

MINUTES 20NOV07 MNNGA Board of Directors Meeting

1. Call to Order

President LtCol Dahlquist called to order the regular meeting of the National Guard Association at 1804 the meeting to order on November 20th, 2007 at the Ft. Snelling Officers Club.

2. Roll Call

Col (Ret) Burda
LtCol 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

CPT Donovan attended the membership recruiting training workshop about the ways to increase membership. Currently we are about 50-60% in a given year. Ideas discussed were: consider paying dues for deployed officers, Sending a new person each time to the board and conference training for exposure to NGAUS, and holding the state convention during an IDT weekend. He reported that Corporate Sponsorship is the best way to increase funds. Another Idea is that a Golf Tournament can be a great fundraiser to raise money.

Awards from the last conference still need to be presented.

4. Insurance Report

Discussion about Insurance Program. Looking for agreement to get the Insurance program in the Air Guard arena. Working to get agreement signed by the TAG to allow the insurance program into the wing. The Program is as good as SGLI. LTC Dhalquist Tag seems to be supportive of the Insurance program because it will benefit our troops in the long run. The Crux of it is that the Army is pressing forward. Now getting into the Air side will be the next step. Many Briefings are scheduled in December.

5. Secretary's Report :No report.

6. Treasurer's Report : See Report.

7. Vice President :None

8.Executive Director Report: Viking News report went out. It was late past the pre-selected deadline. We need to stick to the deadline to make it relevant and ensure good substance. Legislative reports was the reason for the hold up. Dick Hathaway suggested that we need to start a bit earlier if we are going to make deadline. Send out the October Newsletter start date September 1st deadline of 1 October. Accepted Report.

9. Webmaster Report 270,000 people were without webserver which caused our server to be down. Website is now up and running. Web payment is not functioning currently will work on getting that fixed.

Any ideas for website please forward to webmaster. Viking News will be posted on website. December web services free of charge because of the outage.

10. Company Grade Report: Jason Hull is new Company Grade Rep.

11. Corporate Report: No change

12.Warrant Officer Report: Vacancies in Air Guard

13.Group Report:

1BCT Report: GI Bill was the biggest win for the 1BCT that served 22 consecutive months can get the GI Bill. Its difference of \$500 a month toward education. Completed 30-60 day event. SSG Malburg received the silver Star.

PTSD is an issue that is on everyone's minds. Soldiers are being referred to appropriate agencies when someone knows about it. There is a high priority placed on reintegration.

Retention still to be determined, about 16% attrition is currently about the norm.

RSG: Just completed putting on the 30-60 day reintegration. Excited about supporting the RNC in the future.

147 PSB to redeploy in 18 Feb.

Division: Bright Star event working with Army Central Command. A few went to Egypt and many went to Virginia. Just returned this past week. Reintegration team is working contingency plans for other units. Current plan is about a 90% solution. Logistically, things are looking good. Medical concerns are good because soldiers are a bit more upfront with their issues. MbTI and PTSD are being addressed. Working on getting CAB out for deployment.

133rd: Completed Joint Enterprise mission, looking at tentatively going back in Jan and Feb. 15DEC Recognition Ceremony. 100 People will deploy to Afghanistan. CH Lovans has retired.

148th AW : F-15s were grounded, making many of crews have to scramble to Hawaii. Hours continue to tick away on the Block 30s and all the equipment is different. AF will get tired of keeping parts in supply room and leadership is trying to get Gen Mickingly director of Air Guard to do a tour and get his support. May need support from the association to assist with getting them a new mission.

JFHQ: TAG and Gov Pawlenty are going to visit NORTHCOM and discuss homeland security things. GOV is president of Gov. Association.

Aviation: Just finished the first aviation training exercise. Good Success at Rutker. Many simulations. Preparing to deploy.

Troop Command: Engineer Company's are in Baghdad. 849th and 851st Vertical Engineer CRTC and one with Security Mission. 2 Companies who are 434th Chem and E battery 151 were awarded the MUC.

14. Retired Groups: Holiday Party is 7th of December, 763-424-6505 Wayne Becker. Email Becker.Wayne@comcast.net. Here at the Officer's Club. Please RSVP before the event.

Col Burda says carry a lifetime membership form in your pocket to give to retiree's. They are a valuable asset to the NGAMN.

15. Old Business : Another Publication of Viking News. Articles to determined and due date of Feb 1st.

Membership committee will meet in December to come up with a plan. Donovan will now be part of the membership committee.

Martinson will be part of the strategic planning committee.

16. New Business: CPT Sanganoo will be working on the new Conference dates. Lets Work on determining new location. 25-27 April. Next year, time in place. I will send an email by the end of next week.

Next meeting will be 11 December 07 1800. All conference items will be ready.

Motion to adjourn 1940.