



NMRC MINUTES

July 14, 2021

To: NMRC Members

The Nebraska Military Retiree Council met at 0900, July 14, 2021. The meeting was called to order by President Bill Nelson.

Officers Present: Bill Nelson, Deb Tankesley, Al Riggins; Members at Large: Joe Garcia, Randy Frazier, John Bailey, Merlyn Schuster, and Dave Petersen

Absent: Dick Burch and Gary Hansel

Guest: Jeff Thomas, COL Fineran, COL Chandler, CW5 Henderson and CSM Hansen

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

Membership: As of July 2021, the NMRC had 608 members with 555 on email.

Treasurer's Report: Current balance in checking is \$12,290.01. Expenses for the quarter were for memorials and donation to the NNG Museum. A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made and seconded; the motion was passed.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Dave discussed supporting the St. Lo Run at the NNG Museum on July 18th as in previous years. The motion was made to cover the cost of groceries (fruit and water) up to \$100. The motion was seconded with the vote unanimous to approve; the motion passed. Volunteers to assist are welcome.

Bill made a motion to support the EANGUS golf tournament being held on July 30th with \$50 for pin prizes. The motion was seconded with the vote unanimous to approve. The motion was passed.

Bill made a motion to support the NGA-NE golf tournament being held on October 1st with \$50 for pin prizes. The motion was seconded with the vote unanimous to approve. The motion was passed.

Deb made a motion to support the Women's Display construction at the NNG Museum with \$500. The motion was seconded with the vote unanimous to approve. The motion was passed.

Updates were provided by the ARNG Staff:

COL Chandler (G1-Personnel): Worked with us when the prescription program in Lincoln was closed 2 years ago. The ARNG goal is 3500 servicemembers by FY-23. Currently the ARNG has a 70% reenlistment rate. A new personnel system is being implemented to replace SIDPERS. The Career Management program is changing to Talent Management. The future plans are for the development of a retirement transition system that will assist those getting out.

CSM Hansen (State Command Sergeant Major): The ARNG have new weapons this year and getting upgraded better equipment. For anyone needing assistance the National Guard Relief funds are low but, the foundation board can work with someone to find local help.

CW5 Henderson (State Command Chief Warrant Officer): Currently there at 140 Warrant Officers in the State which includes 5 – CW5's. There are many options for the warrant officer course being offered at Cp Ashland, Ft Rucker and Ft McClellan. He supports and is working with others to make Tricare Reserve Select (TRS) available for all current members.

COL Fineran (Chief of Staff): Briefed on the status of the ARNG. Currently the 67th Maneuver Enhancement Bde of about 200 are supporting operations in Africa. One unit just returned from Iraq. They have two requests for support of the SW Border and one unit deployment coming up.

At Cp Ashland the one level barracks have been removed. A conference building and three new buildings will be going up soon. Three new cabins (3 bedrooms/2 bath) are for rent at \$60 but, booked for this year.

The last few years have been busy with support provided for flooding, Covid testing and vaccinations, civil unrest to assist the police force and firefighting. Due to a national funding shortage this FY the TAG Shoot and other events have been cancelled, an AGR hiring freeze and possible drill cancellations. The staff is working on cultural awareness in the areas of harassment, extremism and transparency. Legislation has been beneficial for many with the tax change, tuition assistance is now 100% and some % is available for graduate school. New physical readiness test has 6 events verses 3. The ARNG has partnerships with Czech Republic and Africa.

The statement is "Win in a Complex World" because we are not sure who the enemy will be.

Conducting a retiree briefing will be discussed again at the October meeting.

No further business was discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 1030, July 14, 2021.

OTHER COMMENTS: If you have questions, comments or need assistance please let us know.

NMRC Meetings: October 13, 2021 at 9:00 AM at the East Campus Readiness Center, Room 206. All members are welcome to attend NMRC 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

18 Jul: St. Lo Run, NNG Museum, Seward

30 Jul: EANNG Golf Tournament <https://www.chronogolf.com/club/9576/events/379711>

1 Oct: NGA-NE (Steve Rein Memorial) Golf Tournament, location TBA.

Retirement:

ARNG: SFC Gralheer, (402) 309-8162, Ng.ne.nearng.mbx.retirement-services@mail.mil

ANG: <https://www.arpc.afrc.af.mil/retirement/> or Total Force Service Center 800-525-0102

<https://www.retirees.af.mil/> MSgt Naomi Sanders, (402) 309-1475, naomi.sanders@us.af.mil

Are you aware of someone retired or retiring? Please pass on our contact information.

Email address is nmrc90@gmail.com

Website: www.neguard.org/retirement_council/

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Deb Tankesley, NMRC Secretary