

STAR OF THE NORTH CHAPTER

United States Army Warrant Officers Association



MINUTES MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETING

23 February 2015

Fort Snelling Officers Club, St Paul, MN



1. The meeting was brought to order by Mr. Howard Lundin, President at 1805 hours at the Fort Snelling Officers Club, St. Paul, MN. Mr. Lundin led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance, confirmed that a quorum was available to conduct business and introduced the guest speakers.

2. The following members/guests were in attendance:

CW5R Howard Lundin	President
CW4 Brent Jensen	Treasurer
CW2 Jessica Campbell	Secretary
CW4 Robert Gunderson	Member
CW5R Marilyn Anderson	Member
CW2 Michael Begley	Member
CW2R David Nelson	Member
CW4R Donald Nesheim	Member
Linda Lewis	Guest
Angel Arreola	Guest

The following members were representative by proxy:

CW5R Lyle Fridlund	Member
Mr. Michael Surface	Assoc Member

3. We had two guest speakers who made presentations on education services available to service members.

a. Mr. Angel Arreola with Collegis and Rasmussen College gave a brief presentation on how to best determine what college setting works for you. He discussed options available to online and residence-based education and provided answers to questions.

b. Ms. Marilyn Anderson, a chapter member and the Army Reserve Education Services Officer at Ft Snelling, MN, also gave a presentation and provided numerous handouts for our members on a variety of educational benefits available to service members and their families. Ms. Anderson provided her contact information for Active and Reserve Component soldiers and retirees and reminded members she is located at Fort Snelling.

c. The point of contact for the Minnesota Army National Guard education services is:

Education Services Officer - CPT Mindy Davis
Education Services Specialist - Ms. Amber Manke
Education Counselor - SFC Teresa Anthony
GI Bill Manager - SGT Eric Rasmussen

Email: ng.mn.mnarng.mbx.assets-education@mail.mil

Website: www.minnesotanationalguard.org/education

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Education General Help Desk Line: 651.282.4589

Fax Number: 651.282.4125

Minnesota Army National Guard
ATTN: Education Service Office
Veterans Service Building
20 12th Street West
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-2004

4. Chapter Secretary's Report:

a. The minutes from the January meeting was reviewed and accepted. A motion was made by Mr. Nesheim and seconded by Mr. Nelson to approve the minutes as written. No one being opposed, the minutes were approved.

5. Chapter Treasurer's Report:

- a. Balance in checking/savings accounts as of 23 February 2015 Financial Statement: \$718.68
- b. One deposit was made into the checking account and that was the 3rd quarter rebate check.
- c. Motion was made by Mr. Bagley and seconded by Mr. Nesheim to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried and approved.

6. Announcements:

- a. Mr. Lundin reminded the members that each person can update their own profile, to include rank for actively serving members, at USAWOA online.
- b. Ms. Campbell will also update rank on the sign-in roster.

7. Reports of Officers:

- a. Mr. Lundin provided a chapter membership update: 35 members, two renewals, zero losses, and nine non-affiliated members.
- b. Mr. Lundin also encouraged present members to contact their local representative to discuss retiree pay benefits and in particular, having retiree pay exempt from taxation.

8. Unfinished Business

- a. An oath of office was administered by Mr. Lundin to Mr. Jensen.
- b. A request was made for photos to send to the Newsliner. Mr. Lundin requested any from the recent volunteer events be emailed to him.
- c. Ms. Campbell will email the individual oath forms to national with the submission of the meeting notes.

9. New Business:

- a. The group proposed events and meeting guests for 2015.
 - (1) JROTC Event: Present medals to JROTC awardees for various areas of military and academic excellence. Date and time TBD. Mr. Nesheim made a motion that the Chapter purchase 4 - JROTC Medals from the Ft Lowell-Apache Chapter of USAWOA at a cost of \$44.00. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.
 - (2) WOCS Event: Assist WOCS with graduation activities. Mr. Jensen will contact WOCS instructor to obtain details on the upcoming WOCS schedule.
 - (3) WOPD Event: Chapter members will have a table with info about the chapter and USAWOA membership information at the annual WOPD held at CRTC. The chapter will also assist in the WOPD golf outing event. Date of event is scheduled for August 15-16, 2015 with the golf event on the 14th.
 - (4) Guest Speaker for Upcoming meetings: Ms Linda Lewis, the new United Health Care Military & Veterans Beneficiary Service and Education Representative for MN & ND will make a presentation at the April 20th Chapter Meeting.

10. Next Chapter meetings/events will be:

- a. Monday, March 16, 2015 – Chapter Meeting at Fort Snelling Officers Club – 1800-1900.
- b. Monday, April 20, 2015 – Chapter Meeting at Fort Snelling Officers Club – 1800-1900.
- c. Monday, May 18, 2015 - Chapter Meeting at Fort Snelling Officers Club – 1800-1900.

d. TBD May 2015 – JROTC Award Ceremony.

11. There being no additional business at 1936, a motion was made by Mr. Nelson, seconded by Mr. Gunderson and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

S/ Jessica Campbell
JESSICA L. CAMPBELL
Chapter Secretary

S/ Howard Lundin
HOWARD LUNDIN
Chapter President