



## NMRC MINUTES

April 14, 2021

To: NMRC Members

The Nebraska Military Retiree Council met at 0900, April 14, 2021. 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, and Dave Petersen

**Absent:** Gary Hansel

**Guest:** Ken Colson

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes of the previous January meeting were e-mailed/mailed to members.

**Membership:** As of April 2021, the NMRC had 594 members. Removal of non-paid members for 2021 and 2020 complimentary members reduced the number on our roster.

**Treasurer's Report:** Current balance in checking is \$12,835.01. Expenses for the quarter were for two memorials and fees for renewal of Nonprofit Corporation with the State. A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made and seconded; the motion passed.

### OLD BUSINESS:

Bill discussed with LTC Henrickson about partnering with NGA-NE and EANGUS for a golf tournament which they fully agreed to. Plans are being made and will be announced at a later date for a possible Friday in October with a football game tailgate on Saturday.

A Constitution change was discussed. A motion was made to approve the change presented at the January 2021 meeting. The motion was seconded with a unanimous vote to approve Article III Section 7 to read: ... The Treasurer is authorized to sign checks up to \$300.00 for Council obligations. Checks for amounts greater than \$300.00 will be co-signed by the President or other designated council officer...."

The updated Constitution will be sent with the minutes and posted on the NMRC website:

[https://www.neguard.org/retirement\\_council/](https://www.neguard.org/retirement_council/)

Discussions about scheduling the annual Retiree Briefing and Social were tabled for review again at the July quarterly meeting. Due to multiple mobilizations and Covid restrictions we are limited on available support and locations.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Ken Colson attended the meeting and gave a presentation on the availability for all veterans at the Vet Center. They advocate for all veterans not just those that were deployed which includes National Guard and Reserves. They have staff available for counseling (marital, family, readjustment, abuse, substance abuse, jobs), assistance in accessing VA Benefits, file claim assistance, locating VA Health Care facilities, referrals for needs of the veteran and assistance in many areas. The Vet Center is located at 3119 "O" Street, Suite A in Lincoln (402) 476-9736. No appointment needed.

Bill Nelson announced that he has received a new position as the National Program Manager for ESGR effective May 1, 2021. He held the NE ESGR position for 17 years. Congratulations to Bill. His replacement is Peggy Brown (prior ANG). We will not be changing the contact number for NMRC as Peggy has accepted to continue to receive calls and forward to the appropriate committee member.

Bonnie Bessler resigned from the Nebraska Reserve Component Transition Assistance Advisor (TAA) to take another position in the Nebraska National Guard. She assisted many individuals, coordinated presenters for retiree briefings and been an advocate for military members and their families. Her replacement will be Cara Loken. Further information will be sent out when received.

No further business was discussed.  
Meeting adjourned at 0945, April 14, 2021.

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

**NMRC Dues (\$5.00/year or Life Membership for 85+)**

**NMRC Meetings: July 14, 2021 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  
28 May - Patriotic Parade in Omaha honoring the Nation's Gold Star Families.

Details: <https://www.patrioticproductions.org/patrioticevents>

**Retirement:**

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