

National Guard Association of Minnesota
Meeting Minutes
24 Nov 2009

1. Call to Order

President Paul Cummings called to order the regular meeting of the National Guard Association at 1805 hours on 24 Nov 2009 at the Ft. Snelling Officers Club.

2. Roll Call

The following were present:

Col President Paul Cummings
Vice President (Air) Col Deon Ford
Vice President (Army) MAJ Kent Porter
COL (Ret) Treasurer Al Timm
Lt Col Secretary Don Dahlquist
Lt Col Mark Schutta
CW5 (Ret) Executive Director Walt Schulz
CW5 (Ret) Richard Hathaway
MAJ (Ret) Carl Madsen
CPT Pete Decrans
Capt Jason Hull
CPT Chris Kline
Capt Brian Winters
1LT David Adams
1LT Karly Mangen

Special Guests:

MG (Ret) Blevins
1Lt Heather Mangen

3. Administrative Announcement

- President Col Cummings recently attended the joint Senior Leadership Conference. Items of note were:
 - DoD under pressure to reduce budget
 - ANG has a strength of 106,700 personnel. Being pressured to reduce full time manning
 - Domestic Operations is an emerging mission
 - There are new organizational charts for JFHQ. No new manning is associated with this.
- Re-Evaluation of Group Reps. Are the Representatives designations current and are they willing and able to participate

4. Secretary's Report

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

5. Insurance Report:

- **SSLI Briefing Status**
 - **Army is current**
 - **Air is not. Far from current**
- **Association received \$9550.00 from SSLI**
- **Discussed \$.25 per soldier/airman fee due to NGAUS. Desire to have TAG fund this as numerous other states handle it this way. Currently, NGAMN pays for both Officer and Enlisted**

6. VP (Army)Report

- **MAJ Porter elected to a seat on the NGAUS National Board as the Membership Committee Area V Representative**

7. VP (Air)Report

- **Made recommendation that for the 2010 State Conference, the Air take lead on the Business Meeting, and the Army take the lead on the Banquet**

8. Executive Director Report.

- **Provided contact number for Mr. Dan Strong (SSLI). 1-800-335-5040**
- **Provided NGAUS Membership handout for distributions at the organizations**
- **Entered a motion to reimburse Bob Beutler for conference dues due to his being unable to attend**
- **Westmore Industries looking for a POC**

9. Treasurer's Report

- **See Cash Flow Report**
 - **Net Worth of the organization is: \$52,188.88**

10. Legislative Report

- **State Initiatives (AGO's Office)**
 - **Veterans Treatment Courts**
 - **Custody Bill**
- **Federal Initiatives**
 - **Developing 2010 Legislative Priorities**
 - **Block 50 Engines for the 148th's F-16's**
 - **Incentives to increase guard membership**
 - **Future missions**
- **Representative Walls is pushing for veterans status for Cold War era members**
- **Representative Kline has an initiative to bring Historian positions back to the guard**
- **NGAUS**
 - **TAG is pushing to NGAUS for a MilCon Task Force**

10. Web Master Report

- Request for feedback on website
- Requested that Group Reps provide input on unit pages

11. Corporate Report

- Working with 5 potential sponsors

12. Company Grade Report

- Planning on meeting with other Company Grade Officers to invite to the State Conference

12. Group Reports

1 BCT

- Preparing for deployment
- Reviewing new mission requirements to include possibility of a Exportable Training Center (ECTC)

RSG

- 114 Transportation Company deployed
- 204 Medical company is deployed
- 34th MP Company is deployed
- 2/57 is preparing to deploy

Division

- Preparing for the Divisions homecoming

133rd AW

- Preparing for 2010 Operational Readiness Inspection in Mar 2010
 - Preparing with Operational Readiness Exercises
- Beginning preparations for AEF May – Sept 2010
- Lt Gen Wyatt, Director ANG will be visiting the 133rd in December
- Participating in a Installation Development Plan with ANG
- Reminded the board to be aware of OPSEC/COMSEC when communicating or sharing information

148th FW

- Looking for upgraded engines and future mission

JFHQ

- No Report

AVN Brigade:

- Completed Aviation Resource Inspection

Troop Command

- **No report**

Retiree's

- Met in November at Forest Lake to discuss the following areas:
 - Retiree Christmas Party
 - Membership
 - Business Plan for retiree's
 - Information Flow

Warrant Officer Report

- **Reported the highest percentage of authorized Warrant Officers ever**
- **Promoted Retiree X-Mas dinner**

13. Old Business

- **Communications Committee**
 - **Building a timeline of events**
- **Certificate of Appreciation tabled to await criteria for recognition**

14. New Business:

- "Serving Our Troops"
 - Question about recognizing this organization for their service to soldiers and airmen
 - Possibility of a Civic Leaders flight
- Awards for the State Conference
 - Who does the organization want to recognize at the state conference?
- Membership discussion on how to communicate membership to eligible persons
 - Motions passed to mail information to eligible people

15. Meeting Adjourned

- Meeting adjourned at 2015 hours.
- Next Meeting 15 Dec 09 at 1800 at the Fort Snelling Officers Club. Time and Place to precede it at 1700

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lt Col Don Dahlquist.

Time and Place Committee Report: 20 Oct 2009

2010 Conference:

- Location: Hotel Sofitel – Bloomington
- Dates: 23 – 25 April 2010
- Hosts: 133rd AW (TBD) / Troop Command (MAJ Porter)

1. Theme: Carnival theme for Hospitality suites
2. Discussion regarding who would take responsibility for Business Meeting and who for the Banquet.
 - a. Follow –Up after the meeting:
 - i. Division will host the meeting
 - ii. 133rd AW will host the Business Meeting
3. We want to ensure that our sponsors are recognized during the Business Meeting. Perhaps announce sponsorship
4. Going to look to some of the active participating spouses to help organize the Spouse Meeting. Shirley Schultz to take the lead (?)

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