

Missouri National Guard Association Retiree Council

Friday July 21 2023 10:00 A.M.

The meeting was held in the Resiliency Center/Chapel, Missouri National Guard Headquarters Jefferson City, Missouri. The following Retirees were in attendance.

Randy Rodenberg

Bob Julius

Steve McQueen

Bill Leeper

Gaila Sullivan

Jim Dunn

Tom Morris

Gary Boyd

Dan Hatcher

Breck Ferguson

Will Johnson

Todd Henderson (RSO)

John Lewis (RSO)

MAJ. R. Borgmeyer (RSO)

Stella Druml (RSO)

Invited Guest: CCM Settle, Shelly Speichinger-Wood

Call to Order: Randy Rodenberg at 10:00 A.M.

Pledge of Allegiance: Randy Rodenberg

Invocation: Jim Dunn

Roll Call: Gaila Sullivan 11 members present/ Quorum verified

Minutes:

Approval to accept March meeting minutes with amendments was passed

Minutes were reviewed and amended motion to accept was made by Will Johnson, 2nd by Jim Dunn

Minutes approved.

Introduction of Guest/New members:

Northwest Region new member was introduced along with each member introducing themselves.

Guest /Legislative Updates:

MONGA Will Blaylock, Executive Director, as of June 1, 2023 was unable to attend meeting.

Will Johnson, reported that 2024 State legislative freshman day most likely would not occur. Although plans for 2025 were underway (election year and the Retiree Council would have opportunity to be involved. Participants will be allowed a max of 10 minutes for their presentation.

Integration of Regional Chapters tasker was each region identify existing chapters and POC name and contact info and provide this info to Will Johnson. This chapter info can be used by MONGRC as well as MONGA to network???

Jim Kesterson, (appointed Retiree on the MONGA board) hasn't interacted with the Retiree Council, in the past couple of years, Council Chair Randy Rodenberg, identified the need for representation on the Association board and asked for volunteer(s) to represent the Council. Will Johnson and Jim Dunn agreed, to serve on the Missouri National Guard Association Board as representatives from the Retiree Council.

Gary Boyd asked what has happened to the publication of the Bears Facts, where did it go. MAJ. Borgmeyer will check with the Public Affair Office.

Committee Reports:

Charter & SOP Committee - Finalized

Will Johnson will send out final copy for vote from every Council member by 9:00 PM tonight March 23, 2023. Vote responses required in order to send final copy to JAG office.

Will also stated, that the Council must have WIFI access availability to accommodate Council members that are unable to attend in person.

The Council needs to ensure widest dissemination to members sharing date, time, and location of upcoming meeting.

Springfield RAD

Council members received copies of the RAD participant's comments.

Old Business:

Correction of improper motions during March meeting, Will Johnson conducted the proper procedures of clearing July minutes irregularities. All motions cleared and passed.

Highest bid Silent auction Quilt during State Conference was won by Randy Rodenberg who re-donated the quilt from the Retiree Council.

New Business:

Shelly Speichinger-Wood was introduced as a Legislative Rep to assist with improving communication between Retiree representatives and MONGA. Shelly will work closely with Will and Jim keeping them abreast of State legislative information

Gary Boyd had question regarding her involvement with RAD's? None

RSO Upcoming events:

Final formation Event August 5 2023, ISTS, following events TBD, most likely in January 2024

Missouri State Fair August 13 2023 (additional chair for multiple people)

Todd meeting with Whiteman AFB Soldier & Family Readiness SPC Aug 4 2023

Branson Veterans Week November 4-10 2023 (flexible schedule TBD)

Ft Leonard Wood RAD Sept 9 2023, John is a member of the RAD Council (2 day event)

Wi-Fi connectivity for the Resiliency Center lower level coming, no firm date

Suggestion to meet in the HQ bldg., conference room w /Wi-Fi capability

RSO Update:

New hire Stella on board eff Jul 5, 2023 replacing Mrs. Spurgeon,

1. Open enrollment season for Survivor Benefit Plan is mid December 2022 thru December 31 2023. (Jim Dunn, reminded everyone to inform members to select SBP.)
2. Spouse Travel funding status- \$388.00 left until the new fiscal year begins. Projected funding for 2024 \$8000.00
3. My FSS (Air Force portal) is having continued technical issues.
4. MONGA Conference will be held at Margaritaville Hotel & Conf. Center mid-April
5. Per Dave Riley conversation July 19, Jefferson Barracks RAO is now associating with the 131st Bomb Wing, CAC designated out of Scott AFB will now be controlled by Whiteman AFB. Further info TBD. Meeting with SMSgt Martin is in planning stages.
6. Blended Retirement System (Continuation Pay) Process getting turned over to the Education and Incentives Office. Addition information will be provided after further coordination early August 2023.
7. SPC Wright is now the designated person working with the DEERS site at the Cape Girardeau Office.
8. SGT Ryan Hennecke is currently working at the Human Resources Command assisting with processing applications for retirement and will be returning to the Missouri Guard and working in our office starting October 1 for 1 year on ADOS, ADSW T-10 Orders.

