

National Guard Association of Minnesota
Meeting Minutes
11 Sep 2007

1. Call to Order

President LtCol Dahlquist called to order the regular meeting of the National Guard Association at 1808 on 11 September 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

LtCol Robert Niesen

CW5 (Ret) Richard Hathaway

LTC Tim Kojetin

LTC Robert Intruss

3. Administrative Announcement

The next meeting will be held at the 1800 on 16 Oct 2007 at the Ft. Snelling Officers Club

There were not enough members present to have a quorum, therefore no items of importance will be voted on at this meeting.

The NGAUS membership workshop is being held on 18-19 Oct 2007 at the Phoenix Park Hotel in Washington DC. Reservations for those attending are required by 18 Sep 2007. President Dahlquist advocated the attendance of some of our company grade officers. Recommendation for the company grade officer was CPT Donovan, LTC Intruss to see if he is interested. The TAG was named as a possible alternate attendee for this session.

There are still 3 awards that have not been presented to the recipients (Gov Pawlenty, Vickerman, and Kahn) Dahlquist will contact COL Gutknect and CW5 Novak for possible time and to validate that this is the correct list of individuals.

4. Insurance Report: If any group reps know of any unit that is going to be deployed please contact Walt to get an insurance representative there to speak to those deploying.

5. Secretary's Report

Minutes from the August meeting were approved with one required change. The note for the Treasurer's Report, Total Inflows \$78,643.62 increase of 44056.66, should be Total Inflows \$78,643.62 increase of \$4,056.66.

6. Treasurer's Report

Al Timm passed out copies of the Cash Flow report and covered with the group. Total Inflows to date are \$80,286.43, an increase of \$1,642.81 over the last reporting period. Total Outflows \$84,176.67, a decrease of \$14,259.87 from the August report. As noted in the August minutes: We need to pay for \$.25 per soldier in the MN National Guard (\$3,266.25), conference registration for national conference attendees of \$125.00 per person (each attendee paid this fee to our Association earlier in the year) and the cost of the Hospitality Room. The Association Net Worth on 10 Sep 2007 equals \$39,474.34.

7. Executive Director Report.

Walt handed out some copies of News Letters from other States to see if we had an interest in their format. No real decision was made to make a change to our Newsletter.

We need to start thinking about our 2008 membership drive.

8. Legislative Report - No Report

9. Web Master Report – No Report

10. Warrant Officer Report – Dick Hathaway and Walt Schulz attended the Retired Warrant Officers luncheon at the 129th Conference in Puerto Rico.

11. Group Reports

1st BCT:

SSG Malmberg will be awarded the Silver Star on 22 Sep at the River Center in St Paul. New Commander will be COL Kevin Gutknecht; Change of Command Ceremony will be on 14 Oct at the Bloomington TACC.

RSG:

Division: Division Change of Command will be on the 13th of Oct; new Div Cmdr will be MG Nash.

133rd AW: Still in the middle of the unit compliance inspection, 4 major levels of inspection with 3 completed.

Joint forge event in Germany will last for one month, from mid Oct to Mid Nov.

148th FW: ORE to start next week and an ORI is in the near future.

Troop Cmd: 851 Eng Company is finishing training at Fort McCoy; their Deployment Ceremony will be on the 27th of Sept.

Retirees: No new information.

Company Grade Officer Report – No Report

12. Old Business-

President will appoint a Strategic planning committee and Membership committee at the Oct Meeting.

Walt to send out an e-mail to all Group Reps to provide an article for the upcoming Newsletter.

Warrant Officer/ OCS Graduation coming up on 26 Aug at the Capital Rotunda.

Representative to greet and present membership. COL Gutknecht or LTC Miller will represent NGAMN. LtCol Dahlquist to check on the status of this event.

13. New Business: Look into the possibility of providing money for an Association Sponsored Scholarship Fund.

14. Meeting Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 1925 hours.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Al Timm.