



NMRC MINUTES

July 9, 2020

To: NMRC Members

The Nebraska Military Retiree Council met at 8:50 am, July 8, 2020. The meeting was called to order by President Bill Nelson.

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

Guest: SFC Amber Gralheer, ARNG Retirement NCO

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the previous January meeting were e-mailed to members. The April quarterly meeting was cancelled.

Membership: As of July 1, 2020, the NMRC had 580 members with 493 on e-mail.

Treasurer's Report: Current balance in checking is \$11,070.11. A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made and seconded; the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bill commented on LB 153 (exempting 50% of military retirement from State Income Tax) It did not make it to the final reading for voting. Due to current events it does not look positive for the reading and passing.

Cancelled: An NMRC Quarterly meeting was not held in April 2020 due to COVID-19.

The Spring Social that was to be held in May 2020 was cancelled and looking forward to 2021.

The Annual Retiree Brief was to be held in August 2020 was cancelled and look forward to planning a Spring 2021 event.

The Annual NMRC Golf Tournament for 2020 was cancelled.

Founders Award: Congratulations to the recipients of the Founders Award for 2019: Maj Gen Daryl Bohac and MSG Dennis Hartman. At the Spring Social each year the Founders Award is presented to individual(s) who have demonstrated a significant interest in and have provided support of programs and activities affecting NE Military Retirees. Due to the cancellation of the Spring Social the presentations will be held at a later date.

Dick discussed the Drive Through Job Fairs. They have been well received and attended. Plans with the VA are being looked at for a veteran's job fair.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made to approve \$500 for an Eagle Scout project with support from the Nebraska Fallen Heroes Foundation to build a Fallen Heroes Memorial at Cp Ashland. The motion was seconded and approved.

Bill mentioned the Kearney VA Memorial is coming along good according to Bob Harpst.

Discussion on mailings. Minutes, Social event notice, membership renewals and election voting documents are mailed to those without e-mail in April and October. Due to the cancellation of the April meeting, July minutes will be mailed.

Dick discussed a prior NNG (34th Mech Inf Division) gentleman from Hansen NE who painted art work on WWII helmets lost his shop to a fire. He has painted over 5000 helmets to include 50 that were used in Saving Private Ryan. Support on a Go-Fund-Me page will be further discussed after the council reviews the information provided.

TRICARE Select enrollment fees for 2021 were discussed. Further research is being done to ensure all retiree's or spouses are aware of how it will affect them.

SFC Gralheer provided information that the ARNG is working to get the Transition Assistance Program (TAP) funded. TAP provides information, tools and training for service members and their spouses to prepare for retirement and benefits. Currently, Bonnie Bessler is a contracted employee as the NE Transition Assistance Advisor and also assists those retiring or retired. See contact info below.

Mentioned by Joe and Gary that the ANG and ARNG breakfasts and lunches have started up again.

No further business was discussed.
Meeting adjourned at 0930, July 8, 2020.

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

NMRC Meetings: October 14, 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
15 Jul: 0900-1400, VA Outreach, 406 E. St, Fairbury
22 Jul: 0900-1400, VA Outreach, 204 S. High St, Wilber
9 Oct: Guard Association Golf Tournament at Hidden Valley.
10 Oct: Annual Husker Tailgate

Retirement:

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