



August 8, 2016

MEMORANDUM FOR RETIREES

FROM: Misawa Military Retirees Association

SUBJECT: MMRA Meeting Minutes

1. The bi-monthly meeting of the Misawa Military Retirees Association (MMRA) was held on 2 August 2016 at 1700 hours in the Club Tohoku.

2. Paul Sayles introduced the new internal medicine physician who replaced Dr. Nguyen, Capt David Trefflich. Dr. Trefflich just recently arrived at Misawa from Wright-Patterson AFB. Dr. Trefflich gave a brief recap of his career and specified that he specialized in geriatric medicine, which elicited a positive response from the attendees.

3. Dave Barton made a special presentation of service pins to veterans who served during the Viet Nam War. Dave specified that these pins were for anyone who was in the military, any service, during the war with no requirement to have been in-country. The pins and certificates were made available through the 50th Anniversary Vietnam War Commemoration Commission at the Pentagon. The RAO is partnered with the Commission to recognize our Vietnam vets.

4. Paul Sayles read the minutes of the 7 June 2016 meeting which were accepted and approved by the attending members.

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. Base Decals – Dave Barton advised the members that the base decal issue is still open. Dave said USFJ is still considering the issue as it applies to all Japan, and that the AFI applies it only to active duty and DoD civilians, and that with Col Rex still on TDY nothing will be addressed until his return after the runway work is completed. Dave said that retirees could go to Pass and ID and get a regular vehicle pass if they wanted. (OPEN)

b. Misawa Air Show MMRA fundraiser flea market - Dave Barton advised that he put out e-mails asking for volunteers with a firm commitment, but that while he had received a few, the responses were not enough to justify paying the \$200 for the spot plus liability insurance, and accordingly Dave decided not to go through with the event this year. Dave did, however, say that as a result of the request for volunteers, he received anonymous donations totaling over \$700. (CLOSED)

c. Paul Sayles announced that the total collected for the Air Force Ball was \$52.00. (CLOSED)

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Paul Sayles proposed that reading the minutes before each meeting was repetitive and time-consuming and suggested that only the new business and open items on the minutes of the previous meeting be read. Ray Torp suggested that if this was adopted, copies of the minutes be left at each table for attendees to review before and during the meeting. Paul's suggestion was accepted as a proposal, moved and passed by the members. (CLOSED)

b. Joe Roginski recapped the SBP and conditions for the paid up plan. (CLOSED)

c. Retiree Appreciation Day- Dave Barton announced that this year's RAD will be on 1 October, and follow the same format as past RADs. (OPEN)

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

Dave Barton read the financial report which was accepted and approved by the membership present.

6. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1745. The treasurer announced that the next meeting will be on 4 October 2016 at 1700 in the Club Tohoku Gray Room.

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