



# STAR OF THE NORTH CHAPTER

## United States Army Warrant Officer Association

### Chapter Meeting Minutes 23 July 2009

1. Before the meeting the group grilled steaks & brats BBQ shelter just outside of building 507. The meeting was called to order and opened by the Chapter President, CW2 Shawn Pitts at 1303 HRS, 23 July. 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: CW5 (Ret) Howard Lundin  
Member: CW5 Marilyn Anderson (2 daughters were present)  
Member: CW4 Gary G. Gaffner  
Visitor: SSG Lorne Fread

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: 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: CW5 (Ret) Galene Schlosser  
Member: CW3(Ret) Kenneth L. Schumann  
Member: CW2 James M. Fraser  
Member: CW4(Ret) Donald Nesheim

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. The previous chapter meeting from June was reviewed by Mr. Johnson. A motion was made by Mr. Pitts, seconded by Mr. Johnson and unanimously approved to accept the minutes.

4. **Treasurer's Report:** Mr. Johnson reviewed the July 2009 Treasury Report. There was no change from June's meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Pitts, seconded by Mr. Lundin and unanimously approved to accept the report.

5. **Membership Report:** Mr. Lyons had no new numbers to report. Our chapter currently has 59 members.

6. **Committee Reports:**

- a. Adopt-a-Highway: discussion was had regarding the concern that not enough members may not participate in this event. Mr. Pitts is going to write a letter to send to all members soliciting support.
- b. Memorabilia: Mr. Lundin has made a lot of progress in regards to T-shirts, polo shirts, and badge holders that will have the Warranty Officer Eagle on them. Mr. Lundin brought samples of the T-shirts and polo shirts to the meeting and they looked great. Mr. Lundin is going to create a price list with pictures & ordering information and disseminate them to the chapter members.

7. **Unfinished Business:**

- a. Nothing to Report.

8. **New Business:**

- a. Ms. Pitts brought up the idea of selling food/drinks for Retire Activity Day at the Rosemount Armory on August 28<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Lundin is going to speak with Mr. Nesheim regarding the possibility of doing this.

9. **Announcements and Discussion Items:**

- a. Mr. Lundin shared with the group several topics under discussion with the WOA's Former Presidents Committee. Those topics were: CW5 Management, Who should be the voice of WOs to the Army, BAH for Junior WOs, Commander's Perception of WOs, and Permanent Instructors at the Warrant Officer's Career Academy.

**10. Adjournment and Next Meeting:**

- a. At 1342 HRS a motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to adjourn.
- b. The next chapter meeting will be held at 1130 HRS on 20 August 2009 at the Blue Devil Conference Room in the basement of Building 506, Ft. Snelling.

Respectfully submitted,

*s/Joseph Lyons*  
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Secretary