



**United States Army Warrant Officer Association  
Doughboy Chapter 0606  
140 Cider Mill Road  
Flemington, New Jersey 08822**

**SUBJECT:** Meeting Minutes

**LOCATION:** Chief of Staff Conference Room Bldg 3650, Ft. Dix, NJ

**DATE/TIME:** 1800 Hrs 2 April 2009

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

**PRESIDENT:** CW5R Al Curving - Present

**VICE PRESIDENT:** CW2P Nancy Rowbotham - Present

**SECRETARY:** CW5R Bill Olson - Present

**TREASURER:** CW2R Joe Sobczak - Present

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** 10 – CW4 Tom Comyack, CW3 Cornell El, CW3R Tom Gilligan, CW4 Frank Holland, CW4R Lee Horan, CW5R Jack Lynch, CW3 Mike Moritz, CW5R Jack Petrosilli, CW5 Bob Richardson, and CW2R Sharon Shaw-Luckenbill.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** was led by Mr. Olson.

**3. INVOCATION:** was led by Mr. Curving. It was combined with a blessing for the evening meal which was planned

**4. QUORUM:** A quorum was acknowledged with 4 officers and 10 members. No proxies were needed.

**5. NEW MEMBERS & GUESTS:** Mr. Curving welcomed new members Bob Richardson and Cornell El, and thanked them for their renewed interest and support.

Mr. Curving also noted the following continuous membership milestones: \* Life Members  
15 Years Doughboy Members: \*CW4R Bob Gambino and CW4R Vincent Ventorino, and Member at Large CW3 Mike Werner, as well as a former NJARNG Guardsman \*CW5 John Purporo.  
10 Years: BGR Pat McCarthy and CW5R Jack Petrosilli  
5 Years: CW2 Denise Balderama

**6. PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Minutes from the meeting of 24 January 2009 were distributed via e-mail to all, and by hard copy to members present. It was **moved by Mr. Gilligan, second by Ms. Shaw and carried unanimously** to accept Minutes, with correction; correct grade for Ms Rowbotham should be CW2P.

**7. TREASURER'S REPORT:** Dated February 11, and March 11, 2009 were provided by Mr. Sobczak, with the following summary balances noted, and discussion followed.

a. Ryan Dale Bogle Scholarship Fund Savings Account (S-1) opened and closed at \$755.55. There were no receipts or disbursements during the two periods.

b. Checking Account (S-5) opened 5 January 2009 at \$423.70 and closed 4 February 2009 at \$525.70; there being 4 deposits and 2 drafts paid. During the period 5 February to 4 March 2009 there was 1 draft paid, and the account closed at \$388.29.

c. Memorabilia inventory value is \$440.00 retail price.

**It was moved by Mr. Lynch second by Mr. Horan and carried unanimously** to accept the Treasurer's Report, subject to audit.

**8. BILLS AGAINST THE CHAPTER:** There were no bills against the Chapter.

**9. DINNER:** It was moved by Mr. Horan, seconded by Mr. Holland and carried unanimously to suspend the meeting for dinner from 18:30 to 19:10.

**10. SICKNESS & DISTRESS:** Mr. Curving noted that he has not heard from CW4R Harry McCurdy lately, and Harry was noted as ill in the January report. Al will try to reach out to Harry before the next meeting. \*CW2R Wayne Temple has been carried as a lost member for some time, but Mr. Richardson notes that he has regular contact with him, and he is doing well. Mr. Richardson will get contact information from Wayne to update the Chapter and National.

**9. MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** We currently have 94 members.

**10. COMMUNICATIONS:** Mr. Curving noted he awarded several Warrant Officer Code Certificates this quarter. They went to: COLR Charles A. Ragucci, the former NJARNG DOL and a former Warrant Officer, to accompany a CW5 coin presented at his retirement dinner; to COL Mark T. Jones, Commandant of the Warrant Officer Career Center College to accompany a CW5 coin presented at an earlier AMM by Mr. Curving; and to PV2 Sean Warner, a young man with Warrant Officer interest upon his graduation from AIT.

Discussion followed, and Mr. Curving noted the basic Warrant Officer Code is promulgated as a public service download from USAWOA, and on "page i" of its Bylaws. He has added two paragraphs to make it unique to the individual and achievement, and specifically issued by the Doughboy Chapter; while still providing credit to USAWOA as the public service code provider.

Mr. Curving noted that he issued a slightly different version to every NJARNG Warrant Officer and Warrant Officer Candidate before leaving the position of CCWO-NJ, and Chief Richardson noted he still has his framed and hanging on his wall at home; i.e.; it is a wonderful tool to promote the Corps. Mr. Curving noted he would entertain nominations for this code from the Membership.

**11. OFFICER REPORTS:** No President, Vice President, or Secretary reports were given.

## 12. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Fund Raising:** Tom Gilligan asked about running a Good Will and/or 50-50 type activity for fund raising on a regular basis. It was noted that raffle tickets had been mailed in the past to coincide with election ballots, but both the mechanics and legality need to be researched. Mr. Gilligan volunteered to Chair this Committee.

