

National Guard Association of Minnesota
Meeting Minutes
12 Aug 2009

1. Call to Order

Vice President (Army) Kent Porter called to order the regular meeting of the National Guard Association at 1801 hours on 12 August 2009 at the Ft. Snelling Officers Club.

2. Roll Call

The following were present:

Vice President (Army) MAJ Kent Porter

Col Deon Ford

COL (Ret) Treasurer Al Timm

CW5 (Ret) Richard Hathaway

Lt Col Don Dahlquist

CW5 (Ret) Executive Director Walt Schulz

Maj Mark Schutta

MAJ (Ret) Bob Beutler

MAJ (RET) Carl Madsen

3. Administrative Announcement

- Announcement that Brig Gen (Ret) Cox passed away
- NGAMN Scholarship presented to Stokes
 - Scholarship to Lundsford still pending

4. Secretary's Report

- Minutes from 15 July 09 meeting accepted
- Set Oct for start of Time and Place committee
- No progress on NGAMN flyer

5. Insurance Report:

- Insurance report passed out

6. Treasurer's Report

- See Cash Flow Report

7. VP Report

- No Report.

8. Legislative Report

- Emphasized Legislative Alerts
 - Reduced Age for Receipt of Retired Pay for Members of the Reserve Component
- Attempting to get Veteran owned small business's same status as women and minority owned business's.

- Recommendation made to show how to access legislative alerts and pre-formatted responses.

9. Executive Director Report.

- **Taxes mailed 11 August 09**
 - Three questions require additional information
- **Membership is down this year**
- **National Convention Info**
 - Received the National Conference pins which were produced by Westmore.
 - Westmore is interested in producing pins in future years.
 - Lt Col Bob Niesen is coordinating for shirts for the National Conference
 - Listing of attendee's distributed

10. Web Master Report

- Briefed number of hits the site received
- Changing web page language to make it more user friendly
- Webmaster is pursuing social networking links

11. Corporate Report

- Exec. Director is working with US Bank for sponsorship

12. Group Reports

1 BCT

- Working to determine mobilization requirements

RSG

- Military Police are still deployed
- Deactivation ceremony upcoming for 147th
- 204th Medical Company mobilized and currently in Wash. State for training

Division

- Family Support helping with deployed members family issues

133rd AW

- Currently has two airplanes and personnel deployed to OJE
- Preparing for 2010 Operational Readiness Inspection in Mar 2010
 - Preparing with two Operational Readiness Exercises
- Beginning preparations for AEF May – Sept 2010
- Aircraft starting to show their age with increased maintenance requirements

148th FW

- No Report

Company Grade Officer Report

- No Report

JFHQ

- No Report

Troop Command

- No Report

Legislative Liaison

- Addressed Above under Legislative Report

CBT AVN:

- No Report

Retiree's

- Announced Retiree Appreciation Day
- Announced Retiree Christmas Party scheduled for Dec 4 2009

Warrant Officer Report –

- No Report

13. Old Business

- Articles for VIKANG News Due 4 Oct 09

14. New Business:

- Discussed establishing a “set day” for meetings. It’s confusing and difficult to schedule meetings that change dates
- Oct 20 is next Board Meeting
- Voted to pay for Stress Ball memento’s for national convention
- Voted to pay 09 dues on behalf of AG

15. Meeting Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 1930 hours.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lt Col Don Dahlquist.