

# STAR OF THE NORTH CHAPTER

## United States Army Warrant Officers Association



### MINUTES MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETING

16 December 2013

Panera Bread & Toys for Tots Warehouse, Eagan, MN

1. The meeting was brought to order by Mr. Lundin, Vice-President at 1745 hours at Panera Bread, 1250 Promenade Place, Eagan, MN 55121
2. The following members/guests were in attendance:

Exempt	Pro-Temp President
CW5R Howard Lundin	Vice-President
CW4 Brent Jensen	Treasurer
WO1 Jacqueline Cornwell	Secretary
CW5 Peter Panos	Member
CW4R Kevin Appel	Member
CW4R Don Nesheim	Member
CW4R Chad Sigler	Member
CW4 Robert Gunderson	Member
CW3 Erik Homme	Member
CW2 Michael Begley	Member-Fort McCoy Chapter
CW2 David Bendickson	Member
WO1 Jessica Campbell	Member

The following members were representative by proxy:

CW4 Tina Podratz	Pro-Temp President
CW3 Keith Schweitzer	Member
CW2 Jeremy Myers	Member

3. Ms. Cornwell is Secretary for the meeting.
  - a. Mr. Lundin confirmed that a quorum was available to conduct business based on the number of members present or represented by proxy.
4. Ms. Cornwell had all present members sign in on the membership roster. Location of the Toys for Tots Warehouse was discussed and movement commenced at 1755.
5. Members of the Star of the North Chapter arrived at the Toys for Tots Warehouse, 985 Aldrin Drive, Eagan, MN at 1805. We were immediately welcomed and thanked for volunteering to assist

Toys for Tots in sorting and packing gifts to be presented to kids of Minnesota. After receiving instructions on what gifts are acceptable, the 12 members present began sorting, boxing and palletizing gifts for the next 2 hours.

6. At 2000, we were informed that our volunteering time was over and that in the 2 hours we had completed 13 pallets of gifts and 4 boxes of stocking stuffers, which is estimated to be 3000 gifts & 600 stocking stuffers.

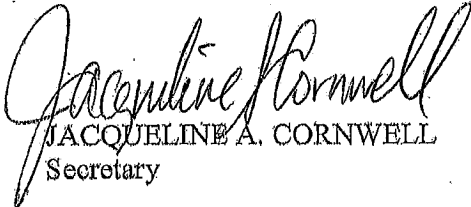
7. Prior to the departure from the Toys for Tots warehouse, the chapter members completed a photo in front of the gift sorting pile. We are including that picture with our minutes to be sent to National. We also discussed the memos from Executive Director Jack Du Teil, and U.S. Senators Kelly Ayotte, Lindsey Graham, and Roger Wicker in regards to Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013. Copies of the letters will be sent with the newsletter to members for review and will be discussed at next month's meeting.

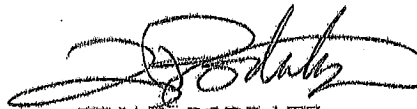
8. Next Chapter meeting will be held at the Ft Snelling Officers Club on 13 January 2014 at 1800. Future meetings are listed below. Not every meeting will fall on the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Monday of the month due to multiple holidays.

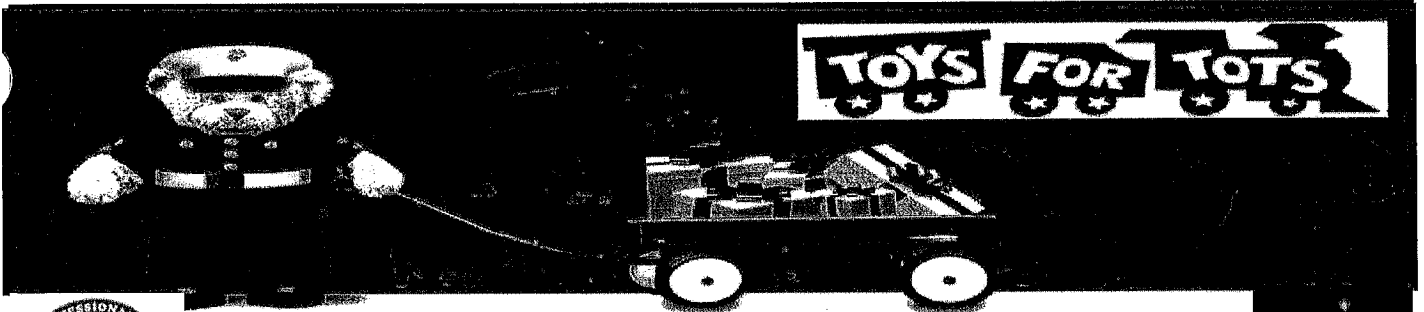
- a. Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014-Fort Snelling Officers Club-1800
- b. Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014-Fort Snelling Officers Club-1800
- c. Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014-Camp Ripley, MN (Exact Location and Time TBD)

9. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 2005 by Mr. Panos, seconded by Ms. Cornwell and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

  
JACQUELINE A. CORNWELL  
Secretary

  
TINA L. PODRATZ  
Pro-Term Chapter President



Because EVERY child  
deserves a little Christmas

**WHO:** USAWOA Star of the North Chapter Members and fellow Warrant Officers

**WHAT:** Volunteer to sort toys at the Toys For Tots Warehouse. The warehouse involves sorting all the collected toys into age specific groups and boxing the toys up for distribution. We do not wrap any presents, we leave that up to the distribution agencies.

**WHEN:** 1800-2000 on 16 December 2013

**WHERE:** The warehouse address is 985 Aldrin Drive, Eagan, MN (meet at Panara Bread, 1260 Promenade Place, Eagan, MN 55121)

**WHY:** Because it's the season for giving

**UNIFORM:** Dress is casual, the warehouse is minimally heated, so it stays pretty cool. Layers are best as people warm up as they move all the toys.

**CONTACT:** For signing up or additional information about this event, contact the Chapter President CW4 Tina Podratz at 763.442.9397 or [tina.l.podratz.mil@mail.mil](mailto:tina.l.podratz.mil@mail.mil).