

STAR OF THE NORTH CHAPTER

United States Army Warrant Officers Association



MINUTES MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETING

~~16 May~~ 17 July 2016

DeParque Woods, CRTC, Little Falls, MN



1. The meeting was brought to order by Ms. Podratz, President at 12:40 hours at the DeParque Woods Shelter, Camp Ripley Training Center, Little Falls, Minnesota. Ms. Podratz confirmed that a quorum was available to conduct business. There were eight (8) 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 Kipton Knudson	Member
CW5R Howard Lundin	Member
CW5R Lyle Fridlund	Member
CW4R Kevin Appel	Member
CW2 Brad Lange	Member
CW4 Roger Sorben	New Member

13 additional members were represented by proxy.

3. Chapter Secretary's Report:

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

4. Chapter Treasurer's Report:

a. Treasurer's report was unavailable at the time of the meeting.

b. Balance in checking/savings accounts as of 18 July 2016 Financial Statement: \$778.18 which includes the deposit from June's 50/50 raffle (\$30.00) and the 1Q2016 Rebate (\$10.50) totaling \$40.50.

5. Announcements:

a. Ms. Podratz thanked everyone for their support of the WOCS-RC Annual Mentorship BBQ where Mr. Appel, Mr. Fridlund and Mr. Lundin assisted in grilling the meat. A total of 12 guests came to support the Warrant Officer Candidates as they finished their 10K Foot March. Ms.

Podratz also thanked CW4 Sorben for signing up and becoming a member of the Star of the North Chapter.

6. Reports of Officers:

a. Membership. The other warrant officers in attendance were all invited to join the meeting and see what the association was all about. We will have a table and Membership Forms / Flyers at two events coming up in August. The Women's Leadership Forum on 13 August from 1030-1300 and the ARNG Warrant Officer Professional Development Symposium from 0730-1630 and Warrant Officer Candidate School Mentorship Dinner on 20 August from 1730-2000.

7. Unfinished Business:

a. The bean toss boards were discussed. Mr. Lyle Fridlund brought the prototype minus decals. 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 August meeting at Camp Ripley and hand out to the WOCS students and any other WOs in attendance that are not already members.

f. WOPD NG weekend. Potentially bring up Bean Bag Toss board and sell the items identified by the 100 Year Warrant Officer Association. We will have a table set up to get members of the ARNG information to sign up as either life or year-by-year memberships. A member of the association will also talk on behalf of the organization to get the young warrant officers involved in the association.

8. New Business. No new business this month.

9. Next Chapter meetings/events will be:

- a. Saturday, August 20th, 2016 – WOPD, Emergency Management Training Center, Camp Ripley
- b. Monday, September 19th, 2016 - American Legion Post #435, Richfield, MN
- c. Monday, October 17th, 2016 – American Legion Post #435, Richfield, MN

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

Respectfully submitted,

S/ Tina Podratz
Tina L. Podratz
Chapter President

S/ David Bendickson
David Bendickson
Chapter Vice President