

Missouri National Guard Association Retiree Council

Friday September 22 2023

The meeting was held in Thomas Hall, Missouri National Guard Headquarters Jefferson City, Missouri. The following Retirees were in attendance.

Randy Rodenberg

Dave Riley

Steve McQueen

Bill Leeper

Gaila Sullivan

Will Johnson

Alan Garrison

Jim Dunn (VTC)

Bob Julius

Gary Gilmore (VTC)

Gary Boyd

John Lewis (RSO)

Breck Ferguson

Stella Druml (RSO)

Call to Order: Randy Rodenberg at 10:37 A.M.

Pledge of Allegiance: Randy Rodenberg

Invocation: Gary Gilmore

Roll Call: Gaila Sullivan 12 members present/ Quorum verified

Point of order by Al Garrison the revised meeting agenda is not the copy council members received today. Revised meeting agenda contained these corrections: Promotion of MAJ Borgmeyer to LTC, omission of New RSO hire of Stella Druml and misspelling of Gaila's name.

### **Minutes:**

Reviewed, correction made to East regional report, motion to accept was made by Bob Julius, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Riley

Minutes approved with correction.

### **Guest /Legislative Updates:**

MONGA Executive Director Will Blaylock asked that council members talk up the different associations: NAGUS, EANGUS, and the MONGA conference which will be held April 11-13 2024 in Columbia, Missouri. Looking forward to working with Retiree Council.

Randy Rodenberg, strongly stated that the room for the quarterly meeting be properly set-up, American flag, working micro phone. Al Garrison suggested the council appoint a Sgt at Arms that would coordinate room set up with RSO prior to meeting. LTC Borgmeyer suggested utilizing the conference room located in the Patriot Center, where he can have control of the room set up.

### **Committee Reports:**

Retiree Appreciation Day 2024 will be held in the Regional Areas.

Statewide Retiree Appreciation Day 2025 will be held in conjunction with MONGA per discussion led by Al Garrison in accordance with Council Standard Operating Procedures.

Several different ways to market the various appreciation days was suggested such as allowing attendees the opportunity to visit vendors during morning timeframe, then transition to speakers/presenters in the afternoon. Another suggestion of renaming the day had positive consideration, possible suggestions, Retiree Outreach or Retiree Appreciation Morning (RAM)

Gary Boyd stated K.C. chapter would probably support a West Region all day function due to past interest of members visiting with vendors, Tricare, and VA especially.

Northwest Region is also interested in supporting an appreciation day/morning, utilizing either St. Joseph or Maryville location.

After much discussion of which year State and Regional RAD's are to be held Al Garrison clarified that ODD years Statewide RAD in conjunction with MONGA, and EVEN years the Regions can hold outreach/appreciation day if they desire to according to the Retiree Council SOP.

Bob Julius stated chairperson from the MONGRC when possible should be from the Regional Area that the State Conference is being held. Steve McQueen volunteered himself to be the Chairman for the 2025 Conference. No one opposed him, Committee members will be selected at a later date.

2025 MONGA Statewide Conference, and MONGRC chairman Steve McQueen will work together.

Invitations to all retiree should be sent out.

### **Old Business:**

Integration of Chapters; Will Johnson asked that information regarding local chapters information be include in the regional reports.

Randy Rodenberg, led discussion on how State retiree council can work with Regional council chapters, possible data base that Council member Sharon Perry is willing to create with membership information. Gary Boyd and Bob Julius both question legality of providing info outside organization. It was a general census that only Names and Addresses could be utilized.

Al Garrison questioned rather or not a new data base is needed, he stated that if we need info sent out RSO should handle distribution. John Lewis stated the retiree data Base for Air Guard members isn't available. Although the RSO office has a data base of about 10,000 which is currently transferring into a web base program.

It was decided Retiree Council should utilize the existing data base. RSO will push out any info the Council wants sent forward and the local Chapters can disseminate information to their local chapter members. Also Face Book can be utilized to provide information.

### **New Business:**

Al Garrison provided clarification regarding Officers of the Retiree Council making motions and voting according to Roberts Rule. Motions can be made by any Officer. Members of the Council are appointed to the Council by nomination from their region, and then current council members vote on those nominated. Each person represents a group of people/region.

Officers of the Council are voted on by the body of the Council. Officers do not lose their vote, because they are representing their region. Council Officers should not attempt to sway any proposed motion.

