

# STAR OF THE NORTH CHAPTER

## United States Army Warrant Officers Association

### MINUTES MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETING

17 March 2014

#### Fort Snelling Officers Club

1. The meeting was brought to order by Howard Lundin, Vice President at 1811 hours at the Fort Snelling Officers Club, 395 HWY 5 & Post Road, St. Paul, MN 55111
2. The following members/guests were in attendance:

CW5R Howard Lundin	Vice President
CW4 Brent Jensen	Treasurer
CW4 Robert Gunderson	Member
CW4R Don Nesheim	Member
CW2R David Nelson	Member
Mr. Don Kerr	Visitor

The following members were representative by proxy:

CW3 Tina Podratz	Pro-Temp President
WO1 Jacqueline Cornwell	Secretary
CW5 Peter Panos	Member
CW3 Erik Homme	Member
CW3 Keith Schweitzer	Member
CW2 Jeremy Myers	Member
CW2 Michael Begley	Member
CW5R Frances BergrenKienlen	Member
CW4R Chad Sigler	Member
CW4 Marie Festler	Member
CW2 Glenn Feitl	Member

3. CW4 Jensen was 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.

- b. Pledge of Allegiance was conducted and Mr. Lundin, welcomed members and guests to the meeting.

- c. Minutes from February's meeting were not available. Review of minutes from February and March will be completed at our April meeting.

4. Mr. Jensen presented the treasurer's Report. Beginning balance as of 10 February was \$637.18. One expense (State of MN Registration), of \$90.00. Ending balance as of 16 Mar 14 is \$537.18. See attached financial statement. Motion was made by Don Nesheim to accept the treasurer's report, second by David Nelson. Motion passed.

5. Mr. Don Kerr, Executive Director, Department of Military Affairs spoke to our group. Mr. Kerr provided an informative brief on governmental processes relating to bill passage and how our association can influence passage of favorable bills.

6. Mr. Lundin inquired on the status of our chapter's newsletter. Ms Cornwell had been identified as the point of contact. Will follow-up on status next meeting.

7. Mr. Lundin discussed the election of officers during our April or May meeting. Intent is to have them in place by the national meeting scheduled for October 2014 in Des Moines, IA.

8. Mr. Lundin will inquire to the Des Moines chapter on any assistance they may need for the upcoming national meeting. As a chapter we should try for maximum participation given the close proximity.

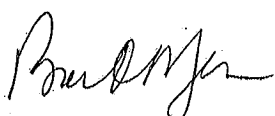
9. Discussion on a previous motion to contribute to the Jamie Houdek benefit. Request Ms. Cornwell review the previous month's minutes to determine if a motion was passed to allocate funds to his benefit.

10. Mr. Lundin discussed pertinent bills that are currently being presented in the MN legislature. One is the Woman Veterans License Plate initiative, bill number HF1916 and SF1978. Other bills that may impact the military can be found at [www.senate.leg.state.mn.us](http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us). Encourage all members to become familiar with bills that impact our chapter and contact their respective legislatures.

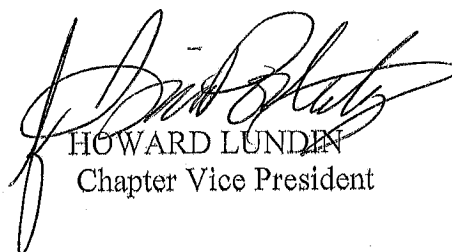
10. Next Chapter meeting will be held at the Kelly Inn, University Room B, St. Cloud on 25 Apr 14. Meeting will be held in conjunction with the 2014 Officers Convention.

11. Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Lundin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Nelson. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 1934 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,



BRENT D. JENSEN  
Treasurer



HOWARD LUNDIN  
Chapter Vice President