



December 12, 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 6 December 2016 at 1700 hours in the Club Tohoku.

2. It was announced that the process of the secretary reading the minutes of the previous meeting would be re-instated to be in compliance with established rules of order. Accordingly, Joseph Roginski read the minutes which were approved and accepted by the membership.

3. Paul Sayles introduced Dr. Robert Walsh, communication professor with UMUC (Misawa), who requested the opportunity to address meeting attendees. He is looking for retirees to volunteer for a project in the spring. This oral history project would entail retirees visiting with UMUC writing students. The point of the visits would be to learn perspectives and wisdom from the retiree's past by recounting stories from his or her life. The culmination of the project will be an essay that would be shared with the retiree by the writing student. The project would commence in January 2017 and run for approximately 7 weeks. The students would be requesting to visit with his or her retiree partner 5 separate visits of about 20 minutes each. Robert's contact information is [robert.walsh@faculty.umuc.edu](mailto:robert.walsh@faculty.umuc.edu) <<mailto:robert.walsh@faculty.umuc.edu>> .

4. Dave Barton introduced the current Japan Veterans' Administration Representative, Ms. Elizabeth Morris. Ms. Morris announced her schedule of visits to Misawa, which will be January 17-23, 2017 and Feb 27-Mar 8, 2017. She let the members know that she can be reached by calling the Airman and Family Readiness center at 226-4735, and e-mail: [iwakuni.va.rep@gmail.com](mailto:iwakuni.va.rep@gmail.com). This e-mail address will stay the same, regardless of who is the current rep. She said that the Japan VA Representative is trained at the VA and sent overseas for typically a six-month tour.

### 4. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Base Decals – Dave Barton advised the members that the base decal issue is still open, as Col Rex still wants to do away with the vehicle pass. Right now all the other bases except Yokota use the vehicle pass. (OPEN)

### 5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Paul announced that the Youth Center had requested a donation for their activities, but our constitution does not allow us to support other organizations, so as we have done in the past, and Paul Sayles took up a collection which came to \$60. However, the Youth Center ended up not needing the funds, so Paul suggested that the money be used for the upcoming Red Feather Community Chest campaign, for which we did a similar collection last year. The motion was made, seconded and accepted and the funds will be donated to the next Red Feather Campaign on behalf of the MMRA. (CLOSED)

b. Dave Barton announced that the funds (\$50) promised by Navy Federal for our Christmas meeting goodies was not approved, so we made up the difference with the funds from the MMRA. (CLOSED)

6. FINANCIAL REPORT

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

7. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1730. The president announced that the next meeting will be on 7 February 2017 at 1700 in the Club Tohoku Gray Room.

///Signed///

Joseph Roginski, MSgt (Ret), USAF  
Secretary, Misawa Military Retirees' Association  
Director, Retiree Activities Office  
35FW/CVR  
226-4428/090400450149