

UNITED STATES ARMY WARRANT OFFICER ASSOCIATION STAR OF THE NORTH CHAPTER

MINUTES FROM THE CHAPTER MEETING 11 October 2007

1. The meeting was brought to order by President Billy Robinson, Chapter 306 President, at 1130 hours outside the Fort Snelling Blue Devil's Conference Room.
2. The following members were in attendance:

Billy Robinson	President
Lyle Fridlund	Vice President
Dale Shepard	Secretary
Robert Kostka	Member
David Nelson	Member
Lenny Nelson	Member
Gary Talbot	Member
David Conrad	Guest

Proxy representation is on file for the following members:

Dennis Ahrens
Frances Bergren-Kienlen
Robert Billings
Michael Danberry
Gary Gaffner
Nick Goodwin
Richard Hathaway
David Karels
Wayne Koski
Howard Lundin
Connie Payette
Timothy Vreeman
Thomas Wilharber
Dale Wippler

3. President Robinson led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance. President Robinson provided the invocation.
4. President Robinson confirmed that we had a quorum to conduct business. Minutes from the 16 August 2007 meeting were read by Mr. Shepard. A motion was made by Mr. Talbot to accept the minutes and seconded by Mr. David Nelson. Motion Carried.

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5. Treasurer's Report:

a. President Robinson provided the Treasurer's Report for the month of October 2007. There are no receipts or obligations outstanding at this time. The current balance is \$857.56. Mr. Shepard motioned to accept the report and Vice President Fridlund seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

6. Announcements:

a. Photographs of the presentation of the USAWOA ROTC medals by Chapter members to the Saint Thomas Academy ROTC has been published in the August 2007 News Liner, Volume 36, Number 8, page 8.

b. The 2007 USAWOA Scholarship foundation is a participant in the Combined Federal Campaign. (CFC) ID 11871

c. President Robinson requested that Mr. Lenny Nelson encourage National Guard Warrant Officers to be active participants in our Chapter meetings. In addition, he suggested the National Guard members could suggest a meeting at a location of their choosing.

7. Officer Reports:

a. President Robinson is advising all chapter members to submit recommendations for Chapter Officers NLT 4 November 2007. The Star of the North Chapter 306 will be electing Officers in December 2007. President Robinson and VP Fridlund have another year of eligibility if the members choose to vote for the same.

b. The 88th Command Chief Warrant Officer, CW5 Kostka, will be hosting the Warrant Officer Conference this year from 26-28 November 2007 at the Sheraton in Bloomington, MN. On Monday evening, 26 November, there is an informal Teambuilding at Joe Senser's Bar and Grill. Transportation is being requested from the Sheraton Hotel to the Bar and return. *Joe Senser's address is 4217 American Blvd. West Bloomington, MN 55437 Phone (952) 835-1191.*

8. Membership Report:

a. President Robinson provided the Membership Information. There are 57 Active Members and 29 unaffiliated members for a total of 86 members.

9. Old Business:

a. 36th Annual Meeting of the Members is 15-20 October 2007 in San Antonio, Texas. <http://www.usawoa.org/AMM2007.htm>

b. Mr. Danberry affixed the grommets onto our USAWOA Flag.

c. The Star of the North Chapter 306 Bylaw's were reviewed with suggested changes. No additions/subtractions were made to the Bylaw's. Mr. Lundin motioned to accept the Bylaw's for The Star of the North Chapter 306. Mr. Danberry seconded the motion. The motion was

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Old Business cont:

unanimously carried. An original signed copy is on file and available for distribution.

d. Adopt-a-highway cleanup day was scheduled for 29 Aug 2007 @ 1500hrs. Highway 149 in Eagan was blocked off due to road construction. We will reschedule a cleanup day once construction is complete.

10. New Business:

a. Mr. David Nelson motioned to donate \$100.00 to the USAWOA Scholarship Fund. Mr. Talbot seconded the motion. Motion carried.

b. Coordinate a date to visit the Traumatic Brain Injury Clinic over the Christmas holiday at the Veterans Hospital in MPLS.

c. President Robinson requested that Mr. Lenny Nelson encourage National Guard Warrant Officers to be active participants in our Chapter meetings at a location of their choosing.

d. VP Lyle Fridlund will find a vendor for our chapter shirts and coordinate a spring golf fund raiser in early 2008.

e. President Robinson will bring the following questions to the USAWOA Meeting of Members next week. What is the DA policy for placement of Warrant Officers in Command Positions? Is it possible for a non- MOSQ Warrant Officer to be placed in an authorized paragraph and line# while awaiting a school date. Explain the National Guard program for accelerated promotion from CW2- CW3 and the accession from E-7 with two years time in grade to CW2.

10. Adjournment:

a. At 1220 hours, a motion was made to adjourn by President Robinson. All who were for adjournment were advised to stand. Motion Carried. The next meeting will be held at 1830 hours on Thursday, 15 November at the Fort Snelling Officers Club. The Star of the North will be sponsoring a social at the Officers club from 1900 – 2000hrs Spouses', Families and Guests are cordially invited.

Respectfully submitted,

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DALE R. SHEPARD
Star of the North Chapter
Secretary, USAWOA