



## NMRC MINUTES

October 11, 2019

To: NMRC Members

The Nebraska Military Retiree Council met at 9:00 am, October 9, 2019. The meeting was called to order by President Bill Nelson.

**Officers Present:** Bill Nelson; Members at Large: Joe Garcia, John Bailey, Merlyn Schuster, Dave Petersen and Gary Hansel

**Absent:** Dick Burch, Al Riggins, Deb Tankesley and Randy Frazier

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes of the previous meeting were e-mailed to members. We have 552 members.

**Treasurer's Report:** Current balance in checking is \$9716.04. Outstanding deposits of \$75. A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made and seconded; the motion passed.

### **2020 NMRC Dues (\$5.00/year)**

Members with an email will receive a separate notification if their dues expire December 31, 2019.

Those mailed minutes will receive a form.

### **2020 Election Ballot & 2019 Founders Award (Due NLT Dec 15, 2019)**

Attached are the Election Ballot and Founders Nomination forms.

Both election votes and nomination may be e-mailed or mailed.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

The NNG Prescription Drug Program located in Lincoln no longer exists.

Annual Retiree Briefing which was to be held October 19<sup>th</sup> has been postponed due to unforeseen circumstances.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

The 2020 Election Ballot was reviewed for publication and approved. The positions for nomination or re-election are Vice President, Treasurer, one Army and one Air Members-At-Large. The ballot will be included with the minutes for return by December 15<sup>th</sup>.

The 2019 Founders Award was reviewed for publication and approved. The nomination form will be included with the minutes for return by December 15<sup>th</sup>.

The options for next year's Spring Social in May will be researched by John Bailey. The NNG Museum in Seward is being considered again.

The Tailgate on October 5<sup>th</sup> at the Spirit of 76 was a huge success. According to LTC Henrickson over 400 attended with many retirees.

Welcome SFC Amber Gralheer as the ARNG Retirement NCO. She will be checking into an agenda and location for a Retiree Brief next spring. An option will be Memorial Hall at Cp Ashland if available by next year (due to flood). She has a goal to get to out-state locations quarterly for briefing 18-20 year members and assist with retirement. Discussion was held on lack of support for ANG retirees. She will try to find a way to work with ANG to provide newly retired members a comp year. The ARNG members wishing to provide information will continue to be given an NMRC complimentary year membership.

Discussed an inquiry from Garth Scism regarding TRICARE health coverage for a widow of a guardsman (not retired) who passed. Looking for support of an initiative at the national level to expand survivor benefits to include a form of TRICARE. The NMRC will support any legislation that may come forward from NGAUS/EANGUS.

A motion was made by Gary Hansel to change the Constitution Article II to read:

*SECTION 3: The dues of the Council will be \$5.00 per year (this includes dual spouse membership), payable in advance for one year (1 January - 31 December). **Members attaining the age of 85 will be eligible for membership in good standing without the payment of dues.** Members will not be in good standing, **except those attaining age 85,** during any period for which dues have not been paid.*

Motion Seconded by Merlyn Schuster. All NMRC members should forward comments or responses to the NMRC. Voting on Constitution change will take place during the January 8, 2020 meeting.

No further business was discussed.  
Meeting adjourned at 0945, October 9, 2019.

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

**NMRC Meetings: January 8, 2020 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.

**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  
Oct 19: Retiree Appreciation Day – Offutt  
Oct 22: Veteran's Coffee & Counsel - Lincoln  
Oct 30: Military and Veteran Career Fair – Lincoln  
Nov 2: 1-134<sup>th</sup> Inf (Airborne) Activation – Mead Atlas Readiness Center  
Nov 11 – Dec 9: Open Season for Dental & Vision Insurance  
Nov 11: SAC Museum Patriot Day

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

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

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