



August 7, 2020

MEMORANDUM FOR RETIREES

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

1. The meeting was held on Tuesday, August 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 Treasurer, Dave Barton, and 14 general members.
2. Joe Roginski read the minutes of the June 2020 meeting which were accepted and approved by the membership.
3. Old Business:
COVID-19
 - a. Hospital – Paul Sayles reported that Dr. Trefflich has transferred out and Dr. Taves is now the PCM for the retiree population. He said this may affect how quickly we can get appointments and the replacement for Dr. Trefflich will not come in until the end of the year. Joe Roginski elaborated on the process for possible COVID-19 cases, saying that the patient is first given TRIAGE over the phone about symptoms. Based on the results, the patient is instructed to go to the UCC if the symptoms do not indicate the COVID-19 virus, but if they do indicate COVID-19, the patient is instructed to go to the UCC reception area at the base of the ramp, where he or she will be met by persons wearing protective gear for further processing.
 - b. Toby Fanelli announced that both the commissary and the BX now have masks for sale. A member remarked that the masks marked NK95 are do not meet the specs of real N95 masks and are not CDC approved.
 - c. Colonel Friedel announced that this is the Obon season and many family members from out of town return home for the holidays. He asked that Misawa families try to discourage family member from returning to the area to help stop the spread of the virus. If family members come from restricted areas they will have to quarantine themselves for two weeks, and by the same reasoning if any of us go to a restricted area we will have to quarantine ourselves for two weeks on return.
 - d. Ray Eberhardt said that almost every city facility, hospital and clinic are now taking the temperature before allowing a person to enter, and that no visits aside from family are being allowed in hospitals.
 - e. Joe Roginski noted that due to recent instructions and restrictions, two retirees who live in Hokkaido had inquired about how they can come to the base when Hokkaido is still a restricted area. We inquired with Public Health and the OPR for the guidelines. Both indicated that waivers can be granted for medical or official appointments, but no shopping or recreation on the base will be allowed. Waivers should be requested at least two weeks in advance.

(Secretary Note-All information on the Covid-19 actions will continue in this category until the crisis is declared over.) (Open)

4. New Business
 - a. Paul Sayles announced that Kevin Boskett had transferred to Hawaii and while we have lost a valuable contact, he said that Colonel Dooley has invited the RAO to be on the Patient Family Committee. Paul said he would represent the RAO and retirees. The committee meets on odd months once a month. Paul

- said he can take our concerns and requests to the meetings and he said he is ready to take inputs for the next meeting which will be in September. (Open)
- b. Dave Barton reported that the Retiree Appreciation Day has been scheduled for 12 September, but he is not sure if it will go as planned, depending on how the other upcoming events in that time frame are handled. He said there were concerns about the number of persons allowed to attend, social distancing and prevention issues. Ray Eberhardt made a motion to 'table' the RAD until next year, The motion was unanimously passed and accepted that the RAD will not be held this year because of the COVID-19 crisis. (Closed)
 - c. Dave Barton introduced a new member Darren Dooley, husband of the new Medical Group Commander, Colonel Melissa Dooley. SMSgt (Ret) Dooley retired in 2007 and began work for NSA, which brought him to Misawa a few times on temporary duty, so he is not new to our area. Welcome Darrell! (Closed)
 - d. Joe Roginski related how recently we have had two members pass away leaving large sums in their bank account (Navy Federal) and having made no arrangement such as an account beneficiary or a will, which causes difficulty for the family or heirs. He asks that each review your situation, ensure that you have a joint account holder, or at least a beneficiary, or a will and instructions. Paul Sayles commented that we can keep a copy of your will or instructions in our office in a secure file as part of your estate planning.
5. Financial Report- Dave Barton read the financial report for the period June 2020 to present-beginning balance \$8,728.37, income from dues of \$60, dividends 0.73, total income of \$60.73. Expenses: June meeting \$118.73. Balances: widows fund \$4,261.62, General fund \$4,408.73, ending balance: \$8,670.35. 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 1730. The next bi-monthly meeting will be at 1700 on 6 October 2020 in the Club Tohoku Gray Room.

Joseph Roginski
Secretary, MMRA