



June 26, 2023

## MEMORANDUM FOR RETIREES

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

1. The meeting was held on Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup> 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 10 general members were in attendance.
2. Joe Roginski read the minutes of the April 2023 meeting, which were accepted and approved.
3. OLD Business:
  - a. Toby Fanelli – Joe Roginski updated the membership on Toby's status, reporting that he has been moved into a new assisted living facility called Marigold. The facility allows Toby a little more freedom of movement and he has his own room with his own furnishings. Visiting is a little more liberal, limited to 20 minutes and two persons, by reservation. Joe has acquired a storage locker in Hachinohe and Lee Martin has been moving some of Toby's personal effects into the locker. He reported that Mr. Morinaga, Toby's legal guardian, will be in Misawa the weekend of 22-25 to go through the house and sort valuables, and update Toby's legal address. (Open)
4. NEW Business
  - a. Dave Barton reported that Col Cotton of the Med Group has not yet provided an update of the Medical Group's support of the coming Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD). He also has no new information concerning the proposal to using Family Days as special clinic days including dental, for retirees. Dave will inquire and follow up. Paul Sayles added that on Family Days at the hospital there will be partial staffing and some facilities will still be available. (Open)
  - b. Paul Sayles commented that the Boy Scouts received our donation and their awards ceremony will be reported in our next newsletter. Sponsoring the Misawa AB Boy Scout troop is a no-cost activity for our association. (Closed)
  - c. Paul Sayles reported that he met with the hospital vice- commander, Col Wilson, who said that this is PCS time and there will be reduced staffing. Our new member, Brian Rebo, who is associated with the Med Group, added that there is intense training required incident with the implementation of a new electronic health care records system, NH Genesis, which will probably cause delays in scheduling appointments and fewer appointments available. He suggested that if a member needs to schedule appointments, do it sooner to get the appointment when you need it. This situation will probably continue through September. (Open)
  - d. Paul Sayles reported that the MMRA donated \$50 to the Edgren Hight School graduation. This was an approval after the fact because the process began after the last meeting and the donation was needed before the next meeting. (Closed)
  - e. Gary Grishaver proposed amending the Constitution in the part that allows emergency approval for items \$100 or less, to read "short notice items" instead of "emergency approval". It was moved to propose the

change to the membership and Dave Barton will put out a notice to all before voting on the change at the next meeting. (Open)

5. Financial Report – Dave Barton read the financial report. From last meeting in April: Beginning balance of \$7,508.75. MMRA dues income \$20.00. A donation to the Widow’s Fund of \$25.00, an MMRA donation of \$72 (10,000 yen), and a rebate of \$180.00 from the ALS plaque and \$0.12 for account dividends our total income of \$297.12. Expenses: the club bill for April of \$245.64, the donation of \$100 to the Boy Scouts, and the donation of \$50 to Edgren, for a total of \$395.64. Widow’s Fund balance stands at \$5,634.62, General Fund at \$1,775.62 for ending balance of \$7,410.24. A motion was made and passed to accept the report. (Closed)
6. A motion to adjourn passed and the meeting closed at 1745. The next bi-monthly meeting will be at 1700 on 1 August 2023 in the Club Tohoku Gray Room.

*(signed)*

JOSEPH ROGINSKI  
Secretary, MMRA

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