



NMRC MINUTES

8 April 2026

To: NMRC Members

The Nebraska Military Retiree Council met at 0900, 8 April 2026. The meeting was called to order by President Bill Nelson.

Officers Present: Bill Nelson, Dick Burch, Bryan Tlamka, Deb Tankesley; Members at Large: Joe Garcia, Merlyn Schuster, Randy Frazier, Ed Schmohr, Jeff Horne and Peggy Brown

Guests: CMSgt Tisthammer, MSG Olsen, SFC Mendoza, John Regan, Bill Wiechert and Jolie Vega

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 8 April 2026, the NMRC had 558 members.

Treasurer's Report: A quarterly report was presented. Current balance in checking is \$14780.65. Expenses for the quarter were donation for Heritage Room flags, memorial and supplies. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made and seconded; the motion was approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Founders Award 2025: Congratulations to Dave Petersen and John Bailey. The award will be presented. They have supported the NMRC for over 25 years as members at large, provided water and fruit at the St. Lo Run, organized the Annual Social and provided many hours of assistance to the Council.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made to donate \$500 for a Regimental Flag for the Heritage Room located in the JFHQ. The motion was seconded and approved.

Bill discussed that a ribbon cutting ceremony would be held for the Heritage Room at JFHQ on 10 April 2026 at 1500hrs. In the future it will be open for meetings and gatherings.

Ed inquired about the Annual Social. It was decided to review at the July meeting. Bill received input that locations to consider could be the Heritage Room or the State Historical Museum.

Merlyn Schuster has decided to retire on 9 April 2026 from the NMRC after years on the board as a Member-At-Large. He requested John Regan finish out his term. John accepted the position. Merlyn has contributed time and experience to the NMRC mission.

Bill discussed the Retiree Appreciation Day being held 11 April 2026 at the Bellevue Readiness Center. The NMRC will be supporting with donuts, coffee and at the registration desk.

A motion was made to support the NNG Association Annual Golf Tournament with \$50 for pin prizes. The motion was seconded and approved.

It has been announced that there will not be a St. Lo Run at the NNG Museum in Seward this year.

A motion was made to donate \$100 to the NNG Museum in honor of Jerry Meyer's retirement in August. The motion was seconded and approved. When the donation will be presented has yet to be determined.

Peggy (ESGR) will be moving to the Spirit of 1776 Armory this week due to renovations at the East Campus Readiness Center. She will be looking for locations to hold the next quarterly meeting.

Jeff and CMSgt Tisthammer reminded everyone of the ANG Retiree Breakfast at the Base on 15 April 2026. Still time to RSVP by 10 April.

Jolie Vega (At-Ease Rep) discussed a grant received from the VA. They are an organization that bridges the gaps with the VA for continued support for veterans' wellness and counseling. They have had positive attendance for the recent acupuncture sessions. At-Ease works with the VA Consumer Council.

MSG Leah Olsen introduced her replacement SFC Sabrina Mendoza as the new ARNG Retirement NCO. She also discussed the changes to the NGB Form 22 (Discharge), NGB Form 23 (Retirement Points) and how the process is going.

CMSgt Tisthammer discussed how the Combat Readiness Inspection went very well. The ANG is participating in Epic Fury with aircraft and personnel. The NEANG is flying more hours than others which is contributed to the maintenance of the aircraft. The ANG recently had approximately 30 personnel supporting the fires in western Nebraska.

No further business was discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 1000, 8 April 2026

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

NMRC Meetings 8 July 2026, 0900 location to be determined. All are welcome to attend meetings held quarterly on the second Wednesday of January, April, July, and October.

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, 0800, 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

11 Apr: Retiree Appreciation Day, Bellevue Readiness Center

15 Apr: ANG Retiree Breakfast, ANG Base, Lincoln

24 Apr: NNG Association Golf Tournament, Crooked Creek, Lincoln

22 May: DAV Charity Golf Tournament, Cairo, NE

8-9 Aug: Defenders of Freedom Air and Space Show, Offutt AFB

18-20 Sep: 5th Annual Women Veterans Symposium, Kearney

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