

National Guard Association of Minnesota
Meeting Minutes
15 July 2009

1. Call to Order

President Cummings called to order the regular meeting of the National Guard Association at 1805 hours on 15 July 2009 at the Ft. Snelling Officers Club.

2. Roll Call

The following were present:

Col Paul Cummings

Col Deon Ford

COL (Ret) Treasurer Al Timm

CW5 (Ret) Richard Hathaway

Lt Col Don Dahlquist

CW5 (Ret) Executive Director Walt Schulz

Capt Brian Winters

CPT Chris Kline

MAJ Kent Porter

MAJ Joe Sharkey

CPT David Wagner

3. Administrative Announcement

- Board members requested to review the contact information for correct information to include correct spelling and rank

4. Secretary's Report

- Minutes from June 09 meeting accepted

5. Insurance Report:

- **The Association received checks from the Militia Insurance Trust for the amount of \$3256.00:**
- **Mr. Dan Strong will attend Augusts NGAMN Board meeting to discuss the State Sponsored Life Insurance program**

6. Treasurer's Report

- 01/01/09 –7/14/09
 - Total Inflows 76,899.99
 - Total Outflows 54,502.13
 - Net Total 22,397.86
 - Net Worth 60,773.25

- There are expenses which have not been paid yet for the following purposes:

- NGAUS Dues
- ENGAUS Insurance Refund
- NGAUS National Conference fee's
- NGAMN Scholarship Awards (\$1000.00)

7. VP Report

- Army and Air VP Reps discussed the Company Grade representatives to the NGAUS Convention in Nashville, TN
 - 2nd Lt Fiest will be the Air representative
 - Army and any additional Air representatives to be decided prior to the August Board meeting.

8. Legislative Report

- Three Alerts were sent by NGAUS.
 - Reduced Age for Receipt of Retired Pay for Members of the Reserve Component
 - National Guard Empowerment and State National Defense Integration Act of 2009
 - C-130 Avionics Modernization Program (AMP)

9. Executive Director Report.

- **Discussion of Delegates to the National Convention produced the following:**
 - **Resolutions Committee delegate:**
 - **Maj Rhonda Everson (Army)**
 - **Col (R) Larry Burda (Air)**
 - **Company Grade Representative**
 - **2nd Lt Ann Fiest (Air)**
 - **2^{LT} Karly Mangin (Army)**
 - **Warrant Officers**
 - **CW5 (R) Richard Hathaway**
- **The Board agreed to pay for one (1) nights lodging at the national convention for the Resolutions Committee delegates as they must arrive one day early to attend the meetings.**
- **The board agreed to have Lt Col Bob Niesen pursue the purchase of commemorative shirts for attendee's at the convention. Attendee's must order (through Lt Col Niesen) and pay for the shirts themselves**
- **Discussed an offer by a company in Texas to provide at reduced costs, theme related jeans for attendees**
- **The board agreed to rent a Hospitality Suite with adjacent sleeping room for the Minnesota delegation.**

10. Web Master Report

- No Report

11. Corporate Report

- NGAMN has received \$10,000 in corporate sponsorship this year. Continuing to pursue additional sponsorship with past and new (potential) sponsors)

12. Group Reports

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- No Report

RSG

- Has sent two units to Mobilization Station in preparation for deployment. The RSG continues to grow in size. Hopes this will result in increased Association membership.

Division

- Division currently deployed to OIF

133rd AW

- Preparing for 2010 Operational Readiness Inspection
- Hosted foreign national visitors who are looking to purchase C-130 aircraft

148th FW

- Operational Readiness Exercise began today (15 July)
- Recipient of the Raytheon Trophy for FY 09. Very prestigious award of which the 148th is only the third ANG unit to win

Company Grade Officer Report

- No Report

JFHQ

- No Report

Troop Command

- No Report

Legislative Liaison

- Addressed Above under Legislative Report

CBT AVN:

- Welcome home ceremony on 25 July at the EXCEL Center in Saint Paul.
- The MedEvac unit out of St. Cloud is currently at Volk Field, WI
- 2/211 is returning from OIF/OEF

- **Conducted Canadian cross training on CH-47 helicopters**

Retiree's

- No Report

Warrant Officer Report –

- **Current Assigned Strength – 191**
- **Authorized Strength – 224**
- **Percentage – 86%**
- **45 appointments this FY**
- **End of Year anticipated strength – 214 (96%)**

13. Old Business

- **Addressed scholarships (Pre-meeting held at 1700, 15 July 09).**
 - **Scholarship nominations reviewed by the scholarship committee.**
Award recipients are as follows:
 - **Current Members – Joe Lundsford**
 - **Children/Grandchildren of members- Eric Stokes**
- **Deferred computer upgrade**

14. New Business:

- Col Cummings (President) presented the NGAMN goals for the year of his tenure 2009 (See Attachment)
- Communications Committee to be formed after the National Convention in September
- Briefing or Flyer to be created for distribution with annual membership dues drive. Will focus on “What NGAUS Has Done For You”. Lt Col Dahlquist volunteered to spearhead initial draft
- Agreed to keep the legislative updates on the website
- Motion to create Veterans Camp ad at no cost to the camp on website made and approved.

15. Meeting Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 1735 hours.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lt Col Don Dahlquist.

ATTACHMENT 1

Minnesota National Guard Association Goals for 2009:

Membership:

- 1.0 Increase individual membership by 10% over 1 July 2009 through 30 June 2010.
- 2.0 Increase Company Grade membership by 15% over 1 July 2009 through 30 June 2010.
- 3.0 Increase corporate membership by 10% over 1 July 2009 through 30 June 2010.

Communications:

- 1.0 Develop a communications plan to members. This plan will include an accurate electronic mailing list to utilize for effective communication with membership.
- 2.0 Create a briefing and/or handout which outlines the benefits of membership in the Association by 1 November 2009. This handout will include details of the NGAUS Insurance program.

Legislative:

- 1.0 Organize and support timely legislation that benefits all members of the Minnesota National Guard.

Col Paul Cummings
President
14 July 2009