



STAR OF THE NORTH CHAPTER

United States Army Warrant Officer Association

Chapter Meeting Minutes 18 December 2008

1. The meeting was called to order and opened by CW5(Ret) Howard Lundin, Treasurer and Presiding Official at 11:30, 18 December 2008 in Building 506, at Fort Snelling, MN. Mr. Lundin led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Attendees:

a. The following members and guests were in attendance:

President:

Vice President:

Secretary:

Treasurer: CW5(Ret) Howard Lundin

Member: CW5 James G. Anderson

Member: CW5 Marilyn Anderson

Member: CW4 Ronald Diehl

Member: CW2 Shawn V. Pitts

Member: CW2(Ret) David Nelson

Member: WO1 Gretchen M. Pitts

Guest: CW4 Randall Brown

Guest: CW3 Gary Talbot

Guest: Mr. Mike Evans, USAA

b. The following members were represented by proxy on file with the Chapter Secretary:

President: CW4(P) Lyle Fridlund

Member: CW4(Ret) Dennis A. Ahrens

Member: CW5(Ret) Paul Amacher

Member: CW3(P) Kevin E. Appel

Member: CW5 Frances U. Bergren-Kienlen

Member: CW4 Gary G. Gaffner

Member: CW5(Ret) Richard W. Hathaway

Member: CW5(Ret) Bruce J. Hedblom

Member: CW3(Ret) Donald C. Korstad

Member: CW4(Ret) Donald Neshiem

Member: CW3(Ret) Kenneth L. Schumann

Member: CW5 (Ret) Galene Schlosser

3. **Secretary's Report:** Mr. Lundin confirmed that a quorum of chapter members was present or represented by proxy to be able to conduct business. He noted that the Minutes from the last Chapter meeting were not available.

4. **Treasurer's Report:** Mr. Lundin submitted the November 2008 Treasurer's report. The chapter has no outstanding obligations and has a fund balance of \$621.82 as of 20 Nov 08. A motion was made and approved to accept the Treasurer's report, subject to audit.

5. **Membership Report:** Chapter currently has 58 members and there are 33 additional USAWOA Members-at-Large in our area who have not affiliated with any chapter.

6. **Committee Reports:**

a. Election Results: Returned ballots reflect a unanimous vote for CW2 Shawn Pitts to be the new Chapter President and WO1 Gretchen Pitts to be the new Chapter Vice President. 12 updated chapter proxies have also been received.

b. Adopt-a-Highway: Chapter members made a fall clean up for our stretch of highway and we will not have to schedule another pick up day until spring.

7. **Unfinished Business:** None

8. **New Business:**

a. CW5 Jim Anderson, CCWO 88th RSC, administered the oath of office to the new chapter officers. President: CW2 Shaw Pitts, Vice President WO1 Gretchen Pitts and CW5(Ret) Howard Lundin, Treasurer.

b. The acting Secretary will send the USAWOA Form 300-4R (USAWOA Oath of Office and Directory of Chapter Officials (USAWOA Form 300-7-R) to USAWOA National along with a photograph of the swearing in ceremony.

c. Mr. Michael Evan, USAA's Military Affairs Representative for Minnesota and WI made a very interesting presentation on the type of support USAA can offer to units, Family Readiness elements and our Soldiers. USAA has a broad range of products and services for Soldiers and their family members. He provided insight in the how USAA can provide deployment assistance and reintegration support when the Soldier returns. Mr. Evans can be reached by telephone at 507.213.8054 or by email at: michael.evans@usaa.com

9. **Adjournment and Next Meeting:**

a. The Chapter President said that the Chapter would continue to use the Third Thursday of each month as our scheduled Chapter Meeting date and continue to meet in the same location in Building 506 at Ft Snelling, MN. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to adjourn.

b. The next chapter meeting will be held on 15 January 2009 outside the Blue Devil Conference Room, in building 506 at Ft Snelling, MN.

Respectfully submitted,

s/Howard Lundin

HOWARD LUNDIN

Star of the North Chapter, USAWOA

Acting Secretary