



NMRC MINUTES

13 July 2022

To: NMRC Members

The Nebraska Military Retiree Council met at 0900, July 13, 2022. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Dick Burch.

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

Absent: Bill Nelson, Dave Petersen, Joe Garcia and Merlyn Schuster

Guests: COL Benes, Russ Brannagan and Bryan Tlamka

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 1 July 2022 the NMRC had 575 members.

Treasurer's Report: Al presented a quarterly report. Expenses were for memorials. Current balance in checking is \$13720.61. A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made and seconded; the motion was passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dave, John and Peggy supported the St. Lo Run in Seward with water, fruit and donuts. Cost was \$56.90.

NMRC Evening Social will be planned for next spring. John will review options for the future.

NEW BUSINESS:

Guest COL Daniel Benes (ARNG – G1) briefed on the struggle for recruiting in Nebraska and nationally. Factors are lack of getting into schools due to covid the last few years and medical review requirements have changed. He is going to assist looking into when a retiree briefing could be held in the future. Discussion was about vendors, holding one in the Lincoln area and one in the western part of the State.

Guest Russ Brannagan (ARNG) from Construction, Facilities & Management Office (CFMO) presented slides on the FY22 Review/FY23 Planned (see attached). A new Readiness Center is to be started in Bellevue adjacent to Offutt in August 2022. Camp Ashland rebuild has been developing and should be completed by November 2022. This includes training areas, classrooms and barracks. North Platte maintenance building should be completed in September. Mead Training Site is planned to have an expanded campus.

Discussion was held about the many changes and interest in the Camp Ashland site. We will contact the lodging office for information to publish on the facilities, requirements and contacts for camping and the newer houses for rent. Camp Ashland, Nebraska is the Army National Guard facility located near Ashland, Nebraska, along the Platte River. The camp has been in use by the Nebraska National Guard for more than 100 years and currently home to the 209th Regimental Training.

Discussion was held about presenting a National Guard Portrait Print for the Founders Award gift. We currently give recipients a shield plaque and a plate that goes on the master plaque that resides at the Museum in Seward. A motion was made to remain with the current presentation and seconded, the motion passed.

Ways to reach retirees and let them know about the NMRC was discussed. With technology many avenues for personal contact have become less available to inform the NMRC of retirements. Should you know of someone who has retired from the military and would be interested in staying in touch with events, changes and legislation that are happening please let them know about us.

Bill replied to an Army Echoes article to let them know our history. The NMRC was formed in 1992. We have members on our rolls, NEANG & NEARNG Guard retirees to including complimentary members for their first year of retirement, surviving spouses of NE Guard service members, life members over the age of 85 and other branches of service USAF, Navy and Marines.

The NGAUS golf tournament was discussed. The NMRC has a golf bag and will vote on a \$50 prize donation once the date/location is available.

No further business was discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 1010, 13 July 2022

OTHER COMMENTS: Questions, comments or need assistance let us know.

NMRC Meetings: 12 October 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 No Dues 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

19 Aug: ARNG Pike Golf Tournament (4 person scramble). POC: CW3 Jennifer Kramer
at jennifer.j.kramer.mil@army.mil or (402) 309 7354.

27 Aug: Tunnel to Towers Run & Walk – Holmes Lake, Lincoln

27 Aug: Women Veteran's Retreat - Papillion

24-25 Sep: Nebraska Women Veteran's Symposium – Kearney

Retirement:

ARNG: SFC Chris Niles, (402) 309-8162, christopher.m.niles.mil@army.mil.

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

<https://www.retirees.af.mil/>

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Deb Tankesley, NMRC Secretary