

National Guard Association of Minnesota
Meeting Minutes
20 Oct 2009

1. Call to Order

President Paul Cummings called to order the regular meeting of the National Guard Association at 1800 hours on 20 Oct 2009 at the Ft. Snelling Officers Club.

2. Roll Call

The following were present:

Col President Paul Cummings
Vice President (Army) MAJ Kent Porter
COL (Ret) Treasurer Al Timm
Lt Col Secretary Don Dahlquist
CW5 (Ret) Executive Director Walt Schulz
CW5 (Ret) Richard Hathaway
MAJ (Ret) Carl Madsen
CPT Dan Dobler
CPT Chris Kline
Capt brian Winters
1LT David Adams
1LT Karly Mangen
1LT Chris Rogge

3. Administrative Announcement

- Review of Group Representatives.
- Re-Evaluation of Group Reps. Are the Representatives designations current and are they willing and able to participate

4. Secretary's Report

- Minutes from Aug 09 meeting were posted on web after initial review by the President and Exec Director
- Time and Place Committee – See Attached

5. Insurance Report:

- **Mr. Austin Jenkins and Mr. Dan Strong (SSLI Representatives) presented the Insurance Report**
 - Discussed the 6 policies available through the SSLI program
 - Provided a review of the key SSLI benefits
 - Reviewed the Benefits Briefing that is provided to organizations
 - Provided benefits distributed report for State of MN

6. Treasurer's Report

- See Cash Flow Report

7. VP (Army)Report

- Report included in VIKANG News
- MAJ Porter applied for a seat on the NGAUS National Board as the Membership Committee Area V Representative

8. Legislative Report

- **Met with TAG and COL Ahlness to discuss TAG's current legislative priorities**
- **Provided a briefing of legislative proposals for 2010 from the Department of Legislative Affairs and partners**

9. Executive Director Report.

- **Corporate Membership discussion to establish an increased value membership**
- **Membership drive. Discussed methods of notifying members of dues**
 - **Established a due out of 1 Nov for groups to review organization officer lists**

10. Web Master Report

- There have been lots of updates to NGAMN website
 - Units can change their NGAMN page
- Established NGAMN Facebook account

11. Corporate Report

- Included in Exec Dir Report

12. Group Reports

1 BCT

- **Has been re-missioned**
 - **Will be receiving new training, equipment, and staffing requirements**

RSG

- **Military Police are still deployed**

Division

- **Div is still deployed**
 - **Lost a soldier**
- **Beginning membership drive**

133rd AW

- **Preparing for 2010 Operational Readiness Inspection in Mar 2010**
 - **Preparing with two Operational Readiness Exercises**
- **Beginning preparations for AEF May – Sept 2010**
- **Participating in Emergency Management Course**
- **Hosting Mass Fatalities course**

- **Provided ESGR Flight for employers**

148th FW

- **Completed a Phase 2 ORI. Graded “Excellent”**
- **35 SF personnel deployed**
- **Aircraft returned from Red Flag exercise**
- **Performing a MAJCOM Unit Compliance Inspection**
- **Personnel deploying to Hawaii for DFT**

JFHQ

- **Operating under Continuing Resolution Authority**
- **MGEN Shellito meeting with Legislative Representatives**
- **Announced a “Serving Our Troops” fundraiser at Mancini’s**

Troop Command

- **Preparing for Joint Force Exercise**

Legislative Liaison

- **Addressed Above under Legislative Report**

CBT AVN:

- **New Brigade Commander – Col Huddleston**
- **Chinooks deploy next year**

Retiree’s

- **Retiree Christmas Party scheduled for Dec 4 2009**
- **Disabled American Vets (DAV) is willing to assist our members as needed**

Warrant Officer Report

- **27 Warrant Officers appointed in FY 09**
 - **Total WO strength is 95%**
 - **3 Honor Graduates from WO Training**
- **FY 10 Priority**
 - **Filling critical career fields**

13. Old Business

- **Communications Committee discussed to establish a communications strategy for communicating with our members and potential members**

14. New Business:

- **Addressed possibility of receiving some space allocation under the Congressionally Chartered Organizations guide**
- **Proposal for 3rd scholarship (to be awarded to spouses)**
 - **Proposal passed to amend availability to include spouses**

15. Meeting Adjourned

- Meeting adjourned at 2000 hours.
- Next Meeting 24 Nov 09

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lt Col Don Dahlquist.

Time and Place Committee Report: 20 Oct 2009

(Secretary unable to attend meeting). Due Outs briefed after Board Meeting

2010 Conference:

- Location: Hotel Sofitel – Bloomington
- Dates: 23 – 25 April 2010
- Hosts: 133rd AW (TBD) / Troop Command (MAJ Porter)
- Due Outs
 - Obtain “War Book” from LTC Intress
 - Determine how tasked organizations will work together
 - Verify location/dates with hotel
 - Obtain copy of the contract
 - Initiate contact with Caterer

2011 Conference

- Location – Rochester Civic Center
- Dates: TBD – Last Weekend in April (29 Apr – 1 May)
- Hosts: Division (MAJ Porter) / 2/135 (TBD)

2012

- Location – The Deck – Duluth
- Dates (Unk but the deck is reserved. (Will research)
- Hosts: 148th FW (Lt Rogee/ 2/194

2013

- Location North Central MN. Need to evaluate three possible locations.
- Dates: 26 – 28 Apr
- Hosts: RTI (Ripley)(TBD)

Time and Place Committee notes respectfully submitted by Lt Col Don Dahlquist