

**National Guard Association of Minnesota
Meeting Minutes**

08 May 2007

1. **Call to Order**

President Kevin Gutknecht called to order the regular meeting of the National Guard Association at 1835 on 08 May 2007 at the Ft. Snelling Officers Club.

2. **Roll Call**

The following were present:

President Kevin Gutknecht
Executive Director Walt Schulz
Treasurer Al Timm
Secretary Brian Winter
RSG Rep Trista Martinson
133rd AW Rep Paul Jacobsen
Troop Cmd Rep Tim Kojetin
CGO Rep Dan Dobler
Larry Burda
Michelle Jensen

3. **Administrative Announcement**

The next meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Select, Bloomington, MN on 01 June 2007 at 1600 hrs.

4. **Insurance Report**

An Insurance Trust rep will be in attendance at the conference.

5. **Secretary's Report**

Minutes from April meeting approved.

6. **Treasurer's Report**

Al Timm passed out copies of the Cash Flow report. YTD inflows equaled \$38,711.60, outflows equaled \$38,980.52 totaling (\$178.92) in overall total flows. Association Net Worth equals \$43,185.66. Treasure's Report approved.

7. **Membership Report**

Walt passed out membership numbers for each group. Total membership for the state is at 51% through 08 May 07. He also passed out member lists for each group, there are a lot of "free" memberships showing up other than new LTs. Please review and scrub your lists and collect dues as needed.

8. **Legislative Report**

The bill making military and retiree income state tax free is still sitting in the House and has not yet made it to the Senate yet. It does not look like it will get passed this year but it has made it farther than previous years.

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: Deployed troops are in the first stages of preparing to return home by midsummer. 2/135 preparing for a Kosovo deployment in August. 1/194th Security Co. is forward deployed.

RSG: Just had Open House for the new Transportation Co in Chisholm. PSB deployed to Afghanistan, PSD preparing to deploy. RSG's main focus is on handing reintegration for the returning deployed soldiers.

133rd AW: Most troops will be returning from the AEF rotation in mid-May.

148th FW: Duluth's main body of deployed troops returned home safely a few weeks ago. The Wing is trying to find a mission for 2011 as it sounds like it will lose it's F-16s and is not expecting to get new aircraft.

Aviation: 2/147th is deployed, currently in Ft. Rutger for training. Two blackhawks are on stand-by for state AD to help fight the Gunflint Trail/BWCAW fires but have not been utilized yet.

Troop Cmd: Membership at 80% (highest in state). 2 units preparing to deploy this summer. MAJ Mundfrom will be moving on from Troop Cmd to take a job teaching ROTC at the U of M. CERFP mission has all of its required equipment and will have all personnel trained up by this summer.

Retirees: The retirees are "redeploying" from FL and AZ. The retired dinner will be Friday night before the conference at 1830.

11. **Company Grade Officer Report**

Dan Dobler passed out the list of the five nominations for the National conference in Puerto Rico, they are 1st LT Trista Martinson (RSG), WO Emily Larson (DIV), LT Chris Grupe (DIV), 1Lt Jason Hull (133rd AW), and Capt Chad Vorderbruggen (148th FW). Still looking for state funding to be able to send these five to the conference.

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

We received a corporate sponsorship of \$250 from Louis King Association. Walt will be attending an Insurance Trust meeting in New Hampshire on 07 June. Motion to pay his travel expenses and one night hotel was carried.

13. **Old Business**

14. **New Business**

15. **Meeting Adjourned**

Meeting adjourned at 1915 hours.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Brian Winter.