



August 10, 2018

MEMORANDUM FOR RETIREES

Minutes of the August 2018 Bi-monthly membership meeting of the Misawa Military Retirees' Association (MMRA)

1. The meeting was held on Tuesday, August 7 at 1700 In the Gray Room of the Consolidated Open Mess, presiding officers Paul Sayles, President, Joseph Roginski, Secretary, and Dave Barton, Treasurer, and 15 general members.
2. Guest speaker, Clinton Myers, from the Misawa Hospital TRICARE office gave a briefing on upcoming TRICARE changes and answered questions about the TRICARE program.
3. Joseph Roginski read the minutes of the June meeting which were accepted and approved by the membership.
4. Dave Barton gave the financial report for the period covering 1 April 2018 to 1 June 2018. Beginning cash was \$7,828.11. Income: dues \$170, interest .66; donations \$500.00, total income of \$670.66. Expenses: June meeting \$139.50, Current funds: Widows Fund \$2,654.45, General Fund \$5,704.72, total as of 7 August 2018 - \$8,359.17. Financial report was accepted and approved by the membership.
5. OLD Business:
 - a. Joe Roginski reported on the status of disposal of Chief "T"'s estate and house. He reported that he has a contract for the demolition, but no date as yet for the tear-down of the house and once those expenses are resolved, the estate can be distributed to the beneficiaries accordingly. (Open)
 - b. VFW- Dave Barton reported that there probably was not enough support to establish a VFW post in Misawa, but for the time being this is still an open item. (Open)
6. New Business:
 - a. A member asked if TRICARE covers dental expenses overseas. Joe Roginski said that as far as he knows the member has to be in a TRICARE dental care program to file a claim stateside or overseas. Paul Sayles said he will check to make sure that is the case. Paul Sayles said that is the case, A member must be in a TRICARE dental program to file a claim. (Closed)
 - b. A member said he heard that the base post office will assign retirees post office boxes on a space available basis. Dave Barton said he has not heard that and that the post office has more than enough boxes due to recent reductions. Joe Roginski said that the US-Japan SOFA has long been interpreted that retirees cannot have a box unless they are under the SOFA. Dave Barton said he will follow up on this rumor. Dave Barton reported that this was an error by one of the post office staff and the box has been recalled. There is no indication that the APO in Japan will make boxes available to retirees in the immediate future. (Closed)
 - c. Dave Barton reported that he will be on leave from August 15 through September 19th. (Closed)

7. There being no further business, it was moved and approved to close the meeting, which closed at 1800. The next bi-monthly meeting will be at 1700 on 2 October 2018 in the Club Tohoku Gray Room.

Joseph Roginski
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Secretary, MMRA