

National Guard Association of Minnesota
Meeting Minutes
16 Mar 10

1. Call to Order

VP Army MAJ Kent Porter called to order the regular meeting of the National Guard Association at 1805 hours on 16 Feb 2010 at the Ft. Snelling Officers Club.

2. Roll Call

The following were present:

MAJ Vice President (Army) Kent Porter
Col Vice President (Air) Deon Ford
COL (Ret) Treasurer Al Timm
Lt Col Secretary Don Dahlquist
CW5 Bvt (Ret) Executive Director Walt Schulz
CPT David Wagner
MAJ (Ret) Carl Madsen
MAJ Trish Baker
Capt Brian Winter
CPT Peter Decrans
CPT Dan Dobler
Lt Col Bob Niesen
Lt Col Paul Jacobson
Maj Joe Sharkey
CPT Brian Winter

3. Administrative Announcement

- Introductions of a new Group Representatives

4. Secretary's Report

- **Minutes Approved**
- Time and Place Committee – See Attached

5. Insurance Report:

- **Making headway into the AW's**
- **\$1275.00 Received from SSLI. Split with ENGAUS**

6. VP (Army) (Acting Pres.)Report

- Meeting with TAG
 - Primary areas of discussion: Communications and Membership
 - Discussed SSLI briefings to units. Concerned if the SSLI briefings become sales pitches
 - \$.25 fee payment to NGAUS per state for every soldier/airman
- Potential offering of 5% Corporate rebate for members successfully soliciting new corporate members. Looking for input.
- Defined expectations for Group Representatives

7. VP (Air)Report

- 133rd AW conducting Operational Readiness Inspection 21 – 28 Mar. Major HQ Level Inspection

8. Executive Director Report.

- **Membership continues to Ebb and Flow**
- **Continues to work for new corporate sponsors**
- **Successful at obtaining over \$3150.00 in sponsorships**

9. Treasurer's Report

- See Cash Flow Report
 - Net Worth of the organization is: \$46,212.98

10. Legislative Report

- **Rep. Tim Walls supporting Veterans Recognition for Veterans not called to Active Duty**
- **Initiative for Reserve Select (Health Insurance) for Full-time Technicians**
- **Military Action Group determined to make MN a more veteran friendly state.**
 - **Veterans Treatment Courts**
 - **Veterans preference for business**
 - **Veterans preference for hiring**
 - **Custody Bill**

11. Web Master Report

- Emphasized all should look at Website and report any errors
- Established a Facebook page
- Transitioning to WordPress for website development. Should make updating easier for representatives to update

12. Corporate Report

- See Exec Dir Report

13. Company Grade Report

- No report

14. Group Reports

1 BCT

- **Several Senior Officers received commands**
- **Conducting C2 Evaluation Exercise**
- **CPT Decrans working membership**

RSG

- **Focusing on membership**

- 114 / 204 companies still deployed

Division

- 60 day redeployment event to be held 10 – 11 April
- 90 day redeployment event to be held in May
- Holding off on membership drive for returning deployers while they continue re-integration

133rd AW

- Preparing for 2010 Operational Readiness Inspection in Mar 2010
- Begin AEF deployment in May
- 210th EIS Operational Readiness Inspection in May

148th FW

- Working some sponsorship initiatives

JFHQ

- New Senior Staff taking reins at JFHQ

AVN Brigade:

- New commander and senior staff
- Performing State Active Duty in support of Flood Fight 2010
- Chinooks deploy again in the fall

Troop Command

- Planning exercise in the fall to include CST and CERFP

Retiree's

- Career Fair in the fall for veterans
- Holding Caucus for new members

Warrant Officer Report

- No Report

13. Old Business

14. New Business:

- Proposal to purchase wood stock material for 6 awards. Approved
- Presidents Reception will be a “No Host Social”
- Proposal to present an award to Col Ahlness for his work on Legislative Affairs. Approved
- Solicited for nominees for vacant board positions

15. Meeting Adjourned

- Meeting adjourned at 1940 hours.

- Next Meeting 13 Apr at 1800 at the Fort Snelling Officers Club. Time and Place to precede it at 1700

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lt Col Don Dahlquist.