



April 17, 2023

MEMORANDUM FOR RETIREES

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

1. The meeting was held on Tuesday, April 4th at 1700 In the Gray Room of the Consolidated Open Mess. Presiding officers: President Paul Sayles, Vice-President Gary Grishaver, Secretary-Joseph Roginski, and Dave Barton, Treasurer, and 11 general members were in attendance.
2. Joe Roginski read the minutes of the February 2022 meeting, which were accepted and approved.
3. Paul Sayles introduced Exchange staff, Maricarl Martwick, Store Manager, and Alyssa Grower, Associate, who made a presentation of a new service, an outlet for the Janz Medical Supply Company. The company provides a wide ranges of medical support supplies for diabetics, CPAP devices, oxygen devices, wheelchairs, electric scooters, and more. The Exchange and the Janz Company will assist in purchases and or rentals of medical devices to pick up in-store or be shipped directly, and can assist in processing TRICARE, VA and other insurance coverage. Stop by the Exchange or the RAO for brochure and information.
4. OLD Business:
 - a. Toby Fanelli – Joe Roginski reported that Toby's application for permanent residence is still pending after he provided all additional documents to the immigration office. 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. (Closed)
 - c. Paul Sayles reported that he was not able to donate the Red Feather money to the city welfare office, so he donated \$45 to the Air Force Assistance Fund. (Closed)
5. NEW Business
 - a. Paul Sayles commented that base registration decal is no longer required for non-SOFA retirees and that the valid ID card gets you on base. It is now only required for SOFA personnel and to verify that the driver has paid the vehicle tax. (Closed)
 - b. Dave Barton reported that Col Cotton said that the DHA is ok with the status quo, no change for retiree health care or dental care. He is looking into using family days to be used as special clinic days for retirees to include dental care. We will report any changes as information comes available. (Open)
 - c. Paul Sayles noted that the MMRA is the corporate sponsor of the Misawa Air Base Boy Scouts of America and they are planning camping expeditions to Okinawa and even Nepal. The BSA is soliciting donations to support their activities. A motion was made and approved to donate \$100 to the Misawa BSA. Donation is pending. (Open.)
 - d. Ray Eberhardt reported that the Viet Nam War Commemoration at the Exchange was excellent and thanked all who made this a successful event. (Closed)

- e. Gary Grishaver reported that he and his wife had attended a fundraiser for the Shichinohe special needs school and they had a display and sale of handmade arts and crafts. Gary and his wife bought a bunch of handmade magnets and gave them out free to anyone who attended the meeting. (Closed)
 - f. Joe Roginski reminded the membership that he paid the next three months of Toby's rent and the landlord gave him a discount, and that we should make a concerted effort to dispose of the house contents during the next three months. Bill Tuttle said he has a "K truck" that could be used in this effort. Joe suggested that we solicit a committee of volunteers to support the effort. Bill said he would send out an e-mail to solicit volunteers. He said that he and Lee Martin would go to the house to assess the contents and start planning. (Open)
 - g. Dave Barton said that Col Cotton was considering changing the Med Group's support of the Retiree Appreciation Day from the Exchange foyer to be at the hospital clinic after the event. He felt that the current activity was not as effective as it could be. (Open)
 - h. Bill Tuttle reported that after Allen Holecek passed away, the JAFC gave him Allen's generator. It is a 5500 watt machine and he will sell it at a very reasonable price to any retiree. It was immediately sold and Bill made a donation of \$25 to the Widows fund. (Closed)
6. Financial Report – Dave Barton read the financial report from February to present: Beginning balance of \$8,266.93. Income: MMRA dues of \$100.00, account dividends of 0.13, for total income was \$100.13. Expenses: The club bill for February was \$167.64. The web hosting bill from Go Daddy was \$335.76 for two more years. The Airman Leadership School plaque came to \$354.90 but half of that will be covered by the AFSA and this refund will show in the next report. Total expenses are \$858.30. Widow's Fund stands at \$5,609.62. General Fund is \$1,899.14. Ending balance is \$7,508.76. A motion was made and passed to accept the report. (Closed)
7. A motion to adjourn passed and the meeting closed at 1800. The next bi-monthly meeting will be at 1700 on 6 Junel 2023 in the Club Tohoku Gray Room.

(signed)

JOSEPH ROGINSKI
Secretary, MMRA