



NMRC MINUTES

8 July 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, John Regan, Randy Frazier, Dale Weber, Ed Schmohr and Peggy Brown

Absent: Jeff Horne

Guests: Col Hansen, CMSgt Tontegode, SFC Mendoza, Kevin Hynes and Tonya Burke.

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 July 2026 the NMRC had 582 members. Membership includes: 442 paid members, 36 complimentary members, 56 life members (85+) and 47 widows. This does not account for 31 dual status spouses.

Treasurer's Report: A quarterly report was presented. Current balance in checking is \$14002.10. Expenses for the quarter were donation for supplies, RAD and memorials. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made and seconded; the motion was approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

When and where the Annual Social could be held was discussed. Ed and Peggy will review available dates with the possible location at JFHQ/Heritage Room. Details will be sent out when decided.

Randy Frazier has decided to retire on 8 July 2026 from the NMRC after years on the board as an ARNG Member-At-Large. He requested Dale Weber as his replacement on the board. Dale accepted the position. Randy has supported and contributed to the NMRC mission.

Peggy (ESGR) has moved to JFHQ until renovations are completed at East Campus Readiness Center.

Discussion was held about the Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD) and the survey results. The survey was sent to all members for their input with 72 replies. The survey covered presentations, topics to include and location. Locations were suggested for the future RAD and reviewing if a retiree table with information could be set up at various events.

NEW BUSINESS:

Kevin Hynes presented that a magazine similar to the past Prairie Soldier is being developed. When it becomes available it will be electronic (NENG website, Facebook, etc). Printed copies will be minimal and due to funding no mailings. The format will cover events, promotions, retirements and information of interest to those serving and retired.

In the near future there will be a Veterans Affairs representative at JFHQ once a week to assist those retiring with filing a claim.

SFC Mendoza displayed a box with a flag, retiree pin and decals that each retiring ARNG member receives.

CMSgt Tontegode discussed that the NEANG continues to be ready and relevant. Airmen are supporting critical missions worldwide and have also been involved in local disaster response (mainly NE wildfires). Current State Partnerships include the Czech Republic, Rwanda, Tanzania and Republic of Marshall Islands. The Community Partnership Program continues with upcoming visits in August to Ogallala and McCook and in September to Chadron and Wayne. The ANG is still in competition for the KC-46. The program for retiree volunteers to greet and direct visitors at JFHQ is close to being published. When the requirements and information is finalized an invite to volunteer will be sent out.

Col Hansen (Director of Staff – Air) discussed an upcoming 80th NEANG Birthday Celebration being held on 13 September 2026 at the ANG Base. The NEANG is the second oldest in the country. An announcement will be coming with details. The construction of the runway should be completed in a year.

No further business was discussed.
Meeting adjourned at 1010, 8 July 2026

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

NMRC Meetings 14 October 2026, 0900 JFHQ, Heritage Room. 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
27 Jul: Warrant Officer Golf Tournament, Ashland
5 Aug: Retiree Briefing, Kearney
8-9 Aug: Defenders of Freedom Air and Space Show, Offutt AFB
28-29 Aug: Veterans Dental Clinic, Yutan
4 Sep: JFHQ Golf Tournament, Hidden Valley
13 Sep: 80th NEANG Birthday Celebration
18-20 Sep: 5th Annual Women Veterans Symposium, Kearney

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