

**National Guard Association of Minnesota
Meeting Minutes**

10 April 2007

1. **Call to Order**

President Kevin Gutknecht called to order the regular meeting of the National Guard Association at 1830 on 10 April 2007 at the Ft. Snelling Officers Club.

2. **Roll Call**

The following were present:

President Kevin Gutknecht
Vice President "Air" Donald Dahlquist
Executive Director Walt Schultz
Treasurer Al Timm
Secretary Brian Winter
34th Div Rep Kent Porter
133rd AW Rep Paul Jacobsen
Troop Cmd Rep Gary Mundfrom
Aviation Bgde Rep Steve Shoemaker
Retiree Rep Carl Madsen
Mark Wiens

3. **Administrative Announcement**

The next meeting will be held at the Ft. Snelling Club on 08 May 2007 at 1800 hrs. There will be a conference planning committee meeting at 1700.

4. **Insurance Report**

Insurance reps are allowed to begin briefing again at deployment functions. The payroll deduction issue has been solved as well.

5. **Secretary's Report**

Minutes from March meeting approved.

6. **Treasurer's Report**

Al Timm passed out copies of the Cash Flow report. YTD inflows equaled \$34, 220.76, outflows equaled \$37544.79 totaling (\$3324.03). Association Net Worth equals \$40,040.55. Treasure's Report approved.

7. **Membership Report**

There are several members who are either state or national lifetime members. Both are required, one or the other is not an option. Walt will bring a list of names to next meeting.

8. **Legislative Report**

Mark Weins – met with COL Alness to discuss legislative issues of interest to the MN Guard. He came up with a form letter for use by membership to communicate support of

the following to state legislators: Armory Maintenance program (before the senate to fully fund), Military and Retiree pay state tax exemption (House support). A motion to send the letter to members via email encouraging use of the letter was passed.

9. **Webmaster's Report**

Online registration is working for the State Conference. A power point presentation on "Why NGAUS" has been posted to the site.

10. **Group Reports**

1st BCT: 2/135 preparing to deploy to Kosovo. The OIF extension is the biggest issue for BCT troops and families right now.

RSG: 114th Transportation Co is being activated on 21 Apr. 34th Band is receiving the George S. Howard Award designating it as one of the best in the Army.

34th DIV: AT the last two weeks in July. Preparing for involvement in the Republican National Convention.

133rd AW: Five retirement ceremonies in April representing 240 years of service. Members returning from deployments to SWA. Security Forces is being reactivated. Wing CC is deployed to Baghram until April.

148th FW: OIF deployed troops were extended by about two weeks.

Aviation: Det 39 is at 100% membership. 2/147th deployed today. UH-60 simulator is being installed at Camp Ripley. Groundbreaking ceremony coming up for new facility in St. Cloud.

Retirees: The retired dinner will be Friday night before the conference at 1830.

11. **Company Grade Officer Report**

No report

12. **Corporate/Executive Director's Report**

The DVD for the National Conference contains no audio. One new retired life membership was received. USAA would like podium time at the conference for their corporate sponsorship. Membership is at 42%.

13. **Old Business**

Motion to make the dates for the 2008 state conference 25-27 April 2008 was carried.

14. **New Business**

Motion for the association to sponsor the cost of doing a mailing to retirees as a reminder of the retired dinner was carried. The information was missed on the recent VIKANG news that was sent.

15. **Meeting Adjourned**

Meeting adjourned at 1928 hours.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Brian Winter.