



June 27, 2022

## MEMORANDUM FOR RETIREES

### Minutes of the June 2022 Bi-monthly membership meeting of the Misawa Military Retirees' Association (MMRA)

1. The meeting was held on Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 1700 In the Gray Room of the Consolidated Open Mess. Presiding officers: Vice-President Gary Grishaver, Secretary-Joseph Roginski, and 11 general members were in attendance.
2. Joe Roginski read the minutes of the April 2022 meeting, which were accepted and approved.
3. OLD Business:
  - a. Toby Fanelli – Joe Roginski reported that on Toby's birthday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, Lee Martin, his wife and himself visited Toby at the Oirase Special Care Home to cheer him up. They sang him a 'happy birthday' which might have set his rehab back a few months! Joe commented that visiting is still not allowed but if you call in advance, you can arrange to meet him in the courtyard separated by the fence. Joe said he looked a bit tired, probably stress of being there. If anyone wants to bring him stuff he would really like that, especially snacks or Italian food, like lasagna. He is not allowed any alcoholic beverages, not even wine, which he loved. However they do encourage you visiting him even from the distance, which they say is very good for his morale. Gary Grishaver added, that he and Toby do video chat a lot and they chatted the day after the birthday visit. Gary said Toby was "super happy" that we visited. Gary said Toby still has problems with speech, especially when he gets emotional. Gary said Toby is a big time movie buff and loves DVD movies so if anyone has old DVDs to share with him, he would really appreciate it. Joe said that Toby's alien registration is up for renewal and that we can take him to the Aomori Immigration Office when the paperwork is ready. Joe said toby should enjoy that outing. Bill commented that he might find some wine in the car! (Open)
  - b. COVID - Gary Grishaver commented on the Covid situation as the other open item from the last meeting. He said that he had talked with the immunization clinic at the hospital. He said second boosters are for age 50 or over or for immune-compromised persons. There should be a four-month interval between the first booster and the second. They will use Moderna or Phizer for the boosters. Children age 5 to 11, have a five-month wait between the first and second booster using a pediatric Phizer dosage. Children 12 to 17, there is a five-month wait between boosters and using regular Phizer. Mark Ringquist added that he went in a few weeks ago for his booster. He had gotten the Johnson & Johnson. He asked what are they boosting the persons with who had the J&J and they told him that if a person had the J&J they didn't need a booster. They told Mark he could get one of the others but he declined. Gary added that you must make an appointment for the booster on the web page and to contact him for that info. Joe Roginski added that J&J would be discontinued in July. (Open) //Need URL for booster appointments//
4. NEW Business
  - a. Air Force Ball- Bill Tuttle noted that the MMRA did donate \$100 to the Air force Ball although the actual amount was not discussed at the last meeting. Gary commented that it is in the financial report. (Closed)

- b. Credit Union – Mark Ringquist commented that the Misawa Branch of Navy Federal was closed due to Covid. Ray Eberhardt commented that Navy Federal is now open again. (Closed)
  - c. Several members commented that gasoline off base is now cheaper than AAFES gasoline, Many shared notes on which stations are charging what. (Closed)
  - d. Gary Grishaver commented that DBIDS has been down for several days. (Note the system was restored a few days after this meeting.) (Closed)
  - e. Bill Tuttle commented that he is giving Kudos to the dental clinic who cared for him on a weekend for a dental emergency. (Closed)
  - f. Gary Grishaver reminded everyone if they did not get the list of translators in the last minutes to call him because he has the list available in the office. Ray Eberhardt asked if they charge and Gary said yes, they do not work for free. (Closed)
5. Financial Report – Gary Grishaver read the financial report for 7 June from the previous meeting on 5 April: Beginning balance of \$9,350.57. Income: MMRA dues of \$80.00. MMRA donation of \$100.00, a widow's fund donation of \$170, and account dividends of 0.16. Our total income was \$350.16. Expenses: The club bill for April was \$137.64, and a donation to the Air Force Ball of \$100.00, for a total of \$237.64. Widow's Fund balance is \$5,377.62, General Fund \$4,085.47 for ending balance of \$9,463.09. A motion was made and passed to accept the report. (Closed)
6. A motion to adjourn passed and the meeting closed at 1735. The next bi-monthly meeting will be at 1700 on 2 August 2022 in the Club Tohoku Gray Room.

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JOSEPH ROGINSKI  
Secretary, MMRA