



NMRC MINUTES

January 15, 2018

To: NMRC Members

The Nebraska Military Retiree Council met at 9:00 am, January 10, 2018. The meeting was called to order by President Bill Nelson.

Officers Present: President Bill Nelson, Vice-President Dick Burch, Treasurer Al Riggins and Secretary Deb Tankesley; Members at Large: Joe Garcia, Randy Frazier, Bill Langan, John Bailey and Stan Refshauge.

Guests: Merlyn Schuster, Retirement NCO's - SFC Singaas, SFC Martin and TRICARE NCO – MSG Roman.

Save the Date - May 5, 2018 **NMRC Spring Social at NNG Museum (Seward)**

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the previous meeting, election ballots, Founders award and NMRC dues forms were e-mailed or mailed to members. Currently we have 452 members on the roster which includes 63 non-renewals for 2018.

Treasurer's Report: Current balance for checking is \$5,749.21. CD's total \$4350.98. Checks were written for postage, printing, and a \$25 memorial for Carl Ulm. A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made and seconded; the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bill Nelson - Reported ballots were counted and results were as follows for 2018-2019:

Vice President re-elected: Dick Burch

Treasurer re-elected: Al Riggins

Members-at-Large re-elected: Dave Petersen (Air), John Bailey (Air) and Bill Langan (Army)

A committee will review the 4 nominations received for the Founders Award. The name will be submitted to the council prior to the April meeting to accommodate the award presentation at the Spring Social.

John Bailey: Reported that May 5, 2018 was available for the Spring Social at the NNG Museum in Seward. Details are being reviewed for caterer, cost, tour and presentations. A motion to approve the date and location was made and seconded, the date was confirmed with Jerry Meyer and the motion passed.

Donation: Reference a donation to the museum which would be in the interest of NMRC was reviewed. We received a list of projects from the Museum which included a Freedom exhibit, main area monitors, Women in the NNG, Gun Room and Fathers of the Modern NNG exhibit. Discussion of the various areas showed favor for the main area monitors with an NMRC recognition plaque. The Council will continue discussion at the next meeting after further research.

NEW BUSINESS:

Al Riggins: Informed the council that we needed to change signature cards for the CD's at Cornhusker Bank because only one authorized name on file. Stan Refshauge made a motion that the CD's be changed over to

a general fund. Discussion included moving the CD's to a savings account at Wells Fargo where the checking account is located for continuity of funds. The motion was seconded with a unanimous vote; the motion passed. Bill and Al will meet at Cornhusker Bank to close out the account and accomplish the move.

Bill Langan: Bill respectfully submitted his resignation as a Member-at-Large. A thank you was expressed by those present for his many years assisting and supporting the NMRC. A motion was made to have Merlyn Schuster fill the vacant Army position. The vote was unanimous and Merlyn accepted the position.

Bill Nelson: A new contractor Colleen Guerra has started a program of Citizen Soldier for Life. The job is to work with individuals from enlistment to retirement. An invitation to the next meeting will be extended for a brief of the program and benefits.

Dick Burch: The Lincoln Foundation will be hosting a veterans and family hiring fair at the VA on April 19, 2018. Information will be sent out upon receipt.

SFC Singasaas (M-Day Retirement NCO) and SFC Martin (AGR Retirement NCO): Briefed that plans are being worked on to conduct the Annual Retiree Brief in September 2018 held in Kearney or North Platte. For 2019 the brief would be in Lincoln. When approval is received for the briefings notification will be sent to members. SFC Singasaas will be sending flyers explaining the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) which will be forwarded to members for informational purposes.

MSG Roman (TRICARE NCO): Presented that TRICARE has made changes affecting current and retired members. Those in Nebraska are covered under TRICARE-West. If you had TRICARE Standard and Extra it is now TRICARE Select. He emphasized how important it is to know your rights under TRICARE and when your benefits begin because in a short time he has encountered many who are unaware they have coverage. He advised that everyone should check their DS login-in to the website to ensure all information is accurate. If you are unaware of how or when you are eligible we will be sending out various informational messages or you may contact MSG Roman, cecilio.t.roman.mil@mail.mil or SSG Amezcua, Rosalba.amezcua.mil@mail.mil.

OTHER COMMENTS: If you have questions, comments or need assistance please let us know by using the contact options listed below.

NMRC Meetings: April 11, 2018 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, 9:00 AM, at the East Campus Readiness Center.

Have a new E-mail or Change of Address?? Please let us know by e-mail, call or mail.

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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, North Platte

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

May 5: NMRC Spring Social, NNG Museum, Seward

Deb Tankesley
NMRC Secretary