



NMRC MINUTES

October 12, 2018

To: NMRC Members

The Nebraska Military Retiree Council met at 9:00 am, NNG Museum in Seward, NE on October 10, 2018. The meeting was called to order by President Bill Nelson.

Officers Present: President Bill Nelson, V. President: Dick Burch, Treasurer Al Riggins and Secretary Deb Tankesley; Members at Large: Joe Garcia, Randy Frazier, Merlyn Schuster and Dave Petersen

Absent: Stan Refshauge

Guests: Dennis Hayward, Ken Meyer, Jerry Meyer, Bonnie Besler, Mike Phelan, Jerry Olson, Chuck Langston, SFC Dennis Hartman and LTC Ted Hanger.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the previous meeting were emailed to members. Currently we have 470 members, 480 on e-mail and 133 members have 2018 dues expiring.

Treasurer's Report: Current balance in checking is \$7897.39. Checks for St. Lo Memorial Run and NMRC Golf Tourney support, printing, P.O. Box rent and two memorials. A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made and seconded; the motion passed.

RETIREE BRIEFING – November 3, 2018

When: 0800, November 3, 2018 (plan to end approx. 1200-1300)

Registration: 0730-0800, with coffee and rolls

Where: Cp Ashland, Bldg. 50

Topics: Museum, VA Benefits, New Health Programs (Yoga), TRICARE (health, dental, vision), Attorney General – Cybersecurity, Retirement Benefits, Space A and more. Informational tables with representatives will be available.

ID Cards: Available after 1200 at Bldg. 508. Call for appointment (402) 309-7148

RSVP to NMRC90@gmail.com requested but, not required for attendance.

2019 NMRC Dues (\$5.00/year):

Members with an e-mail will receive a separate notification if their dues expire December 31, 2018. Those mailed minutes will receive a form if their membership expires.

2019 Election Ballot & 2018 Founders Award (Due NLT Dec 15 2018):

Attached are the Election Ballot and Founders Nomination Forms. Both may be mailed or e-mailed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dave Petersen reported the NMRC Golf Tournament was a success with a full course of participants. The donation for prizes was used very constructively thanks to Randy and Becky Hansen.

Bill Nelson discussed the Ft Riley Retiree Briefing with Alden Petersen. Alden stated it is very well attended and if considering keep in mind all the presenters are from Kansas and not Nebraska.

Thank you to SFC Hartman and SFC Goodrich for their trip to central and western armories to assist with retirements and ID cards. SFC Hartman stated it was productive and they are planning another trip in 2019.

Al Riggins and Merlyn Schuster attended the Fairbury Reunion on August 4th. It was attended by over 175 and was a great event. Merlyn also attended the Gage County Museum, August 18th for the exhibit "All Hell Can't Stop Them". He stated it is a small area but, very much worth a visit to Beatrice.

NEW BUSINESS:

The 2019 Election Ballot was reviewed for publication and approved. This year the positions of President, Secretary and two Army Members-At-Large are up for nominations or re-election. The ballot will be attached to the minutes for return by December 15th.

The 2018 Founders Award was reviewed for publication and approved. The nomination form will be attached to the minutes for return by December 15th.

Bill Nelson and Dick Burch brought up looking at options for next year's Spring Social. Discussion included looking into Round the Bend at South Bend, SAC Museum (cost prohibitive) and other venues available. John Bailey volunteered to oversee the project of reviewing dates and places.

Bill Nelson presented a request from Luther Mardock, NNG Child & Youth Program Coordinator, for support of a Trunk or Treat event on October 28th. Discussion was on how to help family programs and in what manner. After various ideas, Randy Frazier made the motion to donate \$50 for items needed for the upcoming activity. The vote was unanimously approved. Bill will talk with Luther about uses of the donation. Everyone is invited to participate or assist.

Dave Petersen proposed that those who have been a member for a certain number of years or attain a certain age or medical circumstances be considered members in good standing allowing them the amenities and benefits of membership without dues payment. Discussion was it could be beneficial for the member and family. Everyone should consider options and details to be reviewed at the next meeting. Changes to membership and dues will require By-Law changes.

SFC Hartman gave an overview of the presenters and draft agenda for the Annual Retiree Briefing being held November 3rd. He and LTC Hanger are working with all the details of providing information pertinent to retirees. It was suggested to use Event Bright for registration. Due to the short time frame this year it will be considered as an option for the next NMRC event.

The meeting was adjourned with everyone invited to review boxes of old photos assisting the Museum with identification of equipment and individuals. Everyone is invited to stop by the Museum to help with this task.

NMRC Meetings: January 9, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. at the East Campus Readiness Center, Room 206.

Meetings held quarterly on the second Wed of Jan, Apr, Jul, and Oct.

Upcoming activities:

First Monday each month, 0700, ARNG Retirees, Virginia's Café, Lincoln

Last Monday each month, 0700, ANG Retirees, Stauffer's Café, Lincoln

Second Saturday each month, 0800, North Platte area Retirees, Lincoln Highway Diner, 320 Rodeo Road,

Second Wednesday every other month, 1730, Omaha area retirees, Millard VFW.

Third Wednesday each month, 1100, Patty's Pub, Lincoln

Oct 20: Ft Riley Retiree Brief

Nov 2: Free Veterans Dental, Lincoln

Oct 21: Offutt Retiree Appreciation Day

Nov 3: NNG Retiree Brief, Cp Ashland

Oct 28: NNG Child & Youth Program, 4703 N. 44th

Nov 9: NNG Assn Fall Ldrs Dinner, Lincoln

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Deb Tankesley, NMRC Secretary