



STAR OF THE NORTH CHAPTER

United States Army Warrant Officer Association

Chapter Meeting Minutes 16 April 2009

1. Following a pre-meeting lunch at Famous Dave's in St. Paul the meeting was called to order and opened by the Chapter President, CW2 Shawn Pitts at 12:07, 16 April at Famous Dave's. Mr. Pitts led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Attendees:

a. The following members and guests were in attendance:

President: CW2 Shawn Pitts
Vice President: CW2 Gretchen M. Pitts
Secretary: WO1 Joseph P. Lyons
Treasurer: WO1 Christopher K. Johnson
Member: CW2 James M. Fraser
Member: CW4(Ret) Donald Nesheim
Member: CW5 (Ret) Howard Lundin

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: 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 Gary G. Gaffner
Member: CW5 (Ret) Galene Schlosser
Member: CW3(Ret) Kenneth L. Schumann

3. **Secretary's Report:** Mr. Lyons 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 March 2009 were provided to all attendees. A motion was made by Mr. Lundin, seconded by Mr. Nesheim and unanimously approved to accept the minutes as written.

4. **Treasurer's Report:** Mr. Johnson submitted the March 2009 Treasury Report. 1 check was deposited from a recent rebate; another check cleared; and there is still 1 outstanding check that should be deposited by April 17th. A motion was made by Mr. Lundin, seconded by Ms. Pitts and unanimously approved to accept the report as written.

5. **Membership Report:** Mr. Lyons had no new numbers to report. Mr. Pitts is actively recruiting 2 potential members. Our chapter currently has 59 members.

6. **Committee Reports:**

- a. Adopt-a-Highway: Ms. Pitts is working with MNDOT; nothing new to report.
- b. Memorabilia: Mr. Pitts found a resource and is waiting for some sample shirts to arrive.

7. **Unfinished Business:**

- a. WO1 Lyons was sworn in as the Chapter Secretary by the Chapter President, Mr. Pitts.
- b. The Chapter President and Vice President are working on a 2009 Chapter Activity Schedule.

8. **New Business:**

- a. Mr. Fraser brought up the idea to sponsor a golf event this year. He is going to conduct further analysis and report back to the Chapter members.
- b. A Rolling Stock Museum will be present at Arden Hills on June 13/14th. Ms. Pitts is going to look into setting up a booth at this event to sell snacks.
- c. Mr. Lundin is going to re-visit the JROTC award that we have participated in at St. Thomas the past few years.

9. **Announcements and Discussion Items:**

- a. There will be an antique weapons show at the State Fairgrounds this weekend.
- b. Mr. Nesheim will be conducting a Retiree Benefits presentation on August 21st at the Rosemount Armory.
- c. Mr. Nesheim brought up the idea of getting the Chapter together at the Ft. Snelling Officer's Club for a dinner with our spouses. Tentatively we have set a date of June 18th. Mr. Lyons is going to send a message to all Chapter members in regards to the date working for a majority of the group.
- d. Mr. Lyons brought up comments from the Chapter members about the timing of the meeting during the work-day. Several members have commented that because of civilian employer commitments they are unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Lyons is going to send a "survey" to the Chapter members in an effort to get a consensus on a good time for our meetings.

10. Adjournment and Next Meeting:

- a. At 12:57 a motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to adjourn.
- e. The next chapter meeting will be held on 21 May 2009 at a time & location to be determined. My Lyons will notify all Chapter members via e-mail with this information when it is available.

Respectfully submitted,

s/ Joseph Lyons
JOSEPH LYONS
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Secretary