



NMRC MINUTES

9 April 2025

To: NMRC Members

The Nebraska Military Retiree Council met at 0900, 9 April 2025. The meeting was called to order by President Bill Nelson.

Officers Present: Bill Nelson, Dick Burch, Deb Tankesley; Members at Large: Randy Frazier, Joe Garcia, Merlyn Schuster, Dave Petersen, John Bailey, and Peggy Brown

Absent: Bryan Tlamka

Guests: CMSgt Jarrod Tisthammer and John Regan

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 9 April 2025, the NMRC had 562 members.

Treasurer's Report: A quarterly report was presented. Current balance in checking is \$15,038.58. Expenses were for the Founders Award, memorials, NE Corporate Registration, Cornhuskers Boys State, and supplies. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made and seconded; the motion was approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Founders Award 2024: Congratulations to CMSgt Jeff Horne. The award was presented at his retirement ceremony for demonstrating a significant interest in and having provided support for programs and activities affecting NE Military Retirees.

John discussed the NMRC Social scheduled for 14 June 2025 at the NNG Museum in Seward. A flyer will be sent out with details. Bill discussed the JEO Consulting Firm currently associated with the NENG Officer and Enlisted Associations were interested in attending. A motion to pay for 2 meals for each JEO who attend was made, the discussion was to approve but being delayed until contact with JEO.

Dick discussed the ceremony/celebration for the 250th Army Birthday on 14 June 2025. He will be sending out information on this.

Dick discussed the Tricare West Region changes. The deadline for the payment changed again and extended to 30 April 2025. Several issues have risen with the new automated system. He is working as the CASA to assist in resolving some of the issues. Website is www.tricare.mil/west.

A request to support the Cornhusker Boys State was received. A motion was made to donate \$250 and seconded, the motion was approved.

An announcement for the ANG Breakfast being held on 23 April 2025 was sent to members.

Bill received the Distinguished Service Award for his participation in the NENG Associations as the retiree representative.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dave discussed support for the St Lo run at the NNG Museum on 7 June 2025. The motion was made to cover the cost of groceries (fruit and water) up to \$100, the motion was seconded and approved.

Dave raised the question of how to get more members. The NMRC each year has stayed between 550-600 members. Discussion included adding articles in the ARNG and ANG bulletins, VFW and Legionaries newsletters and NE Dept of Veterans Affairs. Ideas are welcome.

Dave discussed setting up a budget. Previously the cost was mostly mailings and with emails that has been significantly reduced. Discussion was about a policy for donations and categorize expenses. Bill, Bryan, and Deb will meet to review prior years expenses and dues income. A report will be presented to the board.

CMSgt Tisthammer. Wing Command Chief: Discussed the ANG Standards and Readiness Reviews. Exercise readiness and methods will be returning to warfighter ethos. The first weekends in June 2025 and February 2026 will not be available for retired member services due to exercises. ANG is working on a partnership in the Pacific that they would share with the Guam ANG. The 170th Group located at Offutt has been deploying. He reminded everyone of the retiree breakfast. Space A was discussed and a trifold information sheet will be emailed to members.

Garth Scism has arranged a retiree briefing. It will be held 1900hrs, Wednesday, 14 May 2025 at the American Legion Post 52 in Kearney. All are welcome to attend. The kitchen will be open around 1730hrs.

A Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD) is scheduled for 10 August 2025 at the Spirit of 1776 Armory in Lincoln NE. More details will be announced.

No further business was discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 1025, 9 April 2025

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

NMRC Meetings: 9 July, 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, Perkins Restaurant, I-80 & S. Hwy 83

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

Quarterly, TBA, Kearney area Retirees Breakfast

14 May: Kearney Retiree Briefing

23 May: Swing Fore Wounded Veterans Golf Tournament, Cairo NE

7 Jun: St Lo Run, Seward NE

14 Jun: Retiree Social, Seward NE

9 Jul: NMRC Qtrly Meeting, Lincoln NE

10 Aug: Retiree Appreciation Day, Spirit of 1776 Armory, Lincoln.

19-21 Sep: 4th Annual Nebraska Women Veterans Symposium, Kearney NE

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

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