



February 27, 2023

MEMORANDUM FOR RETIREES

Minutes of the February 2023 Bi-monthly membership meeting of the Misawa Military Retirees' Association (MMRA)

1. The meeting was held on Tuesday, February 7th at 1700 In the Gray Room of the Consolidated Open Mess. Presiding officers: President Paul Sayles, Vice-President Gary Grishaver, Secretary-Joseph Roginski, and 10 general members were in attendance.
2. Paul Sayles read the minutes of the December 2022 meeting, which were accepted and approved.
3. OLD Business:
 - a. Toby Fanelli – Joe Roginski reported that Toby's application for permanent residence is still pending and the immigration office needed some more documents. Joe also reported that he is still looking for a storage locker for Toby's personal effects. Any suggestions are greatly appreciated as every place in Misawa on and off base is full. (Open)
 - b. There has been no feedback from the recent consulate visit so we were not able to reply to any questions concerning the visit. (Open)
 - c. Paul Sayles reported that there was no base-wide Red Feather campaign this year so he donated the three thousand yen he collected last meeting to the Misawa City Welfare Office. (Closed)
4. NEW Business
 - a. Joe Roginski reported that all long-term residents (non-SOFA) are required to participate in the Japanese long-term care insurance and national health insurance programs. (Closed)
 - b. A question was asked about any changes in dental care for retirees. Paul Sayles replied that Col Cotton said "continue as we were". We will report any changes and if there are any more "retiree dental care days" as information comes available. (Open)
 - c. Joe Roginski reported that the changes for coverage to non-active duty announced by the Defense Health Agency (DHA) does not apply to retirees. We are still provided access to the Military Treatment Facilities (MTF) by law second in priority to active duty. (Closed)
 - d. Gary Grishaver reported the shot clinic has the "bi-valent" vaccine now. (Closed)
 - e. Bill Tuttle reported that Angie Barber's tax accounting business is a good option for those who do not want to do their own and her rates are reasonable (about \$100). He will provide contact information to anyone interested. (Closed)
5. Financial Report – Dave Barton being on vacation, Joe Roginski read the financial report from 1 December to present: Beginning balance of \$8,293.43. Income: MMRA dues of \$60.00. Widow's fund donation of \$159.00, and account dividends of 0.15. Our total income was \$219.15. Expenses: The club bill for December was \$245.64. Widow's Fund balance is \$5609.62, General Fund \$2,657.32 for ending balance of \$8,266.94. A motion was made and passed to accept the report. (Closed)

6. A motion to adjourn passed and the meeting closed at 1725. The next bi-monthly meeting will be at 1700 on 4 April 2023 in the Club Tohoku Gray Room.

(signed)

JOSEPH ROGINSKI

Secretary, MMRA