

Missouri National Guard Association Retiree Council

Friday March 31 2023

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

Randy Rodenberg

Steve McQueen

Gaila Sullivan

Alan Garrison

Bob Julius

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Derbo Caicedo

Jim Dunn

Dave Riley

Bill Leeper

Will Johnson

Breck Ferguson

Dan Hatcher (VTC)

Todd Henderson (RSO)

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

Pledge of Allegiance: Randy Rodenberg

Invocation: Alan Garrison

Roll Call: Gaila Sullivan 12 members present/ Quorum verified

Bob Julius reminded Council members about the use of military rank by Retired members per U.S. Department of Defense. Council members agreed to keep verbal conversation informal.

Minutes:

Reviewed, motion to accept was made by Will Johnson, 2nd by Jim Dunn

Minutes approved.

Introduction of Guest/New members:

Derho Caicedo, introduced and Council welcomed new council member, Breck Ferguson.

Breck, Ferguson, provided a brief introduction and handed out his business card.

Guest /Legislative Updates:

MONGA Larry Crowder, Executive Director, not present

Will Johnson, reported that 2023 State legislative freshman day had passed.

Retiree Council would have opportunity to be involved, in the 2024 State freshman tour, limited to a 10 minute presentation.

It was noted that Retiree Caucus was not include on conference agenda. Jim Kesterson, (Retiree on the MONGA board) will be contacted regarding a timeframe for Retiree's to meet.

Committee Reports:

Springfield RAD2023 update, planning meeting Mar13, 2023 was provided. Key note Speaker confirmed, appreciation gift discussed. Each member was asked to submit 1 question about what's the most overarching problem for retiree's. Submit to Alan Garrison by Apr10th 2023.

Update/Review of Charter & SOP was presented by Will Johnson. Question/changes should be sent to Will Johnson within the next couple of weeks.

Retiree Council Chairman Randy Rodenberg and Major Borgmeyer, Family Warrior Support Chief, recently met exchanging procedural information such as flow of submitting information to the Office of the Adjutant General and reviewing the purpose of the Retiree Council. This aligned with the Missouri National Guard Retiree Council Charter.

Old Business:

October 2023 Retiree Appreciation Day RAD **TABLED** more discussion will occur during July quarterly meeting.

Motion by Randy Rodenberg, to support State wide Retiree Appreciation day in conjunction with State conference, in odd years, with Regional RAD held in even years. Motion was 2nd by Derbo Caicedo. Motion passed with 1 voting member abstaining (Motion will be rescinded during July Quarterly meeting due to improper motion procedures)

MONGRC outreach slide update was presented by Steve McQueen, with suggestion that all of the slides should be kept together, with footnotes regarding which slide work best for different audiences

RSO will add slides to website.

New Business:

Integration of Chapters; Will Johnson

Discussion on how State retiree council can work with Regional council chapters,

1st phase is to obtain list of Regional retiree chapters, and request below information:

Area Chapter Council Chairperson Information

Inquire as to whether council is unit specific or open to any retiree in area

Is it an Organized Council or Social Group?

Add appendix to MONGRC SOP to include Regional Council information

Communications with Chapters; Derbo Caicedo

Discovery of Chapters

Connecting Chapters with retiree's in their region

Use of Face Book and other social platforms

How to include persons that no longer reside in Missouri

RSO Update:

Todd Henderson provided RAD update,

DFAS is available to attend RAD, if State can provide funding that will cover Per Diem and Travel expenses. Will Johnson possibly has a source that can provide funding to cover expenses.

New pens, sport water bottles giveaways will be available during RAD.

Other items presented were Office schedule changes, Survival Benefit plan changes, and Budget funding cuts. Contact RSO for additional information regarding updates.

Motion made by Steve McQueen, to invite RAO's to attend Council meeting as an advisor, hopefully to increase understanding between RSO's and RAO's, Motion 2nd by Dave Riley.

Motion passed. (Motion will be rescinded during July Quarterly meeting due to improper motion procedures)

RSO Upcoming events:

RAD walkthrough April 11, 2023

Air Wing Retirement briefings per TAG direction: 139th Completed, 157th upcoming,

131st Pending

Mrs. Spurgeon retiring effective May 31 2023, new hire will be an RSO

Out of Office May 18&19 assisting new Topeka RSO

Randy Rodenberg reported on the need for adequate office space for RSO personnel. The current location does not provide necessary privacy to assist members/families. He also remarked about the outstanding, professional service John and Todd provide.

Randy Rodenberg, began discussion for consideration of changing Regional area map. The initial discussion, resulted in no changes to current map. Further discussion, led to a motion by Al Garrison, to increase Air representation on the board by adding 1 (one) position from each of the Air Wings: 131st, 139th, Jefferson Barracks, 2nd by Bob Julius. This membership change will increase the number of Retiree Council members to 24 ensuring adequate/equal representation for the Air Guard on the Retiree Council. Motion passed (Motion will be rescinded during July Quarterly meeting due to improper motion procedures)

Regional Updates

Central: Will Johnson, No report

East: Dave Riley/Bill Leeper/Bob Julius:

Breakfast for the Troops May 7 2023

Family Day TBA

Northeast: Alan Garrison/ Steve McQueen/ Dan Hatcher,

Reporting the passing of SSG Virgil Stewart, Bravo Battery 1 128th FA, Kirksville, Mo

The Bravo 128 Retired charter supported a dinner fund raiser for Virgil's family.it was well attended. They do have a Facebook Page

Steve McQueen has developed a Facebook page for the Northeast region

Marshall Unit will have their summer BBQ and will invite retirees.

Northwest: Gaila Sullivan/ Randy Rodenberg

Mar 4th Bi-Annual Retire Ready seminar was held 19 members attended. Mr Todd Henderson from RSO was a presenter, event supported by Airman & Family Readiness Program.

Retiree Chapter will hold dinner meeting, April 1st, Annual update of Wing events will be presented by CMSgt Noble.

April 4th Month of the Military Child event for Adults &children

April 11th&12th Recruiting office will sponsor a Career Fair info posted on Wing Facebook page

Tom Morris was presented as a nomination to fill 3rd position in the Northwest,

Bob Julius made motion to accept Tom Morris, Steve MQueen 2nd, acceptance of new Northwest Council member passed.

Southeast: Donald Firebaugh, No report

Southwest: Jim Dunn/ Jackie Adams,

Marksmanship competition sponsored by the Adjutant general of Missouri

Fundraising opportunity during the event raffling an AR rifle

West: Derbo Caicedo/ Breck Ferguson/Gary Boyd

Recruited additional retiree for this Council,

Fundraising,

Increasing local chapter membership numbers

Continuing to work on Council members ID badges

Keep Gary Boyd in your prayers!

Motion to Adjourn by Alan Garrison, 2nd by Jim Dunn

Benediction Al Garrison

Adjournment Randy Rodenberg at 2:10 P.M

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

Next Quarterly meeting Friday July 21st