue but stocking should be optimal soon. (Closed)
 - c. Appreciation Day – Dave Barton reported that the Retiree appreciation Day will be held on 22nd of October, support request letters were sent to all relevant units and organizations, Supporting unit leadership will attend. Breakfast cost will be borne by the MMRA as no support from the spouses' club was offered. Dave commented that we are running behind on RSVPs and asked members to contact other members. We need a good estimate of members and guests to plan for the breakfast. The breakfast is from 0800-0930 and the drawing at the Exchange foyer will be from 10:00 to noon. (Open)

- d. Paul Sayles reported on the passing of SMSgt Allen Holecek, USAF, retired. Allen served at Misawa as a flight medicine technician and worked at AAFES Misawa for many years as a technical trainer and human resources clerk. He said the family did not want a large attendance to the funeral services to prevent infections and purposefully did not announce the services. Al was a long serving member of the Misawa Community and he will be missed. (Closed)
 - e. Base Access Sticker for Automobiles – Bill Tuttle reported the base vehicle access sticker (Form 95EJ) is no longer required for individuals with proper base access documentation (ID issued or recognized by DBIDS). (Closed)
 - f. There was a discussion about whether our constitution allows gifts to be given to other organizations and if our by-laws need to be updated. Dave Barton responded that our by-laws allow for gifts up to \$100 and action required by the general membership for amounts over that. (Closed)
5. Financial Report – Dave Barton read the financial report from 2 August to present: Beginning balance of \$9,418.61. Income: MMRA dues of \$100.00. General fund donations of \$161.00, and account dividends of 0.16. Our total income was \$261.16. Expenses: The club bill for August was \$137.64. Widow's Fund balance is \$5,450.62, General Fund \$4,091.51 for ending balance of \$9,542.13. A motion was made and passed to accept the report. (Closed)
 6. A motion to adjourn passed and the meeting closed at 1755. The next bi-monthly meeting will be at 1700 on 6 December 2022 in the Club Tohoku Gray Room.

(signed)

JOSEPH ROGINSKI
Secretary, MMRA