**Scholarship:** Tom Comyack has taken responsibility for this and has sent letters, e-mails and follow-ups to generate additional Scholarship Funds. Discussion followed and Mr. Curving noted the criteria he provided Pemberton High School this year is:

- Two \$100 scholarships will be awarded, one male recipient and one female recipient selected by Pemberton's Scholarship Committee.
- From within the Pemberton H/S District.
- Applicant(s) must have applied and been accepted for entrance into a two-year or four-year degree seeking program as a full-time student, at a college of his or her choice, on or before May 1, 2009, and proof of enrollment is required. If a recipient transfers from the college of original choice, there is no need to reapply for continuation of the scholarship.
- A transcript of the last three marking periods of the senior report card with a minimum GPA of 2.5 is required.
- No special career interest or areas of study are stipulated.
- No financial need requirements are specified.
- Scholarships are limited to military households, any branch of service, any component.
- A biographical sketch, including career plans and interests should be submitted.
- A short essay of the student's pride in their family member's military service is required.
- Recommendations from a Guidance Counselor and one Teacher are required.
- Checks are to be made payable to the "PEMBERTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND" and mailed to their address.

Mr. Curving noted we sent checks directly to the recipients last year; but have corrected this for future distributions. There was discussion regarding raising the GPA; but further action was deferred until the Class of 2010 program. **It was moved by Mr. Gilligan, second by Mr. El and carried unanimously to** award checks in the recipient's name directly to the bursar of the school the recipient will enroll in. Mr. Curving will advise Pemberton of this change.

**It was further moved, and carried unanimously to** authorize the Chapter President to increase the committed two \$100 Scholarships to two \$250 Scholarships this year, predicated on Mr. Comyack's efforts providing a large enough increase to the Ryan Dale Bogle Scholarship Account to support this increase in the awards.

## 13. OLD BUSINESS:

a. **NGANJ Yearbook:** **It was moved by Mr. Petrosilli, second by Ms. Rowbotham, and unanimously carried** to raise the business card sized ad previously approved in the October 2008 Minutes, to a quarter page ad for \$100.00.

b. **A Certificate of Appreciation** from National was presented to Mr. Olson by Mr. Curving for his service on the Tellers Committee at the Annual Meeting of the Members.

**14. NEW BUSINESS & GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

**a. CCWO Conference Brief** was presented by CW5 Richardson, CCWO-NJARNG:

- The CW5 Rank insignia will change temporarily to the Rising Eagle, and then to a 4<sup>th</sup> change in 10 years that is not yet decided.
- There will be a WO Manager for the WO Branch at NGB; CW5 Howell.
- WO training will be more in line with Line Officer training. Warrant Officer Senior Staff Course (WOSSC) will go from 2 weeks to 4 weeks in October 2009.
- BOLC2 is proposed to add 4-6 weeks additional training; but still being decided.
- The NJARNG Warrant Officer Strength Manager will change from WO1 Mercedes Devarie to WO1 Misty DiGangi.
- MOS 255Z, CW5 Signal Warrant will be added to JFHQ TDA authorizations.
- NJARNG strength is presently short 2 Rated Aviators and 32 Tech Service Warrant Officers.

Mr. Curving presented a Rising Eagle belt buckle to Mr. Richardson, CCWO-NJ.

**b. Nominating Committee – 2010-2011 Offices:** Mr. Francis (Frank) Holland volunteered to Chair this Committee upon a challenge to the floor by Mr. Curving. The Committee is responsible for soliciting candidates from within the Membership that would be willing to serve a two-year elected term for the offices of: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Ballots are mailed to the Membership once a slate is determined, usually in the October timeframe, and the new Board of Directors (BOD) are normally installed at a luncheon/dinner function in January.

As a point of interest, Article V Section 6 of the revised/updated Doughboy Chapter Bylaws approved by National on February 10<sup>th</sup> 2004 restricts the Offices of President and Vice President to two consecutive full-terms in the same office. This provision is not yet an issue, but Mr. Curving noted the Chapter needs greater uniformed membership involvement, especially as the current major NJARNG deployment ends in June.

**c. Advertising and Exposure:** Mr. Petrosilli suggested the Chapter get a small article in the NJDMAVA *Highlights* weekly news bulletin. Mr. Gilligan suggested a write-up or ad in the Fort Dix *Post* weekly newspaper. Ms. Rowbotham will pursue these.

**15. BENEDICTION:** was offered by Mr. Olson.

**16. ADJOURNMENT:** On motion by Mr. Petrosilli, and seconded by Mr. Lynch it was **unanimously moved to adjourn.** The next meeting will be 18 July 2009, (Rain date 19 July 2009) Chez Curving, in conjunction with a family picnic.

Respectfully Submitted:

WILLIAM K. OLSON  
CW5 (Retired), NJARNG  
Chapter Secretary