



NMRC MINUTES

January 12, 2019

To: NMRC Members

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

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

Absent: Dick Burch and Dave Petersen

Guests: Linda Plock and SFC Dennis Hartman

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the previous meeting were mailed or e-mailed to members. We have 413 members on e-mail.

Treasurer's Report: Current balance in checking is \$9583.28. Checks for memorials, Founders Award, printing/postage and Cp Ashland briefing expenses. A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made and seconded; the motion passed.

Membership: The NMRC Council would like to encourage all members to invite others to join. Information sharing has proven beneficial to many for events, rights, benefits and retirement. As of December 31, 2018, the NMRC had 531 members.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bill Nelson reported the ballots were counted and the results were as follows for 2019:

President re-elected: Bill Nelson

Secretary re-elected: Deb Tankesley

Members-at-Large elected: Joe Garcia and Merlyn Schuster (Army)

The nominations for the Founders Award were reviewed. The approved recipient will be notified for presentation at the Spring Social.

Bill reported that after the October meeting at the Museum in Seward a few members got together to review the disk of scanned old photos. Many names, places and equipment were identified. If anyone has the opportunity please stop by the Museum and assist in their continuing effort to accurately document the photo history.

Save the Date: John Bailey reviewed dates and locations for the Spring Social. Plans are for the event to take place on Saturday, May 11th at the NNG Museum in Seward. Details will be sent out in April.

Changes to the membership dues was discussed. Options reviewed were if someone reached a certain age or was a member for a set number of years, they could be considered a member in good standing without paying dues. Also, under consideration was a life membership. After reviewing how changes would affect the NMRC activities and finances it was concluded that dues will remain unchanged at \$5.00 a year.

The annual retiree briefing held on November 3rd at Cp Ashland was well attended. The agenda included presentations of Space A travel, VA Benefits, TRICARE, Cybersecurity by the State Office of the Attorney General and ID cards appointments were available. Thank you to SFC Hartman and the G1 Section for organizing.

NEW BUSINESS:

Stan Refshauge respectfully submitted his resignation as a Member-at-Large. We wish to thank Stan for his many years of assisting and supporting the NMRC. A motion was made to have Gary Hansel fill the vacant Air position. The vote was unanimous and Gary accepted the position.

Bill Nelson attended a meeting with NGA-NE (Officer & Enlisted Associations) on their Spring Conference being planned. They are looking at giving special recognition at the conference luncheon to the retirees of the prior year. More information on how we can support and participate will be coming.

SFC Hartman presented a possible option for notification of the Annual Retiree Briefings. DFAS has a way to possibly send notices by e-mail to all receiving pay on their records. More research is being conducted.

SFC Hartman will be traveling January 28 – February 1, 2019 to armories in Chadron, Scottsbluff, North Platte, Kearney and Grand Island to assist with retirement applications. SFC Goodrich will be in Chadron, Scottsbluff and North Platte for ID cards. Please schedule an appointment: SFC Hartman at (402) 309-8162 or SFC Goodrich at (402) 309-8159.

A suggestion was that the overview of previous handouts and information provided by e-mail should be continued annually. We will try to continue this type of overview of general information.

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

NMRC Meetings: April 10, 2019 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, 9:00 AM, 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, 320 Rodeo Road,

Second Wednesday every other month, 1730, Omaha area retirees, Millard VFW.

Third Wednesday each month, 1100, Patty's Pub, Lincoln

Jan 16: Wyuka Cemetery, Desert Shield/Desert Storm presentation.

Jan 28 – Feb 1: Retirement & ID's for Central and Western Nebraska

Feb 22-23: NGANE Annual Conference – Lincoln

May 11: NMRC Spring Social – Seward

May 23: NGANE Annual Golf Tournament – TBA

Are you aware of someone retired or retiring? Please pass on our e-mail or mailing address so we can share information and invite them join us.

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

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