

National Guard Association of Minnesota
Meeting Minutes
17 January 2006

1. **Call to Order**

President Kevin Gutknecht called to order the regular meeting of the National Guard Association at 1808 hours at the Ft. Snelling Officers Club.

2. **Roll Call**

The following were present:

President Kevin Gutknecht
Executive Director Walt Schultz
Co-Treasurer Al Timm
Secretary Brian Winter
Group 1 Kenneth Worde
Group 4 Jeff Merricks
Group 5 Paul Jacobsen
Group 6 Richard Walczynski
Group 8 Corby Koehler
Group 9 Tim Kojetin
WO Rep Tom Novak

3. **Administrative Announcement**

The next meeting will be held at **the Ramada Inn Bloomington (formerly the Thunderbird) on 21 February 2006**. There will be a Time and Place meeting at 1700 hrs to survey the conference site.

4. **Insurance Report**

Dan Strong is deployed, Mike Fredrickson has taken his place in the interim and is working the call ups. Walt will try to get a report on how well the insurance is selling and has sold in the past.

5. **Secretary's Report**

December minutes were approved.

6. **Treasurer's Report**

Al Timm passed out copies of the Cash Flow reports for 2005 and for 2006 went over them. 2005 and YTD Cash Flow reports approved.

7. **Membership Report**

20% of members are paid for 2006.

8. **Legislative Report**

Kevin Gutknecht passed out some information on the Governor's Veteran's package which was also emailed out to members. He also mentioned the possibility of having a VA rep at the state conference to answer any questions, considering the amount of troops who have deployed overseas in recent months.

9. **Webmaster's Report**

10. **Association Meeting Planner**

11. **Group Reports**

Group 1: The last 30 or so troops are deploying tomorrow to Shelby for preparations to deploy to Iraq.

Group 2: Group 2 is now DISCOM again. There was a Soldier Recognition Ball held last weekend for recently returned troops. It was a great success.

Group 3: Absent

Group 4: 216th MSB is focused on prepping for upcoming Air Force support of a Blue Flag Exercise at Nellis AFB. Should provide the troops with a good training and joint opportunity.

Group 5: The 133rd was rated "excellent" on its recent OCI inspection. NGAMN membership drive is in progress

Group 6: NGAMN membership drive happening this UTA. Starting preparations for an ORE in September. Phase I of the exercise in March and Phase II in April.

Group 7: Absent

Group 8: B Co 211th (Chinooks) preparing to deploy. 2nd BTN has a 3 week deployment to Louisiana coming up.

Group 9: Two Security Co's and RAYOC for 151st Artillery back from Iraq. Working on putting together a 16 person team for deployment to Afghanistan.

Group 10: Absent

Warrant Officer Rep: There is a new WO school at Camp Ripley. Similar structure to OCS. They hope to graduate ten new WOs by September and are looking for at least ten more for the October class. They are working to get the course certified. MN is short forty nine warrant officers – the more they can get to attend the school, the better.

12. **Company Grade Officer Report**

Absent

13. **Corporate Report**

14. **Executive Director's Report**

The National Conference will take place in New Mexico. No due date yet for VIKANG articles.

15. **Old Business**

No old business.

16. **New Business**

The president raised the issue of creating Associate memberships for the association for non-guard officers or others who would like to join the association. The enlisted association does have associate memberships.

There was a motion to send out a flyer in early Feb/late March for conference registration. Motion passed.

17. **Meeting Adjourned**

Meeting adjourned at 1912 hrs. The next meeting will be held 21 Feb 2006, at 1800 hrs at the Ramada Inn Bloomington.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Brian C. Winter