

# STAR OF THE NORTH CHAPTER

## United States Army Warrant Officers Association



### MINUTES MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETING

17 August 2015

American Legion Post #435 in Richfield, Minnesota



1. The meeting was brought to order by Mr. Howard Lundin, President at 18:05 hours at the American Legion Post #435 in Richfield, Minnesota. Mr. Lundin led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance, a Prayer and confirmed that a quorum was available to conduct business.

2. The following members/guests were in attendance:

CW5R Howard Lundin	President
CW2 David Bendickson	Vice President
CW2 Jessica Campbell	Secretary (Excused)
CW4 Brent Jensen	Treasurer (Excused)
CW5R Lyle Fridlund	Member
CW5R Marilyn Anderson	Member
CW4R Barbara Fici	Member
CW2 Michael Begley	Member
CW2R David Nelson	Member
CW4(P) Kip Knudson (CCWO MN ARNG)	Guest

The following members were representative by proxy:

Mr. Michael Surface	Associate Member
WO1 Bradley Lange	Member

3. Chapter Secretary's Report:

a. The minutes from the July meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Mr. Begley and seconded by Mr. Fridlund to approve the minutes as written. No one being opposed, the minutes were approved.

4. Chapter Treasurer's Report:

- a. Balance in checking/savings accounts as of 17 August 2015 Financial Statement: \$710.68
- b. Motion was made by Mr. Nelson and seconded by Mr. Begley to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried and approved.

## 5. Announcements:

- a. Ms Anderson advised that she was notified that her daughter has been selected to receive a \$1500 USAWOA Scholarship. Everyone congratulated her.
- c. There will be a Joint Retiree Appreciation Day (JRAD) at Mystic Lake Casino on September 26, 2015. This event is not sponsored by the Ft McCoy Retirement Service Office.
- d. 266 individuals attended the Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD) held at the Rosemount Training and Community Center on August 14, 2015.
- e. 88<sup>th</sup> RSC announced that CW5 William Krueck, a maintenance WO, was selected to be the 2015 88<sup>th</sup> RSC Warrant Officer Mentor of the Year. A Bandmaster was also a strong contender for this award. After considerable discuss, it was decided that the Chapter should start soliciting nominees for the 2016 award in January or February. Mr Bendickson and the MN CCWO asked for information about the award criteria, Mr Lundin said he would forward that to them via email.
- f. The USAWOA Annual Meeting of the Members will be held 12-16 October, 2015 in Orlando, FL.

## 6. Reports of Officers:

- a. Mr. Lundin provided a chapter membership update: 41 members, three are new members, two renewals, zero losses, plus there are ten non-affiliated members.
- b. Mr. Lundin and Mr Bendickson noted that they anticipate the Chapter will gain more new members as a result of their USAWOA presentation at the WOPD Seminar at Cp Ripley on 15 August. They noted that the State of MN VFW Commander, CW4R Dewey Hermanson stated to the attendees of the WOPD that he would renew his affiliation with USAWOA by becoming a life member, and that they anticipate that the MN CCWO will also become a member of USAWOA and the Chapter.
- c. Mr Bendickson provided attendees with a copy of the pre-decisional draft of the Army Warrant Officer 2025 Strategy. Mr Lundin will send an email copy to all chapter members.

## 7. Unfinished Business:

- a. Election of Chapter Officers. The election committee Chairman handed out ballots and proxy forms to members at the Chapter meeting and stated that an instruction letter/ballot and proxy form would be mailed the next day to all the other chapter members. Results of the election will be announced at the next Chapter meeting where the new officers will be sworn in.

- b. The goal is to have officials selected and sworn in before the October 2015 USAWOA Annual Meeting of the Members.

8. New Business:

- a. Conducting a Golf Outing was discussed. The group thought it would be a good idea (if there is enough interest) to conduct the event in the St Cloud-Sauk Rapids area which would be about equal distance for WOs from the Cp Ripley area and the Twin Cities. Ms Anderson offered to contact her cousin who is a co-owner of a golf course in Sauk Rapids to check on availability and costs. Mr. Lundin will send out an email to see if there is enough interest to schedule a golf outing get-together - event in September.
- b. Community Service events: Last year the Chapter provided volunteers for a “Feed My Starving Children” event in November and the USMC “Toys for Tots” toy distribution in December. It was recommended that we continue the same support this year. Mr Bendickson said he would coordinate scheduling these events for Nov and Dec 2015. Ms Anderson and Mr Begley proposed that the chapter also support the Minneapolis “Ronald McDonald House” by volunteering to prepare a meal at the house for family members staying at the house. Everyone thought this would be an extremely worthwhile project and community service event that the Chapter could possibly do in March 2016.

9. Next Chapter meetings/events will be:

- a. Monday, September 21, 2015 – Possible Golf Outing & Chapter Meeting – Time and location TBD.
- b. Monday, October 19, 2015 - American Legion Post #435 – 1800-1900.
- c. November 2015 – Feed My Starving Children Community Service event – Time & location TBD.

10. There being no additional business at 19:15, a motion was made by Mr. Nelson, seconded by Mr. Fridlund and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

*S/ Howard Lundin, Acting Secretary*  
JESSICA L. CAMPBELL  
Chapter Secretary

*S/ Howard Lundin*  
HOWARD LUNDIN  
Chapter President