

STAR OF THE NORTH CHAPTER

United States Army Warrant Officers Association



MINUTES MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETING

March 20, 2017
American Legion, Post #435
Richfield, MN



1. The meeting was brought to order by Ms. Podratz, President at 18:04 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 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 were in attendance:

CW4 Tina Podratz	President
CW2 Jessica Campbell	Secretary
CW5(R) Marilyn Anderson	Member
CW5(R) Howard Lundin	Member
CW4(R) Robert Gunderson	Member
CW4(R) Donald Nesheim	Member
CW2(R) David Nelson	Member
WO1 Eric Gustafson	Member

3. Chapter Secretary's Report:

a. The minutes from the February meeting were reviewed and approved. A motion was made by Mr. Nelson and seconded by Mr. Nesheim 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 27 February 2017 Financial Statement: \$778.18
- b. The financial statement was reviewed. Ms. Podratz tabled the approval of the February Financial Statement to April.

5. Announcements:

- a. Mr. Lundin had many things to report on Veteran's Day at the State Capitol. He encouraged all members in attendance to join the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. Membership is crucial in all veteran service organizations in order to increase lobbying for current veterans related issues. Mr. Lundin talked about current proposed legislation.

- b. Guests from the Ronald McDonald House in Minneapolis (Jill and Barry) answered a lot of questions the group had about the upcoming volunteer event at the Ronald McDonald House at Abbott Northwestern Hospital. Mr. Lundin, Mr. Gunderson, and Ms. Anderson agreed to meet and price out food at the Costco in the South Metro.

6. Reports of Officers:

- a. Membership:
 - a. Ms. Campbell reported there were four member gains in the last month and zero member losses.

7. Unfinished Business:

- a. The tentative schedule for future meetings and events is as follows:
 - a. One meeting and one event per quarter.
 - b. The rest of the calendar year looks 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 host a meeting before the event (May)
 - July - September: Support the MNARNG WOCS ruck march and host a meeting (July 16 at 11:00am) and support the golf outing at the annual MNARNG WOPD (August 11, 2017)
 - October – December: The USAWOA Annual Meeting of the Members (October), Feed My Starving Children (November), and possibly Toys For Tots (December)

8. New Business:

- a. A motion was made and approved to purchase medals for the JROTC award ceremony to be held on May 24, 2017 from 1000-1200 at American Legion, Post 1 in Minneapolis, MN.
- b. The question was raised as to whether our chapter is non-profit or not. Ms. Podratz mentioned she thought Mr. Jensen had received a letter stating such, but needed to follow-up and confirm. She will look into whether our chapter still has its 510(c)(3) status.
- c. Ms. Campbell mentioned that the Get in Gear 10K, 5K, 2K, and Half Marathon held the end of April each year, requires a lot of volunteers. They will provide up to \$500 for each charitable volunteer group that has a minimum of 30 volunteers to support race day. Ms. Campbell said she would look into what it takes to volunteer and send that information out to the group.

9. Next Chapter meetings/events will be:

- a. Monday, May 22nd, 2017 – Ronald McDonald House, Abbott Northwestern Hospital,
Minneapolis, MN
- b. Sunday, July 16, 2017 – Camp Ripley Training Center (WOCS Ruck March)
- c. Friday, August 11, 2017 – Golf Outing Event in support of MNARNG Annual WOPD

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/ David Bendickson
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Chapter Vice President