



February 15, 2019

## MEMORANDUM FOR RETIREES

Minutes of the February 2019 Bi-monthly membership meeting of the Misawa Military Retirees' Association (MMRA)

1. The meeting was held on Wednesday, February 13 at 1700 In the Gray Room of the Consolidated Open Mess, presiding officers President-Paul Sayles, Vice President-Toby Fanelli, Joseph Roginski, Secretary and Treasurer-Dave Barton, , and 14 general members. (Note: The meeting date was changed from the 5<sup>th</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup> of February due to unexpected club closing on the 5<sup>th</sup>.)
2. Joe Roginski read the minutes of the December meeting which were accepted and approved by the membership.
3. OLD Business:
  - a. Joe Roginski reported on the status of disposal of Chief "T"'s estate. He reported that the will had finally been probated and after the few remaining bills had been paid off, the funds in the Navy Federal account will be distributed according to the will and finish the process of disposing of Chief "T"'s estate. (Open)
  - b. Joe Roginski reported that the nursing home visit was a great success. Five MMRA members participated. Paul Sayles' role as Santa was a hit with the kids and the old folks, the cake was beautiful. Toby Fanelli donated the ice cream and cookies. The staff of the nursing home were really appreciative and asked us to come back next year, so this may become a regular MMRA event. (Closed)
  - c. Paul Sayles reported that the Red feather campaign is finished and that the MMRA donated JPY 12,000. (Closed)
4. New Business:
  - a. Dave Barton and Joe Roginski reported on the letters that went out to all SSA recipients about the new Medicare card that will not have the SSN on it. The letter announced the new cards will be sent but only to recipients stateside. Dave reported that you may contact the Federal Benefits Unit (FBU) at the American Embassy in Tokyo and they will get a new card for you. (Closed)
  - b. Dave Barton recapped what is Medicare Part B and the pros and cons of paying into that system. (Closed)
  - c. Paul Sayles announced that the eyeglasses recycling program is still open and you can donate used glasses at the collection box at the Optometry Clinic. (Closed)
  - d. Dave Barton reminded that his e-mail about the food panty collection program at the Thrift Shop is still open and that food items that are not expired and unopened are gratefully accepted. (Closed)
  - e. Joe Roginski reminded everyone that keeping ones records, such as insurance beneficiaries, will, and other documents up to date will save your survivors a lot of hassle when the inevitable finally happens. (Closed)

5. Dave Barton read the financial report for the period December through January. Beginning balance \$7,854.03. he reported income of \$200 dues, \$500 donation, and \$0.66 interest for total \$700.66, and expenses of December club bill \$208.50, and nursing home cake \$63.99 for total \$272.49. Dave reported the current standing balances of \$3,853.45 Widow's Fund, and \$4,428.75 General Fund, total of \$8,282.20. The financial report was accepted and approved by the membership present.
6. There being no further business, it was moved and approved to close the meeting, which closed at 1745. The next bi-monthly meeting will be at 1700 on 2 April 2019 in the Club Tohoku Gray Room.

PAUL SAYLES  
President, MMRA