



## NMRC MINUTES

13 April 2022

To: NMRC Members

The Nebraska Military Retiree Council met at 0900, April 13, 2022. The meeting was called to order by President Bill Nelson.

**Officers Present:** Bill Nelson, Dick Burch, Al Riggins, Deb Tankesley; Members at Large: Randy Frazier, Dave Petersen and Peggy Brown

**Absent:** John Bailey, Joe Garcia and Merlyn Schuster

**Guests:** COL Fineran, Col Hesse and CW5 Henderson

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes of the previous meeting were mailed or emailed to members. A motion to approve the minutes was made and seconded, the motion was passed.

**Membership:** As of 13 April 2022, the NMRC had 561 members.

**Treasurer's Report:** Al presented a quarterly report. Expenses were for memorials. Current balance in checking is \$13745.61. A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made and seconded; the motion was passed.

### OLD BUSINESS:

**Founders Award:** Congratulations to the Recipients of the Founders Award for 2021. Garth Scism and Amber Gralheer. Each demonstrated a significant interest in information communication and have provided support of programs and activities affecting NE Military Retirees. Presentations will be announced.

Bill attended the NGA Legislative Social with State Senators along with retirees Rick Dahlman and Rick Gray. Bill also attended the NGA-NE Conference held on 26 March. He reported good sessions and appreciated the opportunity to represent NMRC.

The plan for an evening social is being reviewed for later this fall at the Museum.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Dave discussed supporting the annual St. Lo Run at the NNG Museum on 4 June. The motion was made to cover the cost of groceries (fruit and water). The motion was seconded with the vote unanimous to approve; the motion passed. Volunteers to assist are welcome.

Peggy presented information on a Korean Ambassador for Peace Medal that retirees or family members may apply for. The medal is from the Korean government to US servicemen and women who served in the Korean conflict. The flyer will be sent out with the minutes.

**Guest Col Hesse (ANG):** BG Robert Hargens has assumed the position of Assistant AG-Air. The 170<sup>th</sup> Group has 2 new squadrons and doubled in strength (160 members). The end strength for the ANG is currently 1080. The Wing is expected to deploy around 200 members this fall on various missions. Reconstruction of Bldg 600 and Ops has changed many internal offices. ID cards are now on the north end of Bldg 2945 with easier access.

Guest CW5 Henderson (ARNG): Currently the NEARNG has 148 warrant officers which includes six CW5's. Nationally it is being reviewed what incentives can be considered for new warrants after 16 years of service. Phase I for warrant officer training has 11 candidates. Professional Military Education (PME) is adding weeks to training and becoming more difficult for traditional soldiers to attend. CCWO Teresa Domeier is returning from D.C. and will be retiring.

Guest COL Fineran (ARNG): Expressed wanting to keep the NMRC current and connected. Next meeting plan to have CFMO (Construction) and Funeral Honors attend. The current goal for the State and Nation is to grow strength. NEARNG is currently approximately 95%. The ARNG medical clinic has been an improvement for processing time and personal readiness. The new Army Combat Fitness Test (ACFT) was revised and implemented with 6 events. Deployments continue with MP unit next month and Security Forces to Africa next year. Guard the Future will be held in May to cover with attendees who are 180 days from ETS topics of retention, unit changes, TRICARE, etc. JFHQ clean up day is 20 May for team building and social. COL Fineran is a member of the Veterans Memorial Garden Advisory Council and working on the history of the monuments. Memorial Day (30 May) ceremony will be in the Garden/Ault Pavilion at 7:30 p.m.. Bricks on Honor are available for purchase with presentations each year in June. If interested in volunteering contact Thad Fineran, Jim Murphy or Parks & Rec (402) 441-7847.

Bill was asked for assistance if other States had retiree councils similar to the NMRC. His findings so far are we are the only one organized with a council, by-laws, constitution and communication.

No further business was discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 1000, 13 April 2022

**OTHER COMMENTS:** Questions, comments or need assistance let us know. **NMRC Meetings: 13 July 2022, 0900 hr** at the East Campus Readiness Center, Room 206. All are welcome to attend meetings held quarterly on the second Wednesday of January, April, July, and October at the East Campus Readiness Center. NMRC Dues are \$5.00/year or Life Membership for 85+

**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, NP Airport

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

20 Apr: ANG Retirees Breakfast, ANG Base (RSVP)

28 May: Patriotic Parade & Concert, Omaha

30 May: Memorial Day

4 Jun: St, Lo Run, NNG Museum, Seward

27 Aug: Tunnel to Towers Run & Walk

**Retirement:**

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