



NMRC MINUTES

January 12, 2022

To: NMRC Members

The Nebraska Military Retiree Council met at 0900, January 12, 2022. The meeting was called to order by President Bill Nelson.

Officers Present: Bill Nelson, Deb Tankesley, Al Riggins; Members at Large: John Bailey, Merlyn Schuster, Dave Petersen and Peggy Brown

Absent: Dick Burch, Randy Frazier, Joe Garcia

Guests: State CSM Scott Hansen, State Command CMSgt Jeff Horne and SFC Chris Niles

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 Jan 2022, the NMRC had 642 members. Those whose membership expired December 31, 2021 were notified. Currently 41 have not renewed for 2022. The council thanks everyone for their continued support.

Treasurer's Report: Al presented a detailed CY 2021 report with deposits and expenditures. Expenses included printing, postage, P.O. Box rental, Corporate Registration, eight memorials, Women's Wall NNG Museum and Wyuka Veteran's Circle. Current balance in checking is \$13167.96. He stated as a reminder that the Nebraska Nonprofit Corporation Biennial Report will be due in 2023. A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made and seconded; the motion was passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Wyuka Cemetery received the \$150 approved for Wreaths Across America.

The 2021 Election ballots were counted and results were as follows:

Vice President re-elected: Dick Burch

Treasurer re-elected: Al Riggins

Members-at-Large re-elected: Joe Garcia, Merlyn Schuster and elected Peggy Brown

The 2021 Founders Award nominations were reviewed. The approved recipients will be announced after they have been notified. Presentations will be held in 2022.

NEW BUSINESS:

SFC Chris Niles (ARNG Retirement NCO) discussed his position. He is working with ARNG and some ANG retirees on retirement applications. Contact him if you have questions about your retirement, applying for retirement or the passing of a retiree or spouse. He plans to visit Scottsbluff, North Platte and Kearney this year and when the schedule is confirmed we will announce. He will be working with us on an on-line retiree briefing with further details when available. SFC Niles is located in JFHQ, Lincoln and can be reached at 402-309-8162, Cell 402-730-2926 or christopher.m.niles.mil@army.mil.

CMSgt Jeff Horne briefed on how the Chiefs Council is continuing to maintain the ANG Base Memorial Stones with names of retirees.

The Wing will be deploying about 200 personnel this summer-fall for 2 to 6 months.

Plans are being made to expand the 170th at Offutt to bring on 80 personnel in the maintenance and intel areas.

Work is being accomplished for a new Enlisted Evaluation form.

LtCol Bob Mangels retired.

The Chief's Council is planning to hold the Retiree's Breakfast in April and when firm we will announce the date.

CSM Hansen briefed that current guidance is no more than 50 people gathering for events and that is why many have retired without the announcement of a ceremony.

The NEARNG is at 90% of covid vaccinations.

The NEARNG G1 (Personnel) has several changes with COL Chandler retiring, LTC Dan Benes is his replacement and LTC Shane York will be new Deputy G1.

Current update on deployments is the 192nd MP unit returned home, the 1057th MP's are currently in Kuwait, 67th Bde members are in Africa to return shortly and Aviation and Engineers members are serving at the SW Border.

John is going to look at planning the 2022 Annual Social possibly in May or June at the NNG Museum in Seward.

A member requested a review if any interest in getting an NMRC decal made for joining or renewing membership. Discussion was held. It was mentioned that we have a number of lapel pins that could be utilized. At this time the council did not find a decal an item of interest.

No further business was discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 0945, 12 January 2022

OTHER COMMENTS: Questions, comments or need assistance let us know. **NMRC Meetings: April 13, 2022 at 9:00 AM** 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 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

Retirement:

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

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Deb Tankesley, NMRC Secretary