

STAR OF THE NORTH CHAPTER

United States Army Warrant Officers Association

MINUTES MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETING

26 September 2013

Brooklyn Park Armory

1. The meeting was brought to order by Tina Podratz, Pro-term President at 1812 hours at the Brooklyn Park Armory, Brooklyn Park, MN.
2. The following members were in attendance:

CW3 Podratz	Pro-Term President
(Excused Absence)	Pro-Term Vice President
CW5 Peter Panos	Member
CW4 Brent Jensen	Member
CW3 Erik Homme	Member
CW2R David Nelson	Member – Fort McCoy Chapter
CW2 David Bendickson	Guest – Joined at end of meeting

The following members were representative by proxy:

CW5R Howard Lundin	Vice-President
CW5R Frances BergrenKienlen	Member
CW4R Chad Sigler	Member
CW4 Marie Festler	Member
CW2 Glenn Feitl	Member
WO1 Jacqueline Cornwell	Member

3. Ms. Podratz served as acting Secretary for the meeting.
 - a. Mr. Panos confirmed that a quorum was available to conduct business based on the number of members present or represented by proxy.
 - b. Minutes from the August 2013 Chapter Meeting were reviewed and approved. Mr. Bendickson made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Homme second. Motion passed.
4. Ms. Podratz presented the president's Report.
 - a. Chapter membership has continued to grow. We now have about 20 Chapter members. However, we still need to continue to encourage fellow warrant officers from the different components in the area, USAR, ARNG, retired at large to join the chapter, members who were

affiliated with Fort McCoy after disbanding to return to the chapter, and nonmembers to join the association and affiliate with our chapter.

b. Ms. Podratz identified additional ways to get the word out to these members that the chapter previously used through marketing in AUSA and ROA newsletters. Other members identified, VFWs, American Legion, Ripley Reporter, other PAO posts

5. Ms. Podratz nominated CW4 Brent Jensen as Treasure. No report at this time.

6. Announcements. 41st Annual Membership Meeting. Ms. Podratz asked if anyone of the member would be or is available to attend. Unfortunately no one was able to commit with the event just over two weeks away.

7. Unfinished Business:

a. Review/Update Bi-Laws. Star of the North Bi-laws were reviewed with new national bi-laws. Recommendation was made to include all highlighted new items in national bi-laws in ours, and change a few items in meeting area. Mr. Panos made a motion to approve the recommendations. Mr. Jensen second. Motion passed.

b. Goals of chapter, how we are going to define ourselves and Going forward were tabled until next month; hoping to get more chapter members to attend.


c. Marketing and recruiting. Additional discussion on how we are going forward with this. A discussion to make next month's meeting a Social Gathering and invite all Warrant Officers through multiple newsletters, word of mouth, email, personal invite Fort McCoy members with Minnesota addresses and to explain what the USAWOA can do for them that other organizations may not: i.e. keep 2-day pay, flight pay, Tri-care, drill pay exempt from taxes. CW2 Bendickson will work on 'business cards' to address these talking points to members/non-members.


8. New Business. Nothing brought forward. Awaiting final decision to be chartered chapter and getting additional Membership.

9. Next Chapter meeting will be held at the Ft Snelling Officers Club on the third Monday of month. Future meetings will also be held on the third Monday of the month, with the exception of April, however, location may change. Scheduled dates for the remainder of the year are 21 October, 18 November, and 16 December 2002.

10. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 1925 by Mr. Panos, seconded by Mr. Jensen and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,


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Acting Secretary


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