

Minutes 11DEC07 NGAMN Board of Directors

1. Call to Order

President LtCol Dahlquist called to order the regular meeting of the National Guard Association at 1800 the meeting to order on December 11 2007 at the Ft. Snelling Officers Club.

2. Roll Call

Col Cummings
LtCol Dahlquist
CPT Donovan
CW5 (Ret) Richard Hathaway
LTC Tim Kojetin
MAJ (Ret) Carl Madsen
1LT Trista Martinson
LtCol Robert Niesen
MAJ Kent Porter
CW4 (Ret) Walt Schulz
COL(Ret) Al Timm

3. Administrative Announcement

Discussion Pre-meeting for 2008 to old Business
Still have awards from last conference. Need to be presented by LtCol Dahlquist, Walt and TAG.

4. Insurance Report

Dan Strong has been working Insurance this month. \$97,000 worth of premiums and \$77,000 paid out in benefits. Emphasis on every new recruit can have \$10,000 for one year at no cost. It would be best to have RSP program onboard. At the end of the one year and then they are contacted by an agent to determine their desire to continue or drop it. In the past few months Dan had sold about 140 policies. MAJ Porter has volunteered to take this project on to see if RSP can get the briefings and sign up new recruits.

5. Secretary's Report : Minutes approved minor corrections to COL Cummings rank and title of NGAMN.

6. Treasurer's Report : Cash flow. In Flow \$83,282.02. Outflows \$91,786.78 (-\$8,504.76) Networth: \$34,859.82. Next month will be the year end report and comparisons from year to year.

7. Vice President: LTG Turner was in MN today. He is the lead on the RNC planning. We are in full swing in planning. MN has published a warning order about the RNC. We anticipate that the OPORD will be out in March or April. Careful detailed planning is being done to ensure that proper planning is being done.

8. Legislative Report: None

9. Executive Director Report:. 2008 Membership looks slow.

10. Webmaster Report : Working on getting the online payment for the website. Still working on changing the website a bit to keep the cost down. Security is a priority of issue. Should be up and running by January. The rest of the website is up and running and seems to be working well. If you would like a page up let WEBMASTER know and submit ideas. He's working on updating the sponsor links and links.

LtCol Dahlquist wishes to keep website easy for users. Retiree dinner went very well.

11. Company Grade Report: CPT Dobler is forward deploying soon. Lt Hull is working on getting contact information for all Company Grade officers and polling members for any input in the Board meetings.

LtCol Dahlquist encourages more attendance from Company Grades.

12. Corporate Report: Letters. Will be go out soon. If anyone has ideas of Corporate Sponsors. Let Walt Know.

13. Warrant Officer Report: Move the Warrant Officer Report down to the Group Reports. Dick Hathaway has volunteered to be alternate Warrant Officer Report. Mr. Novak should suggest alternate for warrant officer representative.

14. Group Reports:

1BCT Report: MAJ Intress, No updates from CPT Donovan. Brigade has 1 weekend left of Reintegration. All Soldiers will return to normal drilling status in January.

RSG: Completing Brigades Reintegration and Celebrating the holidays.

Division: Getting to know the New Commanding General. MAJ Vatter will be the new division rep. MAJ Porter now belongs to Aviation.

133rd: Nothing new to report.

148th AW : Last Wednesday General Mosley, AFCOS, had a conference at the National Conference center. He gave a bed down plan. He said C-130's will be around for a long time. F-15s were grounded again for cracks. Possibility, part of the fleet will be grounded indefinitely. Air Force was counting on them flying for another 30 years. Another option is that they could pull F-16s out of Guard units to go to active duty to support the active force. Fighter world is in jeopardy. Duluth will continue to have the reaction to Hawaii as a back fill in the mean time. This may help Duluth, with a mission. The Air Guard and Air Force will need this organization to Lobby for a lot of money for a replacement fleet.

JFHQ: Planning for RNC, Norweign Exchange. Buddy weekend: (Send Karl Buddy Weekend Information)

Aviation: Just had the ATX. Initial deployment briefing with all the families. Met at Inver Grove Community College. Huge success.

Troop Command: Nothing new report.

Retired Groups: 31 people attended. Successful event. 4 General's in attendance. Great information put out. It's worth the effort.

15. Old Business: CPT Sanganoo will be working on the Conference. 1-194 will assist with CPT Sanganoo. (Battle book? COL Langley may have the old battle book.) Board approved for LT Martinson to make a decision. Holiday inn and Radisson in St. Cloud are the options for this event. Board approved LT Martinson will make final selection.

*Another Publication of Viking News, articles to determined and due date of Feb 1st. Let's ask General Cossalter to put his speech from Retiree's dinner in the Viking News. Groups to Provide an Article/Updates.
Daniel Strong to provide an Insurance Update.
Presidents Meeting.

Membership committee will meet in December to come up with a plan. Donovan will now be part of the membership committee. Membership needs to be with new officers. Let's get some recognition. President or representative should attend all commissioning and CW5 needs to be at all Warrant Officers commissioning. Consider a matrix for sign-in for meetings. To determine what organizations are represented and which organization has a spokesmen.

Board will revisit By-Laws that if a group isn't represented, Elected Rep. must be replaced.

16. New Business:

Discussion to include drill weekend as part of the conference: Perhaps if were paying someone to attend they might attend. Professional development must be associated with the conference to make it legal. We need to determine the joint Ethics situation in order to make it happen.

After much discussion it was concluded that perhaps, January or February may be a better time to make that feasible.

Time and Place Committee To Meet 1700 Next Month

2009 Mankato

2010 Rochester

2011 TBD

2012 Duluth (Verify the Deck in Duluth)

Revisit By-Laws must be ready by conference.

Resolutions for the state. Form to be in Viking News and on Website

President's remarks: Want to Wish a Good Holiday Season to all and families and those that cannot be with us this season. Meeting Adjourned.

NEXT MEETING 8 Jan 08 Ft. Snelling Officer's Club.