STAR OF THE NORTH CHAPTER United States Army Warrant Officers Association



MINUTES MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETING



10 February 2014

Fort Snelling Officers Club

1. The meeting was brought to order by Tina Podratz, Pro-temp President at 1811 hours at the Fort Snelling Officers Club, 395 HWY 5 & Post Road, St. Paul, MN 55111

Member

2. The following members/guests were in attendance:

CW3 Tina Podratz
CW5R Howard Lundin
CW4 Brent Jensen
WO1 Jacqueline Cornwell
CW2 Michael Begley
CW4R Don Nesheim
CW4 David Gunderson

Pro-Temp President
Vice President
Secretary
Messurer
Secretary
Member-Fort McCoy Chapter
Member
Member

The following members were representative by proxy:

CW3 Erik Homme Member
CW3 Keith Schweitzer Member
CW2 Jeremy Myers Member
CW5 Peter Panos Member
WO1 Daniel Zirbes Member

3. WO1 Cornwell is Secretary for the meeting.

CW4 Robert Gunderson

- 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.
- d. Ms. Cornwell reviewed minutes from the January 2014 Chapter Meeting. Mr. Nesheim made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Begley second. Motion passed.
- 4. Mr. Jensen presented the treasurer's Report.

- a. Mr. Jensen, Ms. Podratz & Ms. Cornwell opened account with Hi-Way Federal Business.
- b. Received two (2) checks valued at \$637.18, funds were deposited into Checking Account (\$632.18) and Savings Account (\$5.00).
- c. Mr. Jensen requested reimbursement of expenditure to register with secretary of state. Mr. Jensen paid \$90 out of his personal account. Mr. Lundin made a motion to approve the expenditure. Mr. Begley second. Motion passed.
- d. Informed by bank that we must maintain at least \$5 in Savings account and if we set up to receive our statements online would not be a charge to our checking account. Mr. Jensen requested approval to set up online (downloadable) statements. Mr. Begley made a motion to approve. Mr. Nesheim second. Motion passed.
- e. Mr. Jensen completed the treasurer's report. Mr. Begley made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Mr. Nesheim second. Motion passed.
- 5. Ms. Podratz presented the Announcements.
- a. Ms. Podratz received notification that our official start date would be October 2001 for the Chapter.
- b. Ms. Podratz informed us that an Active chapter can go from once a month to quarterly meetings. Bylaws indicate we can do virtual or telephonic.
- c. Social Event and meeting for April 2014 would be conducted at the Kelly Inn in St. Cloud during the 25th-27th April NAGUS Officer Convention. Mr. Sutterland organizes for NAGUS convention at St. Cloud and Ms. Podratz would contact him for meeting space.
- d. Ms. Podratz informed members that in July 2014, nominations for President/Vice President and Treasurer would be accepted. The final vote would be conducted at the August 2014 meeting. In the mean time we need to make a determination on election committee and presentation of ballots for June 2014 meeting. Additional items and details of the event have been tabled by Ms. Podratz until next meeting.
- e. Army Times announced that nine (9) warrant MOS's are reopening: 140A, 140E, 150A, 350F, 351G, 351L, 351M, 352N, and 948D.
- 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 at December meeting opportunity to purchase Warrant Officer products and sell as a fundralser. Items discussed were shirts, sweatshirts or jackets with embroidery, any

recommendations? Rosemount Embroidery was recommended as they may be able to place the orders for us and have a quick turnaround.

b. Jamie Houdek Benefit will be on 15 February 2014 at the Little Falls Ballroom. The event is a free will offering meal starting at 4PM. Additional events will be cash bar, cash raffle, silent auction, live auction, bake sale, gun raffle, prize packages, kid's corner, music and dancing. CW2 Jamie Houdek was injured in a farm accident on November 12th, 2013 where he lost his right hand and severely injured his left. If you have an opportunity to attend and help out a fellow warrant officer, please do or you can donate items, give a financial contribution to benefit CW2 Houdek and his family.

9. Ms. Podratz asked for New Business:

- a. Sunday, July 13th is the State Warrant Officer Candidate 6.2 road march. Would Star of the North be interested in supporting or providing the funds for a BBQ afterwards? We would be able to schedule the event with the WOCS Events Officer. Additional items and details of the event have been tabled by Ms. Podratz until next meeting.
- b. Ms. Cornwell requested that all members at the meeting complete a proxy. Proxy was handed out and members completed.
- 10. Next Chapter meeting will be held at the Ft Snelling Officers Club on 6 March 2014 at 1800.
- 11. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 1910 by Mr. Lundin, seconded by Mr. Gunderson and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

Pro-Term Chapter President