



February 16, 2018

## MEMORANDUM FOR RETIREES

Minutes of the February 2018 Bi-monthly membership meeting of the Misawa Military Retirees' Association (MMRA)

1. The meeting was held on Tuesday, February 6 at 1700 In the Gray Room of the Consolidated Open Mess, presiding officer SCPO (Ret) Paul Sayles, MMRA President. Other officers present were Joseph Roginski, Secretary, and Dave Barton, Treasurer and 15 general members. Position of Vice President was open at the beginning of the meeting. Filling this position was one of the purposes of the meeting.
2. Paul Sayles read the minutes for the secretary, who was delayed.
3. CMSgt (Ret) Dave Barton gave the financial report for the period covering 1 December 2017 to 1 February 2018. Beginning cash was \$6,932.61. Income: dues \$60, interest .58; expenses: December meeting \$136.80, Christmas Party at Uruwashi no So Home for the Elderly \$100.00. Current funds: Widows Fund \$2,654.45, General Fund \$4,101.94, total \$6,756.39 as of 1 February 2018. Financial report was accepted and approved by the membership.
4. OLD Business:
  - a. There was nothing more to report on the club card conversion so the item is now closed.
  - b. The POL gate is back to normal operation. (Closed)
  - c. Joe Roginski reported that the Christmas party at Uruwashi No So Home for the Elderly was a success and the staff express hope that we can maintain a relationship with them.
5. New Business:
  - a. Dave Barton reported that the funeral and memorial service for CMSgt (Ret) Tinnirella were successful and meaningful events. The memorial, held at the base chapel on January 17<sup>th</sup> was especially set up for those who were not able to attend the funeral services because of the short notice. Col Jobe, First Sergeants, and Chiefs (E9s), and friends attended the memorial which had a good turnout. (Closed)
  - b. Paul Sayles reported on the Community Chest (Red Feather) campaign MMRA participation. He said that we had collected ¥18,100 in donations. He said he does not yet know our standing among other units and will report that at the next meeting. (Open)
  - c. The position of vice president was open after the passing of Chief Tinnirella, and Toby Fanelli volunteered to fill the position until the next election for officers. The membership voted to accept Toby as the vice president. (Closed)
  - d. Joe Roginski reminded the membership of the importance of having a will and designated executors. The members had a general discussion and shared much information. (Closed)
  - e. Paul Sayles reported on information he got from the All Units meetings. He said upcoming exercises will cause some base services to be limited, but the hospital will not be affected. (Closed)

- f. A member had a question on the accessibility of the dental clinic. In a general discussion and sharing information, we noted that the dental clinic is only for emergencies, such as pain and injury, and will be space-available on the same day. If there is no space available, the member must come in the next day and try again. No appointments for retirees. Routine dental work must be done at local clinics. (Closed)
6. The meeting was closed at 1740. The next bi-monthly meeting will be at 1700 on 4 April 2018 in the Club Tohoku Gray Room.

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JOSEPH ROGINSKI  
Secretary, MMRA