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MINUTES OF THE WINGA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING Appleton, WI – April 26, 2008

Meeting called to order by President Olson at 9:00 a.m.

Roll call showed the following:

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| President Olson | Present | Director Bensed | Present |
| Executive Vice President Sailer | Present | Director Hartley | Present |
| Vice President Ebben | Present | Director Hanson | Absent |
| Treasurer Leckel | Present | Director Alvarez | Present |
| Secretary Dykstra | Deployed | Director Neumann | Present |
| Executive Director Wagner | Present | Director Gray | Present |
| Director Van de Loop | Absent | Capt Hastings ILO Director Green | Present |
| Director Strub | Excused | Director Davis | Present |
| Director Kappus | Present | Director Stultz | Present |
| Director Eastman | Present | Director Lukaszewicz | Present |
| Director Gault | Present | Director DeGroot | Present |
| Director Quist | Present | Director Schmitz | Present |

Others Present: Lt Col Herbert Dannenberg

Business meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Vice President Sailer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The March 12, 2008 Board of Director meeting minutes were approved on a motion by Director Neumann and second by Director Lukaszewicz.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Leckel reported that there has been little change in our financial records since our meeting in March. The association is expecting a return from NGAUS of close to \$10,000. As previously voted upon, eighty percent will be returned to the 100% units with the remaining twenty percent going into the WINGA operating budget. This distribution will be made in September. On a motion by Director Bensed and second by director Gault, the Treasurer's Report was accepted.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS: Membership - Wisconsin is once again is the number one state in NGAUS membership. Wisconsin is currently at 128%, with about 30 members to still collect from. These individuals will be direct billed for their dues. Being number one in membership doesn't necessarily mean we are the most active. In the next few months our focus will be on getting our membership's home email addresses and forming an action team to respond to Legislative Alerts from NGAUS. WINGA Awards - WINGA will have two award recipients as guests at the Banquet this evening. Col (Ret) Doug Green will be receiving the WINGA Recognition Award on behalf of Mead & Hunt. Officer Candidate Michael Olson will be recognized as the Outstanding Junior Candidate for Class 50, 426th Training Regiment (Ldr). 130th NGAUS Conference - The annual conference is not that far away and the location is going to make this one of the finest venues in recent years. As officers and directors of the association I ask you to get your reservations in as rooms are limited and in all likelihood, excess rooms will be turned back to the hotels. The registration form is on line and board members do

not have to submit deposits with their registration. Those fees will be deducted from your stipend. Wisconsin along with all the states staying at the Hyatt has been asked by Hawaii to join in on a joint hospitality room at the Hyatt for hospitality night. Hawaii is looking for a financial commitment from the states of \$5,000 - \$7,000. Because of the location, the hotels have extremely limited what the states can bring into a hospitality room. Director Bensed made a motion that Wisconsin join forces with Hawaii, in a joint hospitality room, with a financial commitment of \$5,000.. The motion was seconded by Director Neumann. Discussion followed regarding the need for a place for the delegation to meet and register. Also, a location to caucus the delegation during the conference and a place for retirees to meet. An amendment to the motion was made by Vice President Ebben and to include a room, for the duration of the conference, to be used as a meeting room with no amenities provided. The amendment was seconded by Director Bensed. The amendment was passed. The original motion was voted upon and was also approved.

58th ANNUAL WