



August 8, 2022

MEMORANDUM FOR RETIREES

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

1. The meeting was held on Tuesday, August 2nd at 1700 In the Gray Room of the Consolidated Open Mess. Presiding officers: President Paul Sayles, Vice-President Gary Grishaver, Secretary-Joseph Roginski, Treasurer Dave Barton and 11 general members were in attendance.
2. Joe Roginski read the minutes of the June 2022 meeting, which were accepted and approved.
3. OLD Business:
 - a. Toby Fanelli – Joe Roginski reported that Mr. Shinichi Morinaga visited from Kyushu to accompany Toby to his medical checkup and MRI at Hachinohe City Hospital and also research potential institutions that Toby could be moved to when his stay at the current facility ends when his rehabilitation care ends. Mr. Morinaga said that the care facility near Agri No Sato is a possibility. The members had an open discussion about the pros and cons of that location. Joe Roginski announced that sometime in August we will be taking Toby to the immigration office in Aomori to get his alien registration renewed. Gary commented that we should also think about getting the various Powers of Attorney renewed as they will expire in a few months. Joe Roginski commented that he will have to renew his rent soon and think about ending the lease and clearing out the house, preferably before winter. Gary suggested a storage unit could be useful. (Open)
 - b. COVID – Gary Grishaver commented that he will send out the URL for the Covid vaccine appointments. He also said there is no second booster shot for the children, just the normal series. Paul commented that the appointment system will not allow you to make an appointment until a booster is due. Paul commented that there is a spike in cases in Japan but the base is trying to not impose extra measures, and is urging persons be more vigilant in preventive procedures. He said that the hospital is handing out home test kits at the counter next to the coffee bar by the elevator. He said they are allowing up to 8 kits per month. Joe commented you can also get them from USPS, (Open)
4. NEW Business
 - a. Air Show – Ray Eberhardt asked if there was going to be an air show this year. Paul said that yes, and they are expecting about 75,000 people at the show on 11 September. (Closed)
 - b. Commissary – Mark Ringquist commented that he asked some questions at the commissary about the supply and stocking problems. He was told that the ports are still jammed up, there is trucking chaos in California because of new laws that prohibits independent truckers from hauling, He also said that no intermediary bases are taking goods intended of outlying bases, and that all orders to all overseas bases are not being filled completely. Orders are being cut or not filled at all. Paul said that orders are being cut by as much as 75% at the distribution sources. Some goods are being airlifted in but it is very expensive. Wing Leadership is being kept up to date on the problems and progress. A member commented that there is a COSTCO in Sendai for American products in bulk. (Open)

- c. Appreciation Day – Joe Roginski asked for an update on the RAD and Dave Barton commented that he is trying to set a date and support for the event but it will probably be in October, not September. (Open)
5. Financial Report – Dave Barton read the financial report from 7 June to 2 August: Beginning balance of \$9,463.09. Income: MMRA dues of \$20.00. Widow’s fund donation of 10,000 yen (\$73.00), and account dividends of 0.16. Our total income was \$93.16. Expenses: The club bill for April was \$137.64. Widow’s Fund balance is \$5,450.62, General Fund \$3,967.99 for ending balance of \$9,418.61. 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 4 October 2022 in the Club Tohoku Gray Room.

(signed)

JOSEPH ROGINSKI
Secretary, MMRA