### **RSO Report:**

1. Open enrollment season for Survivor Benefit Plan continues until Dec 31, 2023.
2. Spouse travel Funding status- Out of funds until new Fiscal Year.
3. Blended Retirement System (Continuation Pay) application will resume to be processed through the Retirement Office within the next month. The applications have been streamlined to go from our office directly to the pay office.
4. SGT Ryan Hennecke, is currently working at the Human Resources Command assisting with processing applications for retirement and will be returning to the Missouri National Guard in our office starting Oct 1, 2023 for 1 year on ADOS/ADSW T-10 Orders.
5. Retirement packets at the Human Resources Command continue to move at a faster pace due to the addition of ADOS Solider helping with the process within the last 5 months.
6. Possible furlough

Todd - Thanksgiving Leave November 20-24, November 2-9 (Branson Veterans Week)

Stella - November 4-8 (Branson Veterans Week)

John - November 20-24 Thanksgiving Leave

### **UPCOMING AGENDA:**

Final formation Event - November 4, ISTS and following events to be determined, most likely in January 2024

Southeast Missouri Retirement Appreciation Breakfast, Poplar Bluff, Mo on October 20, John will have a table

Todd meeting with 131<sup>st</sup> Bomb Wing, Jefferson Barracks Air Guard personnel, December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2023

Retirement database has been deemed inoperable by the Data Processing Office September 7, 2023. Work around is to take data and put into a web-based database.

**IDEAS NEEDED FOR 'SWAG' TO ORDER FOR NEXT FISCA YEAR - RAD's etc.**

**Kitty Fund - \$125.84**

### **Regional Updates**

**Central:** Will Johnson/ Sharon Peery

Looking for responses from Retiree Council Chairperson regarding updated Council Charter, Randy Rodenberg will check emails and follow-up with Will Johnson

Will Johnson is going to send updated/final copy to LTCOL Borgmeyer, prior to signed copies being submitted.

Will Johnson is keeping Shelly Speichinger & Jim Dunn abreast of information that transpires during the Missouri National Guard Association meetings.

**East:** Bob Julius /Bill Leeper/ Dave Riley

Operation Home Front provided school supplies for back to school event.

Air Guard Family Day Sept 9th should be a huge event.

Christmas event details are not complete at this time.

Retiree Briefing for Top 3 Enlisted ranks will be held Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Retiree monthly meeting had 20 plus members present.

Report by Dave Simons from 131BW/ Jefferson Barracks Retiree Assistance Office will be provided at January 2024 meeting, along with meeting agenda.

**Northeast:** Alan Garrison/ Dan Hatcher/ Steve McQueen

Steve McQueen, Retiree Council Co-Chairperson has agreed to Chair the RAD portion, which will be held in conjunction with MONGA State wide Conference.

Unit in Marshall is very strong and the Moberly unit has a good outreach program.

**Northwest:** Tom Morris/ Randy Rodenberg/ Gaila Sullivan

Retiree Chapter will hold dinner meeting, was held approx. 25 retiree's in attendance

April 4<sup>th</sup> Month of the Military Child event for Adults & children was held at 139thAW

**Southeast:** Donal Firebaugh, No report

Retiree council Chairperson Randy Rodenberg, has been unable to contact Donal.

Matt Freeman may be able to help in making contact with Donal.

**Southwest:** Jackie Adams/ Jim Dunn

Longtime Hound Dog member SGT Mackey passed away.

Veterans Expo did not have a very good turn-out

During the 2024 Adjutant General Match the Hound Dogs will have a Fundraising opportunity raffling an AR-15 engraved with the Hound Dog logo.

Mike Brown retiree ceremony

Golfing event Oct 9<sup>th</sup>

Veterans Day Parade Nov 11<sup>th</sup>

**West:** Gary Boyd/ Derbo Caicedo/ Breck Ferguson

MCC finally complete all funds have been expended. The Dozier's placement is excellent with a nice placard. This project took a lot of years to complete. It's an outstanding monument tribute to the 110<sup>th</sup> Engineers.

Retiree Council meeting was an open forum providing information regarding the Missouri National Guard State Retiree Council.

Benediction: John Lewis

Adjournment: Randy Rodenberg at 12:46

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

**Next Quarterly meeting will be Saturday January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 10:30 A.M.**

**We'll be utilizing the Conference room located in Patriot Center same bldg.as the Retirement Services Office.**