

National Guard Association of Minnesota
Meeting Minutes
16 October 2007

1. Call to Order

President LtCol Dahlquist called to order the regular meeting of the National Guard Association at 1800 hours on 16 October 2007 at the Ft. Snelling Officers Club.

2. Roll Call

The following were present:

President Lt Col Donald Dahlquist

CW4 (Ret) Executive Director Walt Schulz

COL (Ret) Treasurer Al Timm

CW5 (Ret) Richard Hathaway

CW4 Jim Webb

LTC Robert Intruss

CW5 Steven Schoemaker

CW4 Peter Panos

MAJ Kent Porter

MAJ(Ret) Carl Madsen

3. Administrative Announcement

The next meeting will be held at 1800 hours on 20 November, 2007 at the Ft. Snelling Officers Club

The NGAUS membership workshop is being held on 18-19 Oct 2007 at the Phoenix Park Hotel in Washington DC, CPT Donovan will be attending. The TAG has an interest in attending the next workshop for NGAUS membership.

There are still 3 awards that have not been presented to the recipients (Governor and Mrs. Pawlenty, Vickerman, and Kahn). An appointment for the awards presentation will be set-up by the Joint Forces HQ. In addition to the above there is still an award that needs to be presented to Eugene Sit.

4. Insurance Report: A briefing on SSLI will be held on 19 November at 0900 hours at the Veterans Service Bldg 4th Floor. Walt will send out an e-mail to the Board members with more information.

5. Secretary's Report

Minutes from the September meeting were approved.

6. Treasurer's Report

Al Timm passed out copies of the Cash Flow report and covered the financials with the group. Total Inflows to date are \$81,407.11, an increase of \$1,120.68 over the last reporting period. Total Outflows \$87,770.16, an increase of \$3,593.49 from the September report. The Association Net Worth on 15 October equals \$37,001.53.

7. Vice Presidents Report.

LTC Intress informed the Board of a Fallen Soldier Memorial to be installed in Bloomington. Do we want to make a contribution to this memorial? To be discussed at a later date.

8. Executive Director Report.

Walt brought to our attention that there was one outstanding bad check for \$120.00, Intress to work the issue with the individual.

We need to start thinking about our 2008 membership drive.

Walt also wanted guidance on how we want to publish the upcoming Vikang Newsletter. The format was discussed and determined.

9. Legislative Report - No Report

10. Web Master Report – Nothing to Report

11. Warrant Officer Report – No Report

11. Group Reports

1st BCT:

New Commander is COL Kevin Gutknecht; The Change of Command Ceremony was held on 4 Oct at the Bloomington TACC.

Re-integration event was very successful, with one round remaining to be conducted.

Those that have attended the event strongly encouraged that all married soldiers attend the session for those that are married.

RSG: No Report

Division: Division Change of Command was held on the 13th of Oct; new Div Cmdr is MG Rick Nash.

133rd AW: Completed the unit compliance inspection, 4 major levels; with 2 receiving and Excellent rating, 1 Outstanding and 1 Best seen to date.

148th FW: No Report

Troop Cmd: 851 Eng Company is finishing training at Fort McCoy; their Deployment Ceremony was held on the 27th of Sept. Two new MTOE's that effect 151 E Tab and the 434th Chem Company are being implemented.

Retirees: The retirees are hosting the annual Holiday Party at the Fort Snelling Officers Club on the 7th of December. The Vikang Newsletter will have the particulars for this event.

Company Grade Officer Report – No Report

12. Old Business-

The President selected Hathaway, Martinson and Schulz to head-up the Membership Committee.

The upcoming Vikang Newsletter will be published with the intent of mailings to 1693 individuals. Included in the newsletter will be the various Board member and Group reports, the Governors 2008 initiatives, the 2008 membership form, and information on the annual Holiday event hosted by the retirees.

President still needs to appoint a Strategic planning committee.

13. New Business:

Carl Madsen is to check on the costs for a copier that could be utilized for publishing future Vikang Newsletters.

Walt Schulz and Al Timm to get some cost estimates for publishing and mailing future newsletters.

14. Meeting Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 1925 hours.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Al Timm.