

# STAR OF THE NORTH CHAPTER

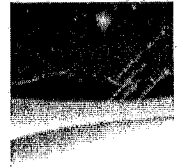
## United States Army Warrant Officers Association



### JANUARY MINUTES MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETING

13 January 2014

#### Fort Snelling Officers Club



1. The meeting was brought to order by Tina Podratz, Pro-temp President at 1810 hours at the Fort Snelling Officers Club, 395 HWY 5 & Post Road, St. Paul, MN 55111
2. The following members/guests were in attendance:

CW3 Tina Podratz	Pro-Temp President
CW5R Howard Lundin	Vice President
Exempt	Treasurer
Exempt	Secretary
CW5R Frances Kienlen	Member
CW4R Don Nesheim	Member
CW2 David W Nelson	Member
CW2 Jessica Campbell	Member
CW4 Robert J Gunderson	Member

The following members were representative by proxy:

WO1 Jacqueline Cornwell	Secretary
CW4 Brent Jensen	Treasurer
CW5 Peter Panos	Member
CW3 Erik Homme	Member
CW3 Keith Schweitzer	Member
CW2 Jeremy Myers	Member
CW2 Michael Begley	Member-Fort McCoy Chapter

3. WO1 Cornwell, Secretary, was absent for the meeting so CW4 Podratz took minutes.
  - a. Mr. Lundin confirmed that a quorum was available to conduct business based on the number of members present or represented by proxy.
  - b. Pledge of Allegiance was conducted and Ms. Podratz welcomed members and guests to the meeting.
  - c. Guest Speaker, Amber Graves, spoke on the Tri-Care benefits for all members, active, reserve and retired.

d. Ms. Podratz reviewed minutes from the December 2013 Chapter Meeting. Mr. Nesheim made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Gunderson second. Motion passed.

4. Ms. Podratz presented the treasurer's Report. No report at this time

a. Mr. Podratz indicated that Mr. Jensen has identified Hi-Way Federal Credit Union that does not charge us fees as the bank.

b. Due to Mr. Jensen not being able to be in attendance this evening, Ms. Podratz tabled this discussion until next meeting when Mr. Jensen is available.

5. Ms. Podratz presented the Announcements.

a. Ms. Podratz mentioned that Nationally we need to pull together and gain more membership. Need to have a membership drive and pull all members together and recruit another.

b. Ms. Podratz mentioned that she hasn't seen anything for the newsletter and will get with Ms. Cornwell to complete it between now and next meeting. We will have the Star of the North Newsletter-1<sup>st</sup> Edition emailed, and mailed out, to those members who do not have an email account, by March.

6. Ms. Podratz presented the Reports of Officers. No report at this time

7. Ms. Podratz presented the Committee Reports. No reports at this time

8. Ms. Podratz presented Unfinished Business:

a. Discussed to bring COL (ret) Don Kerr to the February meeting to share knowledge of AUSA and Legislation cycles.

b. Mr. Lundin informed members that Director Mid-Northern Region-Philip E. Tackett, will be visiting us at our April meeting and we could see if he would be willing to be a guest speaker. We need to get the agenda narrowed down and ensure there is a place to hold the meeting either at the Officer Convention in St cloud at the end of April or at Camp Ripley during the start of WOCS. Mr. Panos will work with Ms. Podratz on the schedule.

c. Ms. Podratz recommended two guest speakers involved in legislation for future meetings. Col Sandra Best, Director of Government Relations at the Joint Force Headquarters & COL (R) Donald Kerr, Executive Director, Department of Military Affairs & AUSA Chapter President. Both would be able to provide insight into questions we have on legislation such as:

1. What can we do to build together?
2. What is the legislation cycle?
3. Difference between Money cycle and Budget Cycle?
4. As an association can you identify what we should focus on in the legislation?

d. April meeting will be up at Camp Ripley and will be our dinner/social. Additional items and details of the event have been tabled by Ms. Podratz until next meeting.

e. Discussion of getting items together and sell to raise funds for the chapter tabled to a future meeting.

9. Ms. Podratz asked for New Business. none

10. Next Chapter meeting will be held at the Ft Snelling Officers Club on 10 February at 1800. Future meetings were discussed and are listed below.

a. Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014-Fort Snelling Officers Club-1800


b. Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014-Camp Ripley, MN (Exact Location and Time TBD)

c. Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013-Fort Snelling Officers Club-1800

11. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 1854 by Mr Gunderson, seconded by Mr. Lundin and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Acting Secretary

  
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