



STAR OF THE NORTH CHAPTER

United States Army Warrant Officer Association

Chapter Meeting Minutes 15 January 2009

1. Following a pre-meeting lunch of Sloppy Joes and Chips, the meeting was called to order and opened by the Chapter President, CW2 Shawn V. Pitts at 12:04, 15 January 2009 in Building 506, Fort Snelling, MN. Mr. Pitts led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Attendees:

a. The following members and guests were in attendance:

President: CW2 Shawn V. Pitts
Vice President: W01 Gretchen M. Pitts
Secretary:
Treasurer: CW5(Ret) Howard Lundin
Member: CW5 Marilyn Anderson
Member: CW3(P) Kevin E. Appel
Member: CW4 Gary G. Gaffner
Member: CW3 Michael Przybylski
Member: WO1 Kenneth E. Sharp
Guest: WO1 Chris K. Johnson

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

Member: CW4(Ret) Dennis A. Ahrens
Member: CW5(Ret) Paul Amacher
Member: CW5 James G. Anderson
Member: CW5 Frances U. Bergren-Kienlen
Member: CW3 Nickolas E. Goodwin
Member: CW5(Ret) Richard W. Hathaway
Member: CW5(Ret) Bruce J. Hedblom
Member: CW3(Ret) Donald C. Korstad
Member: CW4 Wayne M. Koski
Member: CW4(Ret) Donald Neshiem
Member: CW5 (Ret) Galene Schlosser
Member: CW3(Ret) Kenneth L. Schumann

3. **Secretary's Report:** Mr. Lundin confirmed that a quorum of chapter members were present or represented by proxy enabling the chapter to conduct official business. Copies of the Chapter Minutes for the Months of August 2008 and December 2008 were available for all attendees. Mr. Lundin provided a summary of both monthly minutes. A motion was made and unanimously approved to accept both month's minutes as written.

4. **Treasurer's Report:** Mr. Lundin submitted the December 2008 Treasurer's report and noted that in addition to the \$621.82 in the Chapter Wells Fargo Checking account, the Chapter received a cash contribution of \$20.00 which has not yet been deposited. He also advised that after ensuring copies of our May, Aug and December Chapter Minutes had been sent to USAWOA, he sent a request to USAWOA National asking for our 3rd and 4th quarter Chapter Rebate Checks. USAWOA has not provided these rebates because our Chapter Meeting minutes for these quarters had not been received by them. The chapter has no outstanding obligations. A motion was made and unanimously 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. WO1 Sharp asked and was told what he needed to do to affiliate with the Star of the North Chapter. WO1 Johnson said he would also get his membership application submitted this week.

6. **Committee Reports:**

a. **Adopt-a-Highway:** Mr Lundin turned over the Chapter Adopt-a-Highway support gear (box containing – vests, bags, gloves etc) to the Chapter president. These items will be needed when the Chapters schedules another pick up day in the spring.

7. **Unfinished Business:**

WO1 Chris K Johnson accepted appointment as Chapter Treasurer. President Pitts administered the oath of office. However the appointment and installation will not be effective until Mr Johnson's application for membership has been received and accepted by USAWOA.

8. **New Business:**

a. Plaques for departing 88th RRC CCWOs. Mr Lundin advised that CW5 James Anderson, CCWO for the 88th RSC, proposed that the Chapter prepare and present Certificates of Appreciation for the departing 88th RRC CCWOs: CW5 Robert Gant and CW5 Marilyn Anderson. Mr. Lundin presented proposed certificates for consideration. A motion was made and unanimously approved that the Chapter provide Certificates for the departing CCWOs and that the chapter purchase a cake, if needed, for Mr. Gants departure reception.07 February 2009.

b. Partnership with AUSA Chapter – It was suggested that we partner with the local AUSA chapter to collect Cell phones which would then be turned in to AT&T to be recycled. AT^&T would then provide free Telephone Calling Cards for deployed Soldiers. Members were told they could turn in cell phone to any of the chapter officials who would provide the phones to Mr Grublesky, who is the AUSA Chapter POC.

9. **Announcements and Discussion Items:**

a. Mr Pitts noted that the 934th Airlift will host a blood drive for the American Red Cross on Tuesday 10 Feb 09 from 0900-1400 at the AF Fitness Center. Chapter members interested in donating blood should call Nancy Ripley at 612-713-1170 for an appointment or information.

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b. Retirement Ceremony for CW5 Gant will be at the 88th RRC on 7 Feb 09 in conjunction with closing formation. This will be preceded by a reception for CW5 Gant in the Executive Board Room for 1500 to 1600. Our Chapter President or Vice President will make a presentation on behalf of the Star of the North Chapter during the reception.

c. Memorabilia: Ms Pitts noted that in the past the Chapter had sold T-Shirts and Polo Shirts to help raise money for the Chapter. She asked Mr. Lundin to contact our previous memorabilia provider and determine if we could reactivate our previous arrangement to procure shirts. Mr. Lundin said he would check into this and report back.

d. Financial Audit: Mr. Lundin noted that an audit of our Chapter's Finance Files and reports should be conducting in conjunction with the change in Chapter Treasurers. The Chapter President appointed Mr. Gaffner to conduct the audit. Mr Gaffner said he should be able to begin the audit next week.

10. 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, unless noted otherwise. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to adjourn.

b. The next chapter meeting will be held on 15 February 2009 outside the Blue Devil Conference Room, in building 506 at Ft Snelling, MN. If there is enough interest Pizzas will be ordered.

Respectfully submitted,

s/Howard Lundin
HOWARD LUNDIN
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Acting Secretary