

UNITED STATES ARMY WARRANT OFFICER ASSOCIATION
STAR OF THE NORTH CHAPTER

MINUTES FROM THE CHAPTER MEETING

18 January 2007

1. The meeting was brought to order by Mr Billy Robinson, Chapter 0306 President, at 1134 hours at 506 Roeder Circle, Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

2. The following members were in attendance:

Mr Billy Robinson	President
Mr Lyle Fridlund	Vice President
Ms Frances Bergren-Kienlen	Interim Secretary
Mr Howard Lundin	Treasurer
Ms Marilyn Anderson	Member
Mr Kevin Appel	Member
Mr Michael Danberry	Member
Mr Robert Kostka	Member
Mr Dale Shepard	Member
Mr Gary Talbot	Member

Proxy representation for the following members:

Mr Dennis Ahrens
Mr Robert Billings
Mr Gary Gaffner
Mr Nick Goodwin
Mr Richard Hathaway
Mr David Karels
Mr Wayne Koski
Mr Lenny Nelson
Mr Timothy Vreeman
Mr Thomas Wilharber
Mr Dale Wippler

3. The members Pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

4. President Robinson confirmed that we had a quorum to conduct business. Minutes from the December 14, 2006 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made Mr Talbot to accept the minutes and seconded by Mr Danberry. Motion carried.

5. Mr Lundin provided the Treasurer's Report. The signature cards have been updated. As of 1 December 2006 there were two checking accounts with one outstanding check for \$46.43 remaining in the old account (check issued for postage). The new account's balance was \$436.06. There was a monthly check return/image statement fee of \$2.00, for a final balance of \$434.06. Mr Lundin was unaware of why the fee was imposed but will find out and attempt to get it waived. The notice of address change was received from the bank on 21 December. Mr Appel motioned to accept the report, seconded by Mr Shepard. Motion carried.

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6. Announcements: None.

7. Membership Reports: Mr Lundin distributed the membership report reflecting that as of 18 January 2007 there were 53 active chapter members and 28 unaffiliated members.

8. Old Business:

a. Website. The website has a link to the membership application. Meeting dates and times and minutes are also posted to the site. Warrant Officers interested in joining the WOA can link, print and fax in their applications. Mr Robinson stated that Mr Danberry has been doing a great job of updating the information and requested that all of us visit the website and encourage all other WOs to check it out as well.

b. Golf Tournament. President Robinson stated that Mr Schlosser (member at large) has agreed to help set up the golf tournament. In the past, he has been involved with a couple of AUSA tournaments and has netted \$5K and \$4K. Mr Robinson will ask Mr Schlosser to look at weekday options (Thursday was recommended) during the 2nd, 4th, or 5th weeks of May.

c. Adopt a Highway. Mr Appel has been in contact with MNDOT and there is still some question about the location that has been assigned to our Chapter. There was a sign in place in Eagan but MNDOT is saying that our designated location is off of Highway 610. Mr Lundin stated that he has located the box of vests and pickup bags needed for the collections. ACTION NEEDED: Mr Appel will drive by both locations and report back next month.

d. VAMC Christmas Party. Mr Lundin attended the VAMC Christmas Party on 21 December. There were a small number of family members, probably due to the unexpected snowstorm. An AUSA representative also was there handing out T-shirts. On December 25th, MR Bergren-Kienlen brought a large tray of fresh baked Christmas cookies to the family room and two more huge cookie trays, candy and nuts were brought over on the 27th of December much to the delight and pleasure of the staff and families. Mr Robinson thanked Mr Lundin and Ms Bergren-Kienlen.

e. Veterans Home. There were some sensitive issues going on at the Vets Home last month so Mr Appel postponed calling them to volunteer for Christmas activities.

f. Special Olympics. This is an open issue. Mr Lundin provided Mr Appel with a POC name and telephone number. In the past, we have provided a WO color guard and assisted with some of the other events. The Special Olympics take place in July. There are other opportunities at various other non-Special Olympics events that Chapter can offer assistance. ACTION NEEDED: Mr Appel will contact the POC to find out what we can do to assist.

g. Veterans Camping Areas. There are several veterans camping areas around the state. We may be able to help spruce them up or maintain them. There also is a wounded veterans fishing camp. ACTION NEEDED: Mr Appel will check into those opportunities.

h. Publicity Table and Display. Mr Robinson expressed his desire that we come up with a quality WOA display at the upcoming May Commander's Conference. ACTIONS NEEDED: Ms Marilyn Anderson, Mr Fridlund, Mr Kostka agreed to assist in building a display. Mr Robinson will send a letter to the 88th RRC command section seeking approval to set up our display at the conference.

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i. Chapter Flag. Our Chapter flag has still not been located. ACTION NEEDED: Mr Lundin will contact Ms Deb Blankenbaker and former officers and will check the flag locker in the hallway by the command section.

9. New Business:

a. Ms Appel suggested that our Chapter host a warrant officer night to bring together our Chapter members and encourage non-members to join. His suggestion included hor'dourves and a guest speaker (maybe from National WOA) at the Officers Club. Mr Lundin suggested that we do this on the birthday of the Warrant Officer Corps in July. ACTION NEEDED: None. Tabled until February.

b. President Robinson noted that the mugs being sent to new members still have the old Mr insignia. One new member's cup arrived broken. ACTION NEEDED: Mr Robinson will contact Mr Valiant.

b. Ms Bergren-Kienlen suggested that meetings be changed to locations that are more available to our National Guard members. Mr Lundin suggested that we look into Rosemount, NG State HQ building, or restaurant that is nearer that location. ACTION NEEDED: Mr Robinson will contact his Guard counterpart to work out a location.

c. Mr Robinson indicated that he would like to have a Chapter meeting that included family members. ACTION NEEDED: All members bring to the next meeting any ideas and a proposed date.

d. Ms Bergren-Kienlen read a note from Mr Lenny Nelson, a past Chapter Treasurer, sending his greetings from Iraq. Mr Lundin stated that the NG will be having a large homecoming and recommended our members plan on attending the welcoming back event.

e. Mr Robinson noted that he had been in contact with Mr Brian Cahoon. Mr Cahoon will be unable to accept the position as Chapter secretary due to scheduling problems. Mr Shepard volunteered and was sworn into the position as Chapter 306 Secretary.

10. Adjournment: At 1245 hours, a motion was made by Mr Appel to adjourn and it was seconded by MR Shepard. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held at 1130 hours on Thursday, 15 February 2007 at 506 Roeder Circle, Fort Snelling, MN.

Respectfully submitted,

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FRANCES BERGREN-KIENLEN
Secretary