



June 9, 2025

MEMORANDUM FOR RETIREES

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

1. The meeting was held on Tuesday, June 3rd at 1700 in the Faultline Room of the Consolidated Open Mess. Joe Roginski read the minutes of the April 2025 meeting which were approved and accepted.
2. Presiding Officers: President-Paul Sayles; Vice-President Gary Grishaver, 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: 13, including officers.

Special Guests: None

6. Old Business

- a. Retiree Appreciation Day – In the April meeting, Dave Barton had reported that he is still hoping to get the Wing to finance future RAD breakfast events. Since he was not present at this meeting, there is nothing to report and this item remains open. (Open)
- b. Official Mail – Mark Ringquist reported that there is a training folder on the desk in the RAO and asked that everybody complete the training and sign a certificate and put it in the folder. When he has all the certificates, he will deliver them to the post office. Bill Tuttle added that the post office wants the training certificates this week. (Closed)

7. New Business

- a. Social Security Benefits Briefings – Paul Sayles reported that there will be Social Security briefings on Wednesday, 11 June and Thursday, 12 June from 0900-1300 in the Mokuteki ballroom. Bill Tuttle added that the Federal Benefits Unit (FBU) staff from the Tokyo embassy will present the briefings, answer questions, and assist with benefit applications. Bill added that there will be Japanese interpreters available at the briefings. (Open)
- b. Paul Sayles reported that on Juneteenth Emancipation Holiday (Thursday, June 19th) all services at the hospital except the UCC will be closed. The following day, Friday, the 20th,

will be a family day, but the hospital will have all normal services. (Closed)

- c. Joe Roginski again reminded everyone of the change to the credit union's beneficiary policy. New beneficiaries must have an SSN or TIN, and that if there is no beneficiary designated, the account must be probated and could result in a considerable delay in accessing the funds and closing the account. Bill Tuttle added that other information such as account accesses, passwords, and contact information, including a recent Retiree Account Summary (RAS) will help resolve issues such as what allotments are being taken from pay, SBP, insurance, etc. are not available it makes processing much harder. He said the casualty affairs office can access DFAS for this information but it would be much easier to have it already available. He reminded everyone that the RAO has a secure file cabinet that members can place a sealed folder with pertinent information in this cabinet. Bill also remarked that when a death occurs, the widower should not empty the account but leave at least the last monthly payment posted untouched because DFAS will reclaim that payment and then later settle with a partial payment of "arrears of pay." (Closed)
- d. Bill Tuttle reported that the Veterans' Administration representative will be in Misawa on the 10th and 11th of this month and to contact 226-4735 Family Support, Mr. Andrew May, for schedule information. (Closed)

8. Financial Report – Treasurer Dave Barton was absent so Joe Roginski gave the report this meeting for the period from April 2nd to present. Beginning balance of \$6,773.27; Income: MMRA dues of \$20.00, and a donation of \$500.00 and dividends of \$0.16., total income of \$520.19. Expenses: Club bill for June meeting \$169.92 for total expenses of \$169.92. Widows fund is \$5,020.70, general fund is \$2,102.75. Ending balance \$7,123.45. Motion to approve was taken and carried.

At 1742, a motion was made and approved to adjourn. Paul Sayles announced the next meeting to be held on August 5th, 2025 at 1700 in the club Gray Room.

PAUL SAYLES

President Name

President Signature

JOSEPH ROGINSKI

Secretary Name

Secretary Signature

