



MEMORANDUM FOR RETIREES

April 16, 2015

FROM: Misawa Military Retirees Association

SUBJECT: Minutes MMRA

1. The bi-monthly meeting of the Misawa Military Retirees Association (MMRA) was held on 7 April 2015 at 1700 hours in the Club Tohoku.
2. Paul Sayles read the minutes of the 2 February 2015 meeting at the request of Paul Sayles, and which were accepted and approved by the attending members.
3. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. "Tony" Watkins' hospitalization- Tony, himself, was able to attend this meeting and reported that his health is improving and he is responding well to treatment. Tony feels this item should be closed for now. (CLOSED)
 - b. Photos – In a past meeting it was suggested that we solicit photos (selfies) to be displayed in the RAO or placed in a RAO 'register' for historical purposes. Joe said he has not yet sent a message to solicit photos but will do so. (OPEN)
 - c. Dave Barton announced that there is still no set date for the 2015 Retiree Appreciation Day because the annual Exchange's "Still Serving" celebration was still not on the Exchange annual event calendar even after a recent managerial visit. However, Dave said the Misawa manager will support the appreciation day, regardless of AAFES' "Still Serving" plans or lack thereof. (OPEN)
4. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Joe Roginski announced that the coordinator for private organization fund raisers was soliciting for organizations to operate a fund-raising booth at the American Day celebration in June. Solicitation and registration cut-off was 3 April, but Joe asked her to hold a booth for the MMRA, pending what would be decided at this meeting. Joe suggested that we do a flea market. There was some doubt that a flea market would be allowed considering the theme of the event, and it was resolved that we would do the booth if a flea market is allowed.
Note: On Wednesday, the 8th, the coordinator told Dave Barton that because of the theme of the event, this time there would be no flea market booth. (CLOSED)
 - b. "T" Tinnirella reported that he was hospitalized with pneumonia in March. He thanked the entire hospital staff, who took super care of him while he was ill. He said the meals were good too, although for quite a while he had no appetite. T said he had sent a letter of thanks to the commander of the hospital and all the staff who were involved in his care. T was in for 10 days and his condition was critical for the first few days. T advised all to not to be as stubborn as he was and to 'listen to your body.' (CLOSED)
 - c. Joe asked if there would be a retiree flight for the upcoming Memorial Day Retreat Ceremony, as there have been in past years. Dave Barton said that he believes there will be a Retiree Flight this year, but there is some confusion, as LRS is setting up the ceremony this year and he heard that participants will be LRS members only. Dave will get this cleared up and let us know exactly what the plans for this year's ceremony, which is on Thursday, the

28th of May. (OPEN)

d. Dave Barton and Bill Bunch reminded everyone that the AFN satellite conversion is on April 22nd, and that if you have not made the conversion on your decoder and antenna, to do it before you are locked out of service. (CLOSED)

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

Dave Barton read the financial report, announced that the discrepancy noted in the last report and been found and corrected. The report was accepted and approved by the membership present.

6. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1745. The president announced that the next meeting will be on 2 June 2015 at 1700 in the Club Tohoku Gray Room.

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