



February 10, 2025

MEMORANDUM FOR RETIREES

Minutes of the February 2025 bi-monthly membership meeting of the Misawa Military Retirees' Association (MMRA).

1. The meeting was held on Tuesday, February 4, at 1700 in the Faultline Room of the Consolidated Open Mess. Joe Roginski read the minutes of the December 2024 meeting which were approved and accepted.
2. Presiding Officers: President-Paul Sayles; Vice-President-Gary Grishaver; Treasurer-Dave Barton, and Secretary-Joe Roginski.
3. Purpose: Bi-monthly general membership meeting to inform the membership of matters pertaining to the operations of the Association, and to canvass the membership on matters of concern in operation of the Association, and any issues pertaining to living in Japan, living and working in and around Misawa Air Base.
4. Members present: 15, including officers.

Special Guests: There were no special guests at this meeting.

6. Old Business

- a. Retiree Appreciation Day – Dave Barton reported that he is still hoping to get the Wing to finance future RAD breakfast events. (Closed)

7. New Business

- a. Joe Roginski commented that the Navy Federal Credit Union has changed their policy regarding account beneficiaries in that all new beneficiaries must have an SSN or TIN. Bill Tuttle added that those beneficiaries named before this new policy who did not have an SSN or TIN would be grandfathered. Joe added that since finding this out he has been advising Japanese widow members who needed to add a beneficiary but cannot because of this restriction, to move their account to the Aomori Michinoku Bank. (Closed)
- b. Paul Sayles reported on upcoming Medical Group holiday closures. All holidays the UCC is open. On the Family Day scheduled February 10, the clinics will be open as normal, but on the 17th, President's Day and the week of March 17 – 21, Readiness Exercise, the clinics and services will be closed. Paul advised everyone to plan accordingly and especially prescription fills as the pharmacy will be closed. (Closed)
- c. Paul Sayles reported that this tax season, Misawa Marketing says there will be no in-person

tax preparation service available. There is, however, a free tax filing service on-line through Military OneSource MilTax, offering tax preparation and e-filing software at no cost for service members and their families, but only available to retirees and veterans within one year after leaving the service. Bill Tuttle suggested his favorite tax service provider, Angie Barber, as a resource for tax assistance. (Closed)

- d. Joe Roginski reminded that when doing the 1199-I to update the new name of the Aomori Michinoku Bank to make sure "Ltd" is part of the name of the bank. The bank will make a stern remark if it is excluded from the new name of the bank. (Closed)
- e. Bill Tuttle commented that former foreign spouses of American may be eligible for SSA payments depending on certain eligibility requirements and that he knows of two retirees with former spouses who are eligible and he is working on one such case. Bill said he will share the detailed information from the SSA pamphlet. (Closed)

8. Financial Report – Dave Barton gave the financial report from December. Beginning balance of \$6,681.67; MMRA dues of \$60.00, and a donation of \$500.00 from a former member Kevin Hart. There were account dividends of \$0.12. We received a re-imbursement from the AFSA of \$320.00 for our share of the support for the ALS graduation plaques because they decided to cover the entire cost. Total income was \$880.12. Expenses: Our original expense for the ALS plaques was \$319.80 and the club bill was \$169.95 for total expenses of \$489.75. Widows fund is \$4,888.73, general fund is \$2,283.31. Total ending balance \$7,072.04. Motion to approve was taken and carried.

At 1735, a motion was made and approved to adjourn. Paul Sayles announced the next meeting to be held on April 1st, 2025 at 1700 in the club Gray Room.

PAUL SAYLES

President Name

President Signature

JOSEPH ROGINSKI

Secretary Name

Secretary Signature

