

# STAR OF THE NORTH CHAPTER

## United States Army Warrant Officers Association

### MINUTES MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETING



~~16 May~~ 20 June 2016

American Legion Post #435 in Richfield, Minnesota

1. The meeting was brought to order by Ms. Podratz, President at 18:03 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 seven (7) members present, in order to conduct business, at least five (5) members need to be present or available by proxy.

2. The following members/guests were in attendance:

CW4 Tina Podratz	President
CW2 David Bendickson	Vice President
CW5 Brent Jensen	Treasurer
CW5R Howard Lundin	Member
CW5R Lyle Fridlund	Member
CW4R Robert Gunderson	Member
CW2 Michael Begley	Member

12 additional members were represented by proxy.

3. Chapter Secretary's Report:

a. The minutes from the April and May meetings were read by Ms. Podratz. A motion was made by Mr. Begley and second by Mr. Bendickson. No one being opposed, the minutes were approved.

4. Chapter Treasurer's Report:

a. Balance in checking/savings accounts as of 20 June 2016 Financial Statement: \$737.68

b. 50/50 raffle was conducted again, each member in attendance were offered to purchase ticket – 5 for \$5.00. \$35.00 was collected. Mr. Gunderson had the winning ticket. He took \$5.00 of his winnings and gave the rest to the pot to go into the Chapter account for \$30.00 to be deposited along with the check from National.

c. Motion was made by Mr. Lundin to approve the Treasurer's Report and Mr. Begley seconded. No one being opposed, the motion carried.

5. Announcements:

a. Ms. Podratz provided copies of the CSA Memo Interactions with Military Associations 20160601 that was sent out by Mr. Jack DuTeil to review. Discussed that we try to use this to get funding for CW5 Knudson, MN CCWO, to the 44<sup>th</sup> AMM National Convention in Austin, TX.

b. Mr. Begley is being promoted and transferred to Vicksburg, MS for USAR. This is his last meeting with us. All members present wished him well in his new position as the GSA Fleet Manager.

6. Reports of Officers:

a. Membership. No report. Requested each member to think of something and bring to July Meeting.

7. Unfinished Business:

a. The bean toss boards were discussed. Mr. Lyle Fridlund brought the prototype minus decal. The cost is still being determined. Requested to get it complete and bring it to the July BBQ at Camp Ripley to possibly start pre-sales. Ms. Podratz will create flyer once a picture of the finish product is sent to her to start sparking interest. Price to sell tabled until cost can be determined to make and what profit we would like to see from these. Option was to set up assembly line to create bean bags and boards if we get a lot of orders. Price to ship would be additional.

b. Ronald McDonald House. Ms. Anderson was not in attendance. Tabled until next month.

c. 100 Year Warrant Officer Association coins to sell for fundraising. Tabled for next month to see if what other items are available.

d. Woman's Leadership Forum. USAWOA pamphlets are on USAWOA site. Ms. Podratz didn't bring chapter pamphlets. Tabled to review pamphlets for event.

e. Business Cards – Mr. Bendickson will bring up the business card to the July meeting at Camp Ripley and hand out to the WOCS students and any other WOs in attendance that are not already members.

f. July business meeting after WOCS 10K foot march and BBQ. Celebrate the Warrant Officer Association birthday and WOCS completing their 10K foot march. Business meeting conducted. Mr. Lundin and Mr. Fridlund discussed golfing before or after the BBQ. Mr. Gunderson was also interested. Mr. Fridlund brought up they would bring another member, Mr. Apple also to the BBQ. Motion to hold meeting for July at CRTC was made by Mr. Lundin and second by Mr. Gunderson.

g. WOPD NG weekend. Potentially bring up Bean Bag Toss board and sell the items identified by the 100 Year Warrant Officer Association. Tabled for more clarification on what is needed.

8. New Business:

- a. Discussion to have members in attendance purchase the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bronze. Site to purchase these are: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/army-warrant-officer-anniversary-5k-fun-run-walk-tickets-25366695469>. Earn their medal by walking a mile with the WOCS while they do their 10K at Camp Ripley in July.



- b. Used tickets purchased for 50/50 raffle for drawing of items that were given/donated to the chapter and Mr. Gunderson had the winning ticket. He choose a coin Holder that had been donated.
- c. Discussion was led by Mr. Lundin on HF 848 - exemption from state income taxation for all military pension income — regardless of a tax filer’s age or other income — made it into law in the omnibus spending bill Dayton signed June 1.

9. Next Chapter meetings/events will be:

- a. Sunday July 17, 2016 in conclusion of WO candidates foot march – De Parque Woods, Camp Ripley 1100-1300
- b. Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – WOPD, Emergency Management Training Center, Camp Ripley
- c. Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 - American Legion Post #435, Richfield, MN
- d. Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – American Legion Post #435, Richfield, MN

10. There being no additional business at 19:08, a motion was made by Mr. Begley, seconded by Mr. Gunderson and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

*S/ Tina Podratz*  
Tina L. Podratz  
Chapter President