



NMRC MINUTES

8 October 2025

To: NMRC Members

The Nebraska Military Retiree Council met at 0900, 8 October 2025. The meeting was called to order by President Bill Nelson.

Officers Present: Bill Nelson, Bryan Tlamka; Members at Large: Joe Garcia, Merlyn Schuster, Randy Frazier, Dave Petersen, John Bailey, and Peggy Brown

Absent: Dick Burch, Deb Tankesley

Guests: CMSgt Tontegode, Jeff Horne, SFC Olsen

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the previous meeting were mailed/emailed to members. A motion to accept the minutes was made and seconded, the motion was approved.

Membership: As of 1 Oct 2025, the NMRC had 582 members.

Treasurer's Report: A quarterly report was presented. Current balance in checking is \$13860.65.

Expenses were for the RAD, NE Corporate Registration, P.O. Box, event support and supplies. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made and seconded; the motion was approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD): Event took place Sunday, August 10th at the Spirit of '76 Armory. The Sunday event did not get the best attendance. Will continue to have on a drill weekend, but on Saturday.

NEW BUSINESS:

2026 NMRC Dues (\$5.00/year or Life Membership for those 85+ with no dues payment:

Members whose dues expired 31 December 2025 will receive a separate email/mail notification. Currently we are only able to accept check or cash.

2026 Election Ballot & 2025 Founders Award (Due NLT 15 December 2025)

Attached are the Election Ballot and Founders Award Nomination forms. You may submit your vote by names in an email, scan, or mail to the P.O. Box.

A motion was made to support the NGAUS Golf Tournament on 3 October 2025 with \$50.00 for prizes. The motion was seconded and approved.

Dave Petersen has decided to retire on December 31, 2025 after 25 years on the board as an at-large ANG member. Dave requested Jeff Horne finish out his term. Jeff accepted and will begin on January 1, 2026. Dave has enjoyed his time on the board and is willing to continue supporting the Run to St. Lo event.

SFC Olsen discussed trying to hold a Spring RAD event. Tentative date is April 11, 2026, and the location is still to be determined. It will most likely be '76 Armory but she needs to see if any units will be drilling there that weekend. SFC Olsen is also trying to get funding for lunches; if they get funding, there will be a requirement to RSVP for the event.

CMSgt Scott Tontegode discussed the Government shutdown is creating some issues for the Guard; pay issues and who can attend drill. On the ANG side OPS Group and Maintenance Group will be going away by April 1, 2026. There will be a reorganization of the command structure for those two groups. The 170th at Offutt AFB is continuing to grow and the Air Guard had a record 151 new accessions for FY 25.

We're exploring the possibility of having retirees volunteer at the JFHQ front desk. Volunteers would serve as greeters, assist visitors with directions, and help answer general questions. At this stage, we're gauging interest and working through the details.

The general plan is for retirees to volunteer when they're available and willing. Volunteers would receive training and could sign up for specific day and time slots either through a website or by coordinating directly with a NENG volunteer coordinator. More information will follow.

No further business was discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 1015, 8 October 2025

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

NMRC Meetings: 14 January 2026, 0900 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 NMRC Life Membership with no dues 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, Merricks Ranch House Diner on E 4th.

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

Quarterly, TBA, Kearney area Retirees Breakfast

24 Oct: Spirit of 1776 Haunted House, Lincoln NE

16 Nov: Lincoln Veterans Parade, Lincoln NE

7 Feb 2026: GNMB 60th Anniversary Kearney NE

Retirement: ARNG: SFC Leah Olsen, (402) 309-8162, leah.m.olsen2.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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