

STAR OF THE NORTH CHAPTER

United States Army Warrant Officers Association



MINUTES MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETING

January 23, 2017
American Legion, Post #435
Richfield, MN



1. The meeting was brought to order by Ms. Podratz, President at 18:05 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 five (5) 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
CW5 Kipton Knudson	Member and MNARNG CCWO
CW4(R) Donald Nesheim	Member

3. Chapter Secretary's Report:

a. The minutes from the October meeting 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 23 January 2017 Financial Statement: \$778.18

b. A motion was made by Mr. Nesheim and seconded by Mr. Bendickson to accept the January treasurer's report. Motion carried and approved.

5. Announcements:

a. Mr. Nesheim notified the group that the Star of the North Chapter was presented with its 15-year active membership ribbon for the chapter flag.

6. Reports of Officers:

a. Membership:

- a. Ms. Podratz will email recent losses and see why they didn't renew their membership.
- b. Ms. Campbell will request a new membership report from National USAWOA.
- c. Ms. Podratz will contact new WO1s from WOCS and see if they have taken the opportunity for their free 18 month membership.

7. Unfinished Business:

- a. Mr Fridlund was not present and therefore, no update on the bean toss boards fundraiser was given.
- b. Ms. Anderson was not present and therefore, no update on volunteering at the Ronald McDonald house was given.
- c. NGAMN State Conference:
 - a. The group discussed co-hosting a table with JFHQ at the conference on the first night.
 - b. Ways to promote the benefits of the conference as a great networking opportunity were discussed.
 - c. Ms. Podratz will draft an email to send out to Chapter members regarding the conference. There will be a similar email from the MNARNG CCWO, CW5 Knudson.

8. New Business:

a. A motion was made and approved to discuss moving to quarterly meetings and/or events for future years of the Chapter's existence. The tentative schedule is as follows:

- January - March: Veteran's StandDown Event (January) and a host meeting (March)
- April - June: Volunteer to serve meals at the Ronald McDonald House (May) and park clean-up (June)
- July - September: Support the MNARNG WOCS ruck march and host a meeting (July) and support the golf outing at the annual MNARNG WOPD (August)
- October – December: The USAWOA Annual Meeting of the Members (October), Feed My Starving Children (November), and possibly Toys For Tots (December)

b. A motion was made and approved to host the next meeting on March 27th, 2017.

c. Recruitment:

a. The group discussed some recruitment ideas to get more members to attend meetings and events. The ideas were as follows:

b. Post a poster in the armory on a bulletin board

c. Use social media (Twitter, Facebook, etc.)

1) Check the CCWO webpage link on our Chapter Facebook page

d. Recruit in units

1) Ask what would get you to come to meetings?

i. Retirees- Ask National for list of USAR and ARNG in our area

ii. Currently serving members

2) Check with Ms. Anderson about USAR component warrant officers

9. Next Chapter meetings/events will be:

a. Monday, February 27th, 2017 – American Legion Post #435, Richfield, MN

b. Monday, TBD 2017 – American Legion Post #435, Richfield, MN

c. Monday, TBD 2017 – American Legion Post #435, Richfield, MN

10. There being no additional business at 18:52, a motion was made by Ms. Podratz, seconded by Mr. Knudson 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