9. R3SP will be having a 5k Fun Run September 22 2023 at the Patriot Center to support awareness of Suicide Prevention.

10. Retirement packets sitting at the Human Resources Command have been moving at a faster pace due to addition of ADOS Solider helping with the process within the last 5 months.

- Todd out of office until July30th

- Stella going to RSO Certification Course, Ft Belvoir, VA August 7-11

- John on leave Aug 16-18, Aug 23-24 and Aug 30-31

State Sr. Leadership Comments:

State Command Chief Master Sergeant Jessica Settle remarks begin with, regards to what is the message/platform that she could carry to our uniformed Airman, Soldiers and families about the Missouri Retiree Council? Why do we need a Retiree Council?

The Council needs to keep Senior Leadership informed about what we are doing/ working toward. Let us help you get your message to the masses.

Our Strategic plan should be people #1 and how to take care of our uniformed members, their families and retiree's.

The MONGRC exist for everyone.

Final formation plan is moving forward for Air Guard still in developing stage.

Will Johnson will email copy of SOP and Outreach presentation to CCM Settle.

Council Chair Rodenberg reminded CCM Settle, the Retiree Council is looking for 2 representatives for the Retiree Council from the Central Region.

Regional Updates:

Central: Will Johnson,

Continuing to work on Charter and SOP

Looking to reach-out to retiree chapter's to provide list of American Legion Post and Veterans of Foreign Wars in there area's

Will, can provide info to anyone interested regarding Veteran organizations in their area

Can PAO send -out media blast of big events in the region?

East: Dave Riley/Bill Leeper/Bob Julius:

Hero's care organization will provide school supplies to pass out

Breakfast for the Troops Sept 2023

Family Day Sept 9th

100th Anniversary of 110th Jefferson Barracks there will huge retiree presence 28-30 Sept

Working on Christmas event for families

Northeast: Alan Garrison/ Steve McQueen/ Dan Hatcher,

Steve McQueen reported that Bravo Battery holds their meetings at the RV Center and they do have a Face Book page.

Breakfast meeting are held by Hannibal/Mexico area combined as they continue to look for members.

Northwest: Gaila Sullivan/ Randy Rodenberg/Tom Morris

Rosecrans Runway Groundbreaking May 17 2023, \$28 million dollar runway reconstruction project

Director of the Air National Guard recognition to the 139th Airlift Wing maintainer provided assistance in maintaining a total of 10 C-130's belonging to various Guard units during Air Defender 2023

Retiree Chapter held meeting July, no change in chapter officers.

Tom Morris introduced himself to council.

Southeast: Donald Firebaugh, No report

Southwest: Jim Dunn/ Jackie Adams,

Marksmanship competition sponsored by the Adjutant general of Missouri, all 3 Air Wings participated in the rifle match.

Retiree Chapter Association pairing with Joplin American Legion Thursday Sep 17

Function after Veterans Day parade Saturday Nov11

West: Derbo Caicedo/ Breck Ferguson/Gary Boyd

Retiree Council continues to meet with few members in attendance

Treasuring remains in plus status,

Need signage marketing DEER capability at Amory

Continuing to work on Council members ID badges

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Chairman remarks:

Terms of office: Elected Chairman will serve 1st year as Chairman, with elected Vice-Chairman serving as Chairman the 2nd elected year. The Chairman becomes the Vice-Chairman during the second year.

The 2 Co-Chairs Randy Rodenberg and Steve Mc Queen have mutually agreed not to switch positions/responsibilities in October 2023. Randy also stated that he would be vacating Board position a year from Oct 2023.

Motion to accept this variation from the MONGRC By-Laws was made by Jim Dunn, 2nd by Gary Boyd, motion passed with 2 abstaining

Motion to Adjourn by Will Johnson, 2nd by Jim Dunn (Motion to adjourn not required)

Benediction: John Lewis

Adjournment: Randy Rodenberg at 1:35 P.M.

Minutes Approved by MONGRC Chairman Randy Rodenberg, SFC, (USA Retired)

Next Quarterly meeting will be held Friday Sept 22, 2023, Thomas Hall at 10:30A.M.