



June 12, 2017

MEMORANDUM FOR RETIREES

FROM: Misawa Military Retirees Association

SUBJECT: MMRA Meeting Minutes June 2017

1. The bi-monthly meeting of the Misawa Military Retiree Association (MMRA) was held on 6 June 2017 at 1700 in the Club Tohoku Gray Room.
2. Joe Roginski read the minutes which were approved and accepted by the membership present.
3. OLD Business:
 - a. Base Decals – Dave Barton said that the base will now issue window stickers to retirees, and they can get the sticker by end of June after showing current vehicle tax paid. He said we also have the option of getting the one-year pass at the off-base pass and ID section by showing the same paperwork. (Closed)
 - b. Nobody submitted any items for the PACAF RAO Conference. (Closed).
4. New Business:
 - a. Joe Roginski asked if we would be interested in doing a fundraising activity at the air show this year. The overwhelming lack of interest by all present prompted Dave Barton to suggest we all contribute cash and Paul Sayles said he will pass the hat. (Closed)
 - b. Paul Sayles announced that the club was changing its club card and membership policy, and that as of 1 August, members are no longer required to have a club-sponsored credit card to be a member and the club will not be using the Chase cards as membership cards. Members must convert their membership cards by using the MemberPlanet phone app and downloading their card for printing or display on their phone. Dues may be paid by cash, check or out of any bank account the member chooses. Chase will convert the club membership credit card to an ordinary credit card. More to come as this deadline approaches. (Open)
 - c. Gate Closures – Paul Sayles announced that there will be construction and upgrading at the various gates and accordingly special gate hours until project is completed. Here is a synopsis of the closures:
 - Present to 20 June – Levitov (commissary) gate closed; Friendship (main) and Falcon (POL) gates open for vehicles 24/7 and Friendship gate for pedestrians.
 - 21 June – 15 Aug – Levitov open 24/7 for vehicles. Falcon open for vehicles normal hours; Friendship closed for vehicles. Pedestrian traffic to be determined.
 - 17 Aug – 18 Dec – Levitov and Falcon closed. Gettysburg Gate (behind main base housing) open for vehicles during the day; Friendship open to vehicle and pedestrian traffic 24/7.

As more information on the closures becomes available, we will share as best we can. (Open)

- d. Kevin Bosket announced that June is Men's Health Month. He also said Medical Group would be closed Thursday (June 15) morning to 11am and Friday (June 16) for training. The Med Group will also close 3rd of July for the holiday. UCC, of course, will always be open. (Closed)
 - e. The VA Representative from Iwakuni, Amy Briggs, will be replaced by the VA Rep from Yokosuka as they re-align their areas of responsibility in Japan. (Closed)
5. The Financial Report was given by Dave Barton. The report was approved and accepted by the membership present.
 6. The meeting was closed at 1730. The next bi-monthly meeting will be at 1700 on 1 August 2017 in the Club Tohoku Gray Room.

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President, MMRA