

STAR OF THE NORTH CHAPTER

United States Army Warrant Officers Association



MINUTES MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETING

21 March 2016

American Legion Post #435 in Richfield, Minnesota



1. The meeting was brought to order by Mr. David Bendickson, Vice President at 18:03 hours at the American Legion Post #435 in Richfield, Minnesota. Mr. Bendickson led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance and confirmed that a quorum was available to conduct business. There were eight members present, in order to conduct business, at least five members need to be present or available by proxy. Mr. Nesheim led the group in a prayer.

2. The following members/guests were in attendance:

CW2 David Bendickson	Vice President
CW2 Jessica Campbell	Secretary
CW5R Marilyn Anderson	Member
CW4R Robert Gunderson	Member
CW4R Donald Nesheim	Member
CW4R Kevin Appel	Member
CW2 Michael Begley	Member
CW2R David Nelson	Member
CW2 Ryan Ross	Guest/New Member

12 additional members were represented by proxy.

3. Chapter Secretary's Report:

a. The minutes from the February meeting was reviewed. A motion was made by Mr. Begley and seconded by Mr. Nesheim 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 21 March 2016 Financial Statement: \$761.68
- b. Motion was made by Mr. Nelson and seconded by Mr. Begley to accept the March treasurer's report. Motion carried and approved.

5. Announcements:

- a. No new announcements were made.

6. Reports of Officers:

- a. Membership Report: Two new members joined the chapter; CW3 David Karels and CW2 Darby Ledbetter. Three members did not renew USAWOA membership. All losses were of the grade WO1 and most likely their initial, free membership expired and was not renewed.

7. Unfinished Business:

- a. Members present at the meeting proposed to move the April chapter meeting back to the American Legion Post #435 in lieu of a member drive at the MN NAGUS Convention. A motion was carried by Mr. Nesheim, seconded by Mr. Begley and approved by the group. The April chapter meeting will be held April 18th at 1800 at the American Legion Post #435 in Richfield, MN.
- b. The bean toss boards discussion was tabled until the April meeting.
- c. Action on the Ronald McDonald house was tabled. Ms. Anderson did contact the Ronald McDonald house, but has decided that she needs to visit in person to make coordination for volunteer efforts. The chapter will not host this volunteer event in May.
- d. Discussion on the June chapter family BBQ was continued. It was suggested that maybe we host at an out-state location or Fort Snelling State Park. It was proposed that we send an email to chapter members to conduct a survey of possible locations. The group proposed having the event on June 25th pending a confirmed location. A motion was made by Mr. Nesheim to move the June meeting date to the same as the BBQ, seconded by Mr. Begley and approved.

8. New Business:

- a. Volunteers were confirmed for the annual WOPD held at CRTC 20-21 August 2016. Mr. Nesheim, Mr. Gunderson, and Mr. Begley volunteered to staff the booth on 20 August.
- b. Mr. Bendickson mentioned that Professional Military Education (PME) is changing for WOs. Now, in order to attend the WOAC, WOs have to complete an online portion of the Captains Career Course (120 hours)

9. Next Chapter meetings/events will be:

- a. Monday, April 18, 2016 – American Legion Post #435 – 1800-1900.
- b. Monday, May 16, 2016 – American Legion Post #435 – 1800-1900.
- c. Saturday, June 25, 2016 – Location and time TBD.

10. There being no additional business at 18:32, a motion was made by Mr. Begley, seconded by Mr. Gunderson and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

S/ Jessica Campbell
JESSICA L. CAMPBELL
Chapter Secretary

S/ David L Bendickson
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Chapter Vice President