

MONGRC Quarterly Meeting 12 April 2024

This meeting was held in the Parliament II Room, Holiday Inn Executive Center Columbia, MO.
The following Regional Council members and RSO personnel were in attendance.

Randy Rodenberg

Alan Garrison

Gaila Sullivan

Donal Firebaugh

Will Johnson

Jim Dunn (VTC)

Bob Julius

Gary Gilmore (VTC)

Gary Boyd

John Lewis (RSO)

Breck Ferguson

Todd Henderson (RSO)

Bill Leeper

LTC Ryan Borgmeyer

Sharon Peery

Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Randy Rodenberg

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Parliamentarian Alan Garrison

Roll Call – Quorum

The Secretary, Gaila Sullivan, took roll call, 12 Council members were in attendance. Quorum was established with 10 members in person and 2 members via VTC – Electronically. Sharon Perry member from the Central region was introduced at her first Council meeting. Guest Mark Jones was in attendance checking out the council.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The January Meeting Minutes were reviewed; no corrections required. Motion to approve minutes as written/distributed/ was made by Bob Julius and second was made by Gary Boyd. **Motion Passed**

Parliamentarian reviewed concerns of voting process as a reminder

New Member

There was an introduction of new member, Sharon Perry, to the Central Region. She had previously been accepted/ approved to the Retiree Council. Nomination motion to add Sharon to the council was taken via e-mail with vote submission of Yay or Nay by Friday 4-21-23.

Motion Passed

MONGRC Charter

There was discussion regarding the MONGRC Charter Training. The current slides need to be updated to reflect the new Charter/SOP changes. This item was tabled for future discussion.

Legislative Update

General Assembly rooster publication is available, contact Will Johnson.

MONGA Retiree committee meeting agenda was provided by our council representative Will Johnson. The Annual MONGA State retiree caucus meeting will be held at 2:00 P.M. Parliamentarian Room, in the conference center.

MONGA Update

Please attend the Meet and Greets that are being hosted across the state. You'll find them posted at weblink: www.mongaonline.com

Committee Reports

The 2025 Statewide RAD was tabled; contact either Steve McQueen or Randy Rodenberg if interested in being a member of the 2025 RAD planning committee.

Freshman Tour Update, Will Johnson reports he is working through RSO with TAG for the Retiree council's participation and will have an update in October.

Old Business

MONGRC Yearly Planning Schedule/Calendar, Will Johnson POC

The Retiree Council needs to commit to work with Mr. Humphrey, from the office of the Adjutant General. We should also work toward having a seat at the table to brief about the purpose and benefits of this council.

Reminder: The Retiree Council cannot Lobby

Integration of chapters, Will Johnson is taking a look at large and small groups that meet regularly. He is working to identify all Groups and add their info to the calendar. He plans to get some information from the sign -in sheets during the Retiree Caucus, being held today.

Council members were requested to send their regional council information to Sharon Perry.

RSO Report

1. "My FSS" (Air Force portal) continued to have technical issues. Retirement packets are still backlogged from October 2023.
2. Updates from the Family Warrior and Support staff:
 - CW5 Daniel Eagan is now assigned as the FWS Senior Human Resources Officer effective 1 March 2024
 - LTC Borgmeyer will be assigned as the 70th Troop Command Administrative Officer 1 June 2024
 - Changes have been made for area Solider Family and Readiness Specialist (SFRS) personnel located throughout specific armories in Missouri
3. John and Todd completed the annual RSO Certificate Course in Ft. Belvoir, VA. The prerequisite for qualified counseling is for personnel conducting briefings to be certified every year.
4. Possible Title 32 GS-12 position opening for the State Solider Family Readiness Specialist Lead coming in the near future.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 88th Readiness Division (based out of Ft McCoy, WI), Army Reserve Retirement Services Office will be conducting a retirement briefing at Jefferson Barracks, 27 April
- Todd is conducting Air Guard briefing at Jefferson Barracks 4-5 May.

Leave for the Retirement Services Office:

- Todd out of office 16 May through 10 June 2024
- Stella - 17-20 May and 20-21 June 2024
- John - Last week of May and first week of June 2024

There was a report for the petty cash / Kitty funds of \$ 151.59.

Regional Reports:

Southeast - Donal Firebaugh

Donal reported he has been unsuccessful in finding someone to step in/step up to become a new member for this council from his region.

MONGA Meet-up: Cape Girardeau Edition: 19Jul 2024

Southwest - Jim Dunn, Jackie Adams, Gary Gilmore

Jim commented they're hosting The Adjutant General's Rifle Match 15-17 March 2024.

They will be raffling off an engraved AR -15rifle.

The 203rd Engineer Battalion is planning 20 yr. reunion on 16-17 August 2024 any past member is invited. The 203rd EN BN Reunion's purpose is to bring Service Members and their family member's together for fellowship and to celebrate the Houn Dawgs. This reunion is open for all 203rd members, past, present and their families. We will also be celebrating the 20 year anniversary of the Houn Dawg's return from OIF 03-04. Don't Kick Our Dawg! Reunion will be held at the Downstream Casino Resort, 69300 E Nee Road Quapaw, Oklahoma 74363

We are having a MAC 5 in August with meals provided.

West - Breck Ferguson, Gary Boyd,

Gary, reported that the MCC is 100% complete, Monument looks GREAT!

Breck, remarked Retiree Chapter and KC Mavericks held a joint recruiting effort at the January 17th Hockey game in the KC area.

Central - Will Johnson, Sharon Perry

No Report

East - Bob Julis, Dave Simons, Tom Bamvakais

Bob stated, The Area V Chapter is having difficulties staying a workable organization. After serving more than ten years as president the current president has decided to not run for re-election. No one has stepped up to take on the position and other positions such as bartender, head cook and serving table leader. If no one will volunteer as President by the next dinner meeting, it is very likely that the Area V Chapter will be forced to suspend its operations.

No RAD scheduled for the East Region.

Northwest - Tom Morris, Randy Rodenberg, Gaila Sullivan

Gaila reported, plans are underway to host an event utilizing facilities at the 139th AW. June 7, 2024. Tri Care, RSO, and VA mobile unit and Leavenworth National Cemetery Representative have been invited to provide briefings.

Northeast - Alan Garrison, Steve McQueen, Dan Hatcher

Dan offered accolades to the RSO for assisting a member that was turning 60. The Macon and Kirksville chapters remain engaged with each other. Currently, the Hannibal unit is drilling and Steve plans to visit Mexico unit. The Marshall unit is planning a BBQ during summer timeframe. Al Garrison is looking for help with making contact with the Moberly Unit. Seeking someone to open the door!

Chaplains Update

None

Benediction by Alan Garrison

Motion to Adjourn and end the meeting was made by Gary Boyd and seconded by Bob Julius.

Next Meeting: Saturday, 20 July 2024 at 11:00 A.M. RSO office conference room.

Nomination and voting of council officers will take place.

Officers will meet at 10:00 for planning purposes.