

**National Guard Association of Minnesota**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
21 March 2006

1. **Call to Order**

President Gutknecht called to order the regular meeting of the National Guard Association at 1815 hours 21 March 2006 at the Ft. Snelling Officer's Club.

2. **Roll Call**

The following were present:

President Kevin Gutknecht  
Vice President "Air" Don Dahlquist  
Executive Director Walt Schultz  
Co-Treasurer Al Timm  
Secretary Brian Winter  
Group 2 Trista Martinson  
Group 4 Jeff Merricks  
Group 5 Paul Jacobsen  
Group 6 Richard Walczynski  
Group 7 & WO Tom Novak  
Group 8 Mike Taff  
Group 9 Tim Kojetin  
Group 10 Larry Burda  
CGO Rep Lyle Rock

3. **Administrative Announcement**

The next meeting will be held at the Ft. Snelling Officer's Club on Tuesday, 11 April 2006 at 1800 hrs.

4. **Insurance Report**

The motions presented in February from Austin Jenkins of the insurance trust were discussed. A motion to approve the motions carried.

5. **Secretary's Report**

February minutes were approved.

6. **Treasurer's Report**

Al Timm passed out copies of the Cash Flow report and went over it. The Cash Flow Report was approved.

7. **Membership Report**

State membership for 2006 is currently at about 35%.

8. **Legislative Report**

President Gutknecht mentioned a weekly electronic newsletter on legislative issues impacting the National Guard is available through the NGAUS website ([www.ngaus.org](http://www.ngaus.org)).

9. **Webmaster's Report**

Not present

10. **Group Reports**

Group 1: 1/34 BCT recently held a departure ceremony at Camp Shelby and also took part in a steak dinner provided by several restaurants in the Twin Cities area.

Group 2: Our name has changed back to DISCOM again. There are several Freedom Salutes coming up. 61 OCS candidates are in the works.

Group 4: Division is focused on preparing for the upcoming Blue Flag exercise at Nellis AFB in support of a JT training exercised hosted by the Air Force.

Group 5: The 133<sup>rd</sup> is participating in the Joint Forge mission in Europe. The Weather Flight recently supported the mudslide disaster in Kosovo

Group 6: The 148<sup>th</sup> is prepping for a Phase I ORE in April and Phase II ORE in May. This is part of the preparation for an ORI in 2007. The Wing Commander, Col Johnson, is spending some time in DC working to find a long term mission for the 148<sup>th</sup>.

Group 7: There is a resolution working through the house and senate (2921 and 2624 respectively) to make military retirement pay tax free. The MN Military Family Foundation, which supports military families in need, is looking for donations.

Group 8: 70 people and the Chinooks are preparing to leave for Ft. Hood.

Group 9: We have four troops deployed to Afghanistan, one in Iraq. 1/51<sup>st</sup> Field Artillery will going back to drill status.

Group 10: The snowbirds are preparing to come back up north. Dick Hathaway will be back in time for the conference.

11. **Company Grade Officer Report**

Nothing to Report

12. **Corporate Report**

13. **Executive Director's Report**

Walt is working on getting a couple more corporate sponsorships. He's also working on a location for the 2009 conference.

14. **Old Business**

The President discussed options for succession planning for the new board of directors. A motion to allow the incumbent President to run for re-election for a second term given the Vice Army being deployed was carried. There was a discussion on whether the by-laws need to be changed and that the general membership needs to approve the motion.

There was a motion to increase the Associate membership dues to \$25. Motion carried.

15. **New Business**

The President would like the association to think about developing Association Awards and putting an Awards committee in place. Discussion tabled until after the State Conference.

There was a motion to donate \$1000 on behalf of the association to support the MN Military Family Foundation. There was some discussion as to the impact on the association's financial standing. Discussion tabled until next meeting.

There was a motion for the association to support the Governor's Military Affairs initiatives for tax exemption of retirement pay. Motion carried.

Motion for the President to set up a visit to state legislators to voice the association's support and coordinate ways to support the initiatives. Motion carried.

16. **Meeting Adjourned**

Meeting adjourned at 1945 hrs.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Brian C. Winter