

National Guard Association of Minnesota
Meeting Minutes
13 Jan 2009

1. Call to Order

President Intress called to order the regular meeting of the National Guard Association at 1800 hours on 13 Jan 2009 at the Ft. Snelling Officers Club.

2. Roll Call

The following were present:

LTC Robert Intress
Col Paul Cummings
LT COL Don Dahlquist
CW5 (Ret) Executive Director Walt Schulz
COL (Ret) Treasurer Al Timm
LT COL Bob Niesen
Lt Col Paul Jacobson
MAJ(Ret) Carl Madsen
MAJ Bob Beutler
MAJ John Wisniewski
1LT Joe Hennessy
1LT Mangen

3. Administrative Announcement

- Will be touring the Conference facilities in Mankato in preparation for this years state conference. Time and meeting place to be sent out by LTC Intress. Date tentatively set for 3 February with an alternate of 5 February.
- Letter of invitation drafted for DV's to state conference/. LTC Intress to obtain MG Shellito's endorsement.
- 1 February is the deadline for submission of articles to the Exec Director for inclusion in the VIKANG Newsletter

4. Insurance Report:

- **151 Field Artillery will be mobilizing in April. Dan Strong to be notified so he can offer State Sponsored Life Insurance (SSLI) to members.**
- **Air Wings need to be contacted to get permission to offer the SSLI at the Wings.**

5. Secretary's Report

No Report

6. VP Report: Air VP – No report

7. Treasurer's Report

- CY 2008
 - Total Inflows 104,788.08
 - Total Outflows 99,458.67
 - CY Balance 5,329.41
 - Net Worth 38,375.39

- CY 2009
 - Total Inflows 3,640.10
 - Total Outflows 0.00
 - Net Worth 42,015.49

8. Legislative Report

- 1LT Hobot was introduced to the Board. LT Hobot is a PAO at JFHQ and is very interested in participated in legislative affairs.
- Military Action Group meeting to be held 22 Jan 09. Need strong NGAMN representation as all other Military and Veterans organization are attending with well developed priorities established.
- Discussed need for better representation at legislative meeting
- The legislature is looking into the possibility of introducing a bill for second career military tax exemption
- The legislature is looking at introducing a bill offering Veterans preference for all government jobs.
- Members should go to the NGAMN website www.NGAMN.org to look for more legislative information. Information can be found using the link titled “Legislative News” on the left side of the Home Page.

9. Executive Director Report.

- **State membership is currently sitting at 10% but membership applications are slow coming in.**
- **Corporate Membership is off to a good start. Numerous companies are providing sponsorship.**

10. Web Master Report

- Each Group Rep has their own page on the website to post pertinent NGAMN related information
- State Conference registration will be placed on the website
- Web advertizing is available for corporate sponsors. Placement of company logos is available for sponsors at the LT (\$250.00) level and above

11. Corporate Report

- No report added beyond corporate sponsorship as addressed in the Exec Dir Report.

12. Group Reports

Company Grade Officer Report –

- No Report

Warrant Officer Report –

- No Report

1st BCT:

- Received notification of sourcing for deployment in FY 2011

RSG:

- No Report

Division:

- MAJ John Wisniewski introduced. Will be Division rep and Rear Det CC during the upcoming deployment

JFHQ:

- JFHQ is busy assisting the various units throughout the state.

133rd AW:

- AEF Cycle is coming to a close
- Training for 2010 Operational Readiness Inspection is starting

148th FW:

- AEF Cycle is coming to a close
- Phase II of their Operational Readiness Inspection occurs in August 2009. Lots of preparation and training being conducted as they prepare.

CBT AVN:

- No Report this month

Troop Cmd:

- No Report this month

Retiree's

- 37 people came to the annual Holiday Dinner. Excellent occasion with MG Shellito as the keynote speaker
- Free 3 day admission to US Disney theme parks for members who deployed in 2008
- Free Chiropractic services at Burnsville Natural Care clinic for people who deployed
- Many retiree's are down south enjoying winter

13. Old Business-

14. New Business:

- NGAMN needs to discuss and establish legislative priorities.
- Scholarship information will be placed in the next edition of the VIKANG newsletter

2009 Membership Drive begins now. No change in state and national dues. New membership form uploaded on the website.

15. Meeting Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 1705 hours.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lt Col Don Dahlquist.