



April 19, 2021

## MEMORANDUM FOR RETIREES

Minutes of the April 2021 Bi-monthly membership meeting of the Misawa Military Retirees' Association (MMRA)

1. The meeting was held on Tuesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 1700 In the Gray Room of the Consolidated Open Mess, presiding officers: President-Paul Sayles, Vice President-Toby Fanelli, Treasurer-Dave Barton, and Secretary-Joseph Roginski, and 12 general members.
2. Paul Sayles read the minutes of the February 2021 meeting, which were accepted and approved.
3. OLD Business:
  - a. COVID-19 - Conditions remain volatile within and outside the prefecture so the best way to keep up with the latest Covid-19 reporting is to go to the official Misawa Air Base website ([www.misawa.af.mil](http://www.misawa.af.mil)). Additionally, the RAO sends out updates via e-mail as soon as they get them. A member commented about receiving information on availability of the shot schedule. Paul Sayles commented that each person's provider should be sending that information to their patients as they become eligible. Paul also commented that once you receive your shot, hold on to the shot card they give showing the date of each shot as this item may become very useful for travel. A member commented that if you have Japanese alien registration and are age 65 and over, you can now get your Covid-19 vaccination in town for free, and that you can have these shots entered into your medical record. Joe Roginski commented that the American Embassy Citizens' Services sends out updates and right now, travel into the country regardless of shot status and testing requires ROM for two weeks and avoidance of public transportation. This item will remain open until the Covid-19 crisis is declared over. (Open)
4. NEW Business
  - a. Ray Eberhardt commented that he is not receiving the RAO e-mails since December. Dave Barton said he would help and asked Ray to send him a test message and he would work it with the Comms people. (Open).
  - b. Bill Tuttle suggested that a checklist be made for retirees to organize their estates and leave instructions. Daryl Yerkes replied that such a checklist already exists, and information on the list is in the newsletter. (Closed)
  - c. Joe Roginski commented that Michinoku Bank is no longer accepting international direct deposit, and Bill Tuttle reminded that anyone with a Michinoku Bank account should switch over to Aomori Bank for current or future international direct deposit. (Closed)
  - d. Joe Roginski commented that Navy Federal will not send international bank wires with a request over the phone or by mail and recommended that anyone who needs international bank wires from Navy Federal should make other arrangements for such accounts. (Closed)
  - e. Joe Roginski asked if there was to be a Retiree Appreciation Day event this year. Dave Barton said that it seems things are opening up again and he will investigate the possibility of having this event. (Open)

5. Financial Report - Dave Barton submitted the financial report for the period January 2021 to present. Beginning balance \$8,967.07, Dues \$80.00, widows fund donations \$225, MMRA donations \$705.00, dividends \$00.10, total income: \$1010.10. February meeting expense \$129.14, AFSA Plaques for ALS \$136.50, Go Daddy web site service \$287.73 for expenses of \$553.37. Standings: Widows' fund \$4750.61, General Fund \$4,633.19, ending balance \$9,423.80. The report was approved and accepted by the membership present.
6. The meeting was closed at 1745. The next bi-monthly meeting will be at 1700 on 1 June 2021 in the Club Tohoku Gray Room.

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JOSEPH ROGINSKI  
Secretary, MMRA