



December 15, 2025

MEMORANDUM FOR RETIREES

Minutes of the December 2025 bi-monthly membership meeting of the Misawa Military Retirees' Association (MMRA).

1. The meeting was held on Tuesday, December 2nd at 1700 in the Gray Room of the Consolidated Open Mess. Joe Roginski read the minutes of the October 2025 meeting which were approved and accepted.
2. Officers present: President-Paul Sayles, Treasurer-Dave Barton, and Secretary-Joe Roginski.
3. Purpose: Bi-monthly general membership meeting to inform the membership of matters pertaining to the operations of the Association, and to canvass the membership on matters of concern in operation of the Association, and any issues pertaining to living in Japan, living and working in and around Misawa Air Base.
4. Members present: 12, including officers.

Special Guests: None

6. Old Business

- a. There were no open items of old business.

7. New Business

- a. Paul Sayles commented on possible changes in the Japanese health insurance program as the health insurance card had been merged into the My Number data system. He reported there was still a lot of confusion as to how those without My Number cards would be covered. Joe Roginski commented that the My Number system was established a few years ago and that last year they announced that the My Number card would include the health insurance account in the data chip. Joe said that because there was still a large part of the population who refuse to get a My Number card, there was a special consideration for those over 65 to continue receiving a separate insurance card but it was in a different format and on a larger card, no longer wallet-sized. Paul added that there are now two types of My Number, one with the all-inclusive data chip and a wallet-size card that will act as the insurance card. He concluded the problems in the system were still being worked and we should be alert for changes as they come. (Open)
- b. Ray Eberhardt commented that to travel in the states you must have a Real ID, Passport, or a

driver's license. Ray also commented that in the minutes I had mistakenly introduced our new member as Bill Miller, when his name is actually Dan Miller. (Closed)

- c. Joe Roginski reported the rates had increased at the Misawa Inn (base billeting), but a member who works at the office said that order had been rescinded and rates went back to those before the increase. (Closed)
- d. Bill Tuttle gave an update on Toby Fanelli, our retiree who resides in an assisted living home, and that he and Joe Roginski had participated in a Zoom meeting with his guardian, his case worker and staff at the home to help Toby complete an active care plan and end of life decisions form. (Closed)
- e. Dan Miller reported there is a backlog of conversion applications for Japanese driver's licenses as much as six months. (Open)
- f. Dave Barton commented on the Profession of Arms awards for the Airman Leadership School (ALS). He said that we provide 6 plaques through the year, total cost of \$320, of which we cover half at \$180.00. A motion was made and passed to continue this through the coming year. (Closed).

8. Financial Report – Treasurer Dave Barton gave the report this meeting for the period October 7th to present. Beginning balance of \$7,226.79. Income: dividends of \$0.12. breakfast donations \$500 and \$250, total: \$1,400.12; Expenses: Club bill for December meeting \$189.20, billeting for RAD guest \$265 (includes 2024 and 2025 RAD) for total expenses \$454.20. Widows Fund stands at \$4,945.70, General Fund is \$1,827.01. Ending balance \$6,772.71. Motion to approve was made and carried.

At 1755, a motion was made and approved to adjourn. Paul Sayles announced the next meeting to be held on February 3, 2026 at 1700 in the club Gray Room.

PAUL SAYLES

President Name

President Signature

JOSEPH ROGINSKI

Secretary Name

Secretary Signature

