



October 7, 2019

## MEMORANDUM FOR RETIREES

Minutes of the October 2019 Bi-monthly membership meeting of the Misawa Military Retirees' Association (MMRA)

1. The meeting was held on Tuesday October 1<sup>st</sup> at 1700 In the Gray Room of the Tohoku Enlisted Club, with presiding officers President-Paul Sayles, Secretary-Joseph Roginski, and Treasurer-Dave Barton, and 14 general members.
2. Joe Roginski read the minutes of the August 2019 meeting which were accepted and approved by the membership.
3. OLD Business:
  - a. Joe Roginski reported on the status of disposal of Chief "T"'s estate. Joe reported that the lawyer has released the funds which are in the process of being distributed to the beneficiaries. (Open)
  - b. Retiree Appreciation Day-Dave Barton reported that the event went off without any problems and we had a good turnout for both the breakfast and the gathering in the AAFES foyer. The breakfast had 40 DVs, 45 retirees and 4 widows. There was good feedback on the buffet, and the exchange part of the event had good support, refreshments adequate prizes. The Med Group display was excellent and the flu shots were very popular. Dave reported that he had to work hard to avoid schedule conflicts with all the other events in the same month. Dave voiced appreciation for all the units and agencies for their support and especially the Misawa Officers' and Enlisted Spouse Clubs for their donations for the breakfast which came to almost \$1,000. Related to this, the club hit us with an extra charge for another table, and clarified that their contract is for the number of guests, not the amount of food, so the RSVP process is even more important. Next year, to avoid extra charges, we will have to be more diligent getting responses for the breakfast. (Closed)
4. New Business:

There was no new business for this meeting. We had an open discussion and I note the following comments:

  - a. A member claimed that when he asked for the new shingles vaccine he was asked to get clearance from his provider. However other members said they did not have that requirement to get the vaccine. We concluded that this must have been an isolated training incident.
  - b. Joe Roginski said he was told by one of the staff in the Patient Referral section at the hospital that foreigners must show their alien registration card to be treated at off-base hospitals, and the staff asked about what people who are under the SOFA do when they are referred downtown. Joe said he advised that if such a requirement actually exists, persons under the SOFA should provide an ID card or a passport. Joe said he would try to get more info to determine if this is an actual issue and report it as new business at the next meeting if necessary.
5. Dave Barton read the financial report for the period August through September. He reported beginning balance \$8,699.16, dues income of \$160, dividends of 0.70, Sales of \$25, donations \$40, RAD breakfast

donation from Enlisted Spouses Club of \$496.68, for total income of \$722.88, and expenses of club bill \$148.25, breakfast \$993.36, widows' hotel stay \$189.93, international transaction fee \$1.90 for total of \$1,333.44.. Dave reported the current standing balances of Widow's Fund \$4,156.62, and General Fund \$3,931.48, ending balance of \$8,088.10. The financial report was accepted and approved by the membership present.

6. There being no further business, it was moved and approved to close the meeting, which closed at 1745. The next bi-monthly meeting will be at 1700 on 3 December 2019 in the Club Tohoku Gray Room.

Joseph Roginski  
Secretary, MMRA