

STAR OF THE NORTH CHAPTER

United States Army Warrant Officers Association



MINUTES MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETING

18 April 2016

American Legion Post #435 in Richfield, Minnesota



1. The meeting was brought to order by Ms. Podratz, President at 18:17 hours at the American Legion Post #435 in Richfield, Minnesota. Ms. Podratz led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance and confirmed that a quorum was available to conduct business. There were six (6) members present, in order to conduct business, at least five (5) 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:

CW4 Tina Podratz	President
CW5 Brent Jensen	Treasure
CW5R Marilyn Anderson	Member
CW5R Howard Lundin	Member
CW4R Donald Nesheim	Member
CW2R David Nelson	Member

12 additional members were represented by proxy.

3. Chapter Secretary's Report:

a. The minutes from the March meeting was reviewed. A motion was made by Mr. Neshiem and seconded by Mr. Nelson 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. Lundin to accept the March treasurer's report. Motion carried and approved.

c. Fifty-fifty raffle was conducted, each member in attendance were offered to purchase tickets and five bought \$5.00 in tickets. Drawing was held and \$12.50 went to account and \$12.50 went to winning ticket holder Mr. Jensen.

5. Announcements:

- a. 44th AMM and banquet, Austin, TX – October 17-21. Discussion to provide a \$\$ amount to individual to pay for one night room and meal. \$\$ needs to be confirmed. Approved in concept. \$\$ amount to be determined and final approval in future. Motion was made by Mr. Nesheim and seconded by Mr. Nelson.

6. Reports of Officers:

- a. Membership. Warrant Officers were encouraged at MN NGAUS conference to become members and attend meeting. Warrant Officers from last State WOCS class were given information about becoming a member and attending meetings.
- b. Chapter to pay for Representative Robert “Bob” Dettmers Membership. Form will be taken to Rep Dettmer’s Office by Mr. Nesheim. Chapter will either send his application to Nationals with Check or we will reimburse him as necessary for the initial year membership. Motion made by Mr. Lundin and second by Mr. Nelson.

7. Unfinished Business:

- a. April 22-24 will have the MNNAUGUS Spring member drive. Talked to as many Warrant Officers that were up there and many are already members and will attend future meetings. Only 11 Warrant Officers in attendance at the convention in Duluth.
- b. The bean toss boards were discussed. Mr. Lyle Fridlund should be back next month. Action was tabled.
- c. Ronald McDonald House. Ms. Anderson did contact the Ronald McDonald house, information on dates and locations, types of meals to create, potential cost \$300+, per meal – pending location and number of being served, can be catered or needs to be cooked 100% on site. Additional information was requested: 1) is there a grill – cook hamburgers/brats for summer fest; 2) what months are available for 3rd Monday of the month, 3) possibly looking more to St. Paul – lower number to feed. Motion was to table for more information by Mr. Lundin and second by Mr. Nesheim.
- d. Action on the June BBQ and park clean-up was tabled. Need to find location and finalize dates.

8. New Business:

- a. Mr. Nesheim suggested the club look at purchasing 100 year Warrant Officer Anniversary coins to sell at the WOPD Symposium. Action was tabled, but Mr. Nesheim will look into what items are available.

- b. JROTC medals – Colin Powell Leadership Academy medals presentations. Need member to present awards, Mr. Fridlund has medals and will bring them next month. Need names for certificates and time/date of event. Tabled until next month to ensure we have required medals and certificates.
- c. JROTC medals – St. Thomas Academy, St. Paul medal presentations. Need member to present awards, CW3(R) Kim Friede has the medals and certificates. Event is 7pm on 18 May 2016 at St Thomas Academy. The no longer are affiliated with JROTC, however run their program still as if they were affiliated with USA Cadet Command. Ms. Podratz to present. Mr. Lundin made motion to approve and Mr. Nesheim second.
- d. Woman’s Leadership Forum presented by the National Guard will be held on 13 August. They would like a booth by our association. Mrs. Anderson and Mr. Lundin will work the both. Ms. Podratz to finalize tri-fold to be available on benefits for the association and what we do/have done/plan to do. Ms. Podratz to get final information on set up and it will be sent to Mr. Lundin. Time of booth is from 10:00AM to 1:00PM. Motion by Mr. Nelson and seconded by Mr. Nesheim.

9. Next Chapter meetings/events will be:

- a. Monday, May 16, 2016 – American Legion Post #435 – 1800-1900.
- b. TBD or Monday June 20, 2016 – American Legion Post #435 – 1800-1900
- c. Sunday July 17, 2016 in conclusion of WO candidates foot march – De Parque Woods, Camp Ripley 1100-1300

10. There being no additional business at 19:17, a motion was made by Mr. Nelson, seconded by Mr. Nesheim and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

S/ Tina Podratz
Tina L. Podratz
Chapter President

S/ Brent Jensen
Brent D. Jensen
Chapter Treasurer