



February 10, 2020

MEMORANDUM FOR RETIREES

Minutes of the February 2020 Bi-monthly membership meeting of the Misawa Military Retirees' Association (MMRA)

1. The meeting was held on Tuesday, February 4th at 1700 In the Gray Room of the Tohoku Enlisted Club, with presiding officers: President-Paul Sayles, Vice President-Toby Fanelli, Secretary-Joseph Roginski, and 12 general members.
2. Joe Roginski read the minutes of the December 2019 meeting which were accepted and approved by the membership.
3. Old Business:
There were no open items of old business.
4. New Business
 - a. Kevin Bosket gave a brief report on status of the 35th Medical Group. He said that staffing is down and that appointment availability may be affected but he does not see any problems right now. The staffing at the dental clinic is also down which has affected availability for retirees for dental emergencies only, but there is a chance that availability will improve as staffing improves. TRICARE dental programs are working on a network of overseas providers. Kevin said there will be more info on this program as it comes out. This item will be closed but any new information on TRICARE, the hospital, etc. will be readily shared as it becomes available. (Closed).
 - b. Bill Tuttle reported that Angie Barber, a lady who has been doing taxes for military, retirees and survivors, is still available to do taxes at a reduced rate. Bill will give you contact information. Joe Roginski added that the RAO is also doing taxes for retirees and survivors, no fee. (Closed)
 - c. Paul Sayles reported that a curfew has been imposed on persons at Misawa who are under the Status of Forces which includes military, contractors, and family members. Paul said that the commander asks for the cooperation of those who are not covered by the SOFA. He reported the curfew is from 2300 to 0500. (Closed)
 - d. Joe Roginski reported that the corona virus outbreak is now affecting international travel, and that person should expect delays on departure and entry as screening becomes more detailed. He said the American embassy in Tokyo has a newsletter that covers all issues related to the Department of State and passport holders and has up-to-date travel information, including the current outbreak. Paul Sayles added that anybody can sign up for the newsletter and messages by going to the US embassy in Tokyo homepage. This item will remain open because the situation is developing. (Open)
 - e. Joe Roginski reminded everyone to name a beneficiary on their bank accounts if they do not have a joint owner. Recently two persons passed away. One had a beneficiary registered in a Navy Federal account, and another did not have a designated beneficiary and it will be quite a long time for that account to be resolved. (Closed)

5. Financial Report-Toby Fanelli read the financial report in lieu of Dave Barton who was on leave. For the period of December 2019 to January 2020, beginning balance \$8,151.75, income from dues of \$169, dividends 0.70, donation to widows fund \$105.00, total income of \$265.70. Expenses: club meeting \$143.00. Balances: widows fund \$4,261.82, General fund \$4,012.63, ending balance: \$8,274.45. 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 1740. The next bi-monthly meeting will be at 1700 on 7 April 2020 in the Club Tohoku Gray Room.

Joseph Roginski
Secretary, MMRA