



STAR OF THE NORTH CHAPTER

United States Army Warrant Officer Association

Chapter Meeting Minutes 19 February 2009

1. Following a pre-meeting lunch of Pizza, Bread Sticks and Hot Wings the meeting was called to order and opened by the Chapter Vice President, WO1 Gretchen M. Pitts at 11:55, 19 February 2009 in Building 506, Fort Snelling, MN. Ms. Pitts led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Attendees:

a. The following members and guests were in attendance:

President: Excused Absence – TDY
Vice President: WO1 Gretchen M. Pitts
Secretary: CW5(Ret) Howard Lundin (Acting)
Treasurer: WO1 Christopher K. Johnson
Member: CW2 James M. Fraser
Member: CW3 Michael Przybylski
Guest: SSG Michael F. LaForce USAR Recruiter, Burnsville MN

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 Marilyn Anderson
Member: CW3 Kevin E. Appel
Member: CW5 Frances U. Bergren-Kienlen
Member: CW4 Gary G. Gaffner
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 January 2009 were provided to all attendees. A motion was made by Mr Fraser, seconded by Mr Johnson and unanimously approved to accept the minutes as written.

4. **Treasurer's Report:** The January 2009 Treasurers report was submitted. It was noted that the balance in the Chapter Wells Fargo Checking account is \$691.82. However this includes two outstanding checks of \$45.18 and \$17.96 that were issued to cover the costs of cake and refreshments for the CCWO Retirement Reception previously approved. The Chapter has a current available cash balance of \$628.68. A motion was made by Jim Fraser, seconded by Mike Przybylski and unanimously approved to accept the Treasurer's report, subject to audit.

5. **Membership Report:** Mr Lundin volunteered to contact national for an updated roster and provided a current membership report next month. Mr Lundin confirmed that USAWOA has received WO1 Christopher Johnson membership application and that he is now a member of the Star of the North Chapter.

6. **Committee Reports:**

a. **Adopt-a-Highway:** The Chapter will schedule it's first 2009 clean up session during the first 2 weeks in April.

b. **Memorabilia:** Mr. Lundin said he had not yet contacted our previous memorabilia provider to determine if we could re-activate our previous arrangement to procure shirts., but will do so prior to next month's meeting.

7. **Unfinished Business:**

a. WO1 Chris K Johnson will assume Treasurer responsibilities and duties as soon as Mr. Gaffner completes the audit of the account. Mr. Gaffner has all of the Chapter's Finance files and hopes to complete his review and report before next month's meeting.

b. Chapter members participated in the 10 Feb 09 Red Cross Blood Drive at the 934th Airlift Wing..

8. **New Business:**

a. The Chapter President and Vice President will develop a 2009 Chapter Activity Schedule.

9. **Announcements and Discussion Items:**

a. Ms Pitts announced that WO1 Lyons who was unable to join us this month because of a unit TDY commitment, has agreed to accept the position of Chapter Secretary. He and Mr Lundin, the Acting Secretary will coordinate transfer of records prior to next month's meeting.

b. Several members of the Chapter attended the 7 Feb 09 Retirement Ceremony, Reception and farewell for CW5 Robert Gant, CCWO 88th RRC. Ms. Pitts presented CW5 Gant a Star of the North Certificate of Appreciation Plaque for his support of the Chapter and Warrant Officers of all components. CW5 Marilyn Anderson's plaque will be presented during her ceremony at the 88th RRC in March 2009.

10. Adjournment and Next Meeting:

- a. At 12:38 a motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to adjourn..
- b. The next chapter meeting will be held on 12 March 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