



MEMORANDUM FOR RETIREES

December 4, 2014

FROM: Misawa Military Retirees Association

SUBJECT: Minutes MMRA

1. The bi-monthly meeting of the Misawa Military Retirees Association (MMRA) was held on 2 December 2014 at 1700 hours in the Club Tohoku.
2. Captain Olufemi Obadina, Assistant Staff Judge Advocate, gave a briefing on the legal services available to active duty and retired members of the military and their families at Misawa AB. His brief covered wills, powers of attorney, and notary services. He also announced that his office would have evening hours, schedule to be announced, for persons who could not get to the office during duty hours. After his briefing he answered some questions about notary services and wills.
3. Paul Sayles introduced Captains Mary L. Gibbs and Quy T. Nguyen, the two new internal medicine physicians who are now the providers for Misawa retirees, and GS-9 Latashia Nolan, registered nurse who works with our new providers. The Misawa assignment was the first for both physicians who completed their residency in the San Antonio area-Wilford Hall and San Antonio Military Medical Center (Fort Sam Houston). Some of the members asked questions about the pneumonia and zoster (shingles) vaccinations. They also wanted to remind us that if we ran out of a medication and could not get a prescription refilled because of hospital schedule, that the pharmacy would do after hours small courtesy refills.
4. The president of the MMRA, Paul Sayles, read the minutes of the 7 October 2014 meeting, which were approved by the attending members.
4. OLD BUSINESS:
 - a. New Phone system -Questions still remain regarding the new non-government phone system currently being installed by Allied Telesis. Dave Barton announced that there is a new directory for services and AAFES numbers available as a .pdf on the Misawa Air Base site. Joe Roginski announced that the phone tree menu activates when called, and gives instructions to access the menu in English and Japanese. However, the instructions given to access the menu in Japanese are in English, which is an oxymoron. Joe said he would send a note to the person(s) who manage the menu to see if it can be fixed. (OPEN)
 - b. Disposal of Doug Lyon's Ashes – Steve Day said he would inquire to set up another date for the delivery of the ashes and the eventual ceremony. Joe stated that Steve has not yet come up with a new date. (OPEN)
5. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. The 2014 Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD) went without a hitch and members who attended said it was a success. The RAO prepared certificates of appreciation to all the organizations and individuals who supported the event. (CLOSED)

- b. MMRA fundraisers – The members recommended that this item be closed until a fund raising opportunity arises.. (CLOSED)
- c. Joe Roginski reported that ‘Tony’ Watkins of the RAO staff had been released from the hospital, was at home and was receiving outpatient treatment, but that his condition was still serious. Everyone was invited to visit Tony when they get a chance. Some members asked for Tony’s address and Joe said he will get Tony’s permission to give that information out. (OPEN)
- d. Dave Barton announced that the Force Support Squadron held a “Retiree Appreciation Luncheon” on Wednesday, the 12th, the day after Veteran’s Day. Dave said the event went well, with the cake cutting, flag folding ceremony, singing of the national anthem, and an excellent lunch with first termers. Dave said that next year it will be held in conjunction with the Air Force Birthday as it was in the past, and that we want to make sure that anyone who has never attended this event gets the opportunity. (CLOSED)
- e. Paul Sayles said that the February 2015 meeting will have elections for new officers, per the constitution, and he asked that Dave Barton be designated as acting treasurer until the election of officers. The motion was seconded and approved. (CLOSED)
- f. Richard Masoner announced that Dr. Clark, the Base Historian, is still looking for volunteers to help digitize the base newspaper. He said that about half the job is done and the results are very good. (CLOSED)
- g. Paul Sayles and Dave Barton introduced new MMRA members- Tim Allman, Derrick Sorrell, Daniel Lovett, and Daryl Yerkes. Welcome to the MMRA guys! (CLOSED)
6. FINANCIAL REPORT
Dave Barton read the financial report which was accepted and approved by the attending membership.
7. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1800. The president announced that the next meeting will be on 3 February 2015 at 1700 in the Club Tohoku Gray Room.

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