



October 16, 2015

MEMORANDUM FOR RETIREES

FROM: Misawa Military Retirees Association

SUBJECT: Minutes MMRA

1. The bi-monthly meeting of the Misawa Military Retirees Association (MMRA) was held on 6 October 2015 at 1700 hours in the Club Tohoku.

2. Dave Barton read the minutes of the 4 August 2015 meeting which were accepted and approved by the attending members.

3. OLD BUSINESS

a. Still-Serving event was discussed. The breakfast and cake cutting went well and we had plenty of gift drawings for those at the Exchange Lobby. Col Rex returned to the base prior to the event so he was able to officiate at the breakfast and the cake cutting. As always we want to thank the sponsors for their contributions to the day's events. (CLOSED)

b. Still unsure on whether the base will be having a retreat on Veterans Day week. We will continue to follow up on this. The Dining Facility has committed to serving a Veterans Day luncheon for select retirees and first term airman; more to follow. (OPEN)

c. The issue with the flags not being flown at certain periods over the last couple of months has been addressed. If the retirees notice the flags not being flown again over an extended period they are to notify the RAO for reasoning. (CLOSED)

d. The Air Fest booth for the MMRA was successful with over \$400 in profits. We want to thank those who helped out at the booth and on the FOD walk, and for the many generous donations. The weather was miserable, but overall a successful day.(CLOSED)

e. We discussed briefly about the condition of Tony Watkins who is now in a hospice. He is doing poorly. We await any further updates on his condition. (OPEN)

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Ray Torp mentioned that the Navy Ball will be held on Friday, 16 October, and there are still tickets available. Dave Barton told the group if they had never been to a Navy Ball it was quite an experience and should not be missed. The Navy has many traditions that the other services do not have and the Navy Ball reflects those long standing traditions. (CLOSED)

b. Jack Hanley, retired Navy CPO, was introduced. Jack was a submariner while in the Navy, 1948-1969, post WW II diesel subs. Jack was accompanied by his daughter, Cindy Vahle who is a teacher at Sollars Elementary School.

Jack hopes to be able to attend all our meetings and be involved in our retiree events and he is now our oldest member of the MMRA. Welcome Jack and Cindy. (CLOSED)

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

Dave Barton read the financial report which was accepted and approved by the membership present.

6. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1750. The treasurer announced that the next meeting will be on 1 December 2015 at 1700 in the Club Tohoku Gray Room.

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