

**National Guard Association of Minnesota
Meeting Minutes**

13 February 2007

1. **Call to Order**

President Kevin Gutknecht called to order the regular meeting of the National Guard Association at 1805 on 13 February 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 Sustainment Bde Rep Trista Martinson
34th Div Rep Kent Porter
133rd AW Rep Paul Jacobsen
STARC/Warrant Officer Rep Tom Novak
Troop Cmd Rep Gary Mundfrom
Retiree Rep Carl Madsen
CGO Rep Dan Dobler
Larry Burda
Mark Wiens

3. **Administrative Announcement**

The next meeting will be held at the Ft. Snelling Club on 13 March 2007 at 1800 hrs. There will be a conference planning committee meeting at 1700.

4. **Insurance Report**

No report

5. **Secretary's Report**

Minutes from January meeting approved.

6. **Treasurer's Report**

Al Timm passed out copies of the Cash Flow report. Treasure's Report approved.

7. **Membership Report**

31 March is the deadline to get a 5% rebate from NGAUS on memberships. Group reps please make a push between now and the end of March to get membership dues paid.

8. **Legislative Report**

President Gutknecht passed out a list of state legislative issues impacting the MN National Guard being considered in the 2007-2008 session. This list will be linked to the

NGAMN website. Looking for a volunteer from the association to follow the progress of these legislative issues and keep the association up to speed on their progress.

A motion was passed to explore with NGAUS the possibility of adding funding support to Family Reintegration activities.

Mark Wiens volunteered to be the point of contact regarding following legislative issues.

9. **Webmaster's Report**

Some updates have been made to the Contacts page. Groups can add their own webpage if they'd like, let Carl know and he will build it. Walt will review the top 5 corporate sponsors that should get ad space on the website.

10. **Group Reports**

1st BCT: 2/135 just had some troops return from Operation Jump Start. The OIF extension is the biggest issue for BCT troops and families right now.

RSG: PSB just deployed to Kuwait, another group readying to deploy to Afghanistan. 34th MPs will be having an open house in Stillwater on 25 Feb.

34th DIV: Working through re-integration issues. Will be involved with the Republican National Convention in St. Paul and are working up some potential AT scenarios around the event.

133rd AW: Troops returning from AEF 17-23 Feb. 20 or so are deployed to Operation Jump Start. Wing CC is deployed to Baghram until April.

148th FW: 400 members leaving for Iraq starting this week for AEF rotation. 148th's mission is at risk beyond 2010.

Troop Command: 2 companies are getting ready to deploy soon. A new state mission, CERFP, has been added to their mission.

Retirees: No report.

11. **Company Grade Officer Report**

Nominations for CGOs to attend the National Conference are due by noon tomorrow. Need two names for Air, three for Army to CPT Dobler.

12. **Corporate Report**

Recently received \$1000 in corporate sponsorship from Boeing and \$500 from Northrup Grumman.

A hard copy of the VIKANG news will be going out in a couple weeks. Group rep articles are due to Walt by noon tomorrow.

13. **Executive Director's Report**

The hotel for the upcoming Nat'l conference will be the Caribe Hilton in San Juan, group rate is \$150/night, hospitality room will be \$400/nt.

14. **Old Business**

Motion to pick up one night's hotel at the national conference for two resolutions committee members was carried.

Motion to pick up any additional travel related expensed for Lt Col Dahlquist's trip to the NGAUS Membership "Train the Trainer" session in D.C. were approved.

15. **New Business**

Need to revisit supporting the change to retirement annuity start at age 55.

Do we want to consider hiring a party planner for upcoming conferences?

16. **Meeting Adjourned**

Meeting adjourned at 1905 hours.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Brian Winter.