

**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

#### **133<sup>rd</sup> 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**

#### **148<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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: 133<sup>rd</sup> 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: 148<sup>th</sup> 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