

# STAR OF THE NORTH CHAPTER

## United States Army Warrant Officers Association



### MINUTES MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETING

October 17th, 2016  
American Legion, Post #435  
Richfield, MN



1. The meeting was brought to order by Ms. Podratz, President at 18:14 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 were in attendance:

CW4 Tina Podratz	President
CW2 David Bendickson	Vice President
CW2 Jessica Campbell	Treasurer
WO1 Bradley Lange	Member
CW5R Lyle Fridlund	Member
CW4R Marilyn Anderson	Member
CW4R Robert Gunderson	Member

3. Chapter Secretary's Report:

a. The minutes from July and August meetings were reviewed and approved. A motion was made by Mr. Bendickson and seconded by Ms. Campbell 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 October 2016 Financial Statement: \$778.18

b. A motion was made by Mr. Gunderson and seconded by Mr. Lange to accept the October treasurer's report. Motion carried and approved.

5. Announcements:

a. AUSA Conference Attendance: CW4 Podratz attended the conference with ROTC cadets from College of Saint Benedict Saint John's University. She encouraged all members to watch the following speech from the keynote speaker.

6. Reports of Officers:

- a. Membership:
  - a. Three to five new members registered at the WOPD in August 2016 at Camp Ripley. There were approximately 100 personnel at the event and a dozen or so are members in good standing with USAWOA. Mr. Bendickson spoke to the group of warrant officers encouraging membership in the chapter and the prospect of having chapter meetings in outstate Minnesota.
  - b. Mr. Lundin and Ms. Podratz attended the first Women's Leadership Forum held at Best Buy Corporate Headquarters in Bloomington, MN on August 13<sup>th</sup>. It was fairly well attended.
  - c. The Chapter will have a booth at NAGUS in 2017. It will be held April 21-23 in Mankato. More details as the date approaches.
  - d. A question asked if we can get more involved in U.S. Army Reserve Yellow Ribbon events. Ms. Anderson mentioned the next one is to be held December 3-4 in Downtown Minneapolis. It is possible that the chapter can have a booth there.

#### 7. Unfinished Business:

- a. Chapter members will volunteer at Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) on November 14<sup>th</sup>. The members present at the October meeting agreed to the 20:00-21:30 time slot. Volunteers are welcome to meet at the Buffalo Wild Wings in Chanhausen, MN at 18:30. From there, it is a short drive to the FMSC site located at: 18732 Lake Dr. E, Chanhausen, MN 55317. Mr. Bendickson is the point of contact. Please email him at [david.lee.bendickson@gmail.com](mailto:david.lee.bendickson@gmail.com) if you would like to volunteer.
- b. Chapter members will volunteer to help sort toys at Toys for Tots on December 19<sup>th</sup>. Exact date and time are TBD. Mr. Bendickson will look into this and get back to the group.
- c. Mr Fridlund presented the first set of bean bag boards to the group. There was a significant amount of discussion about the materials, design, production and it was determined that:
  - a. There needs to be a committee of volunteers to make the boards.
  - b. The colors need to be adjusted and the size of the rank decals increased.
    - i. Consider a gray base, with a black stripe around the inside of the board face for board colors.
    - ii. Keep the Rising Eagle decal.
    - iii. Change the colors of the ribbon at the top.
- d. Members presented at the meeting decided to move the proposed volunteer event at the Ronald McDonald House to February or March 2017.

8. New Business. No new business this month.

9. Next Chapter meetings/events will be:

- a. Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> 2016 – Feed My Starving Children, 18732 Lake Drive East, Chanhassen, MN 55317
- b. Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – Toys for Tots, Eagan, MN -OR-
- c. Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – American Legion Post #435, Richfield, MN
- d. Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 – American Legion Post #435, Richfield, MN

10. There being no additional business at 19:10, a motion was made by Ms. Podratz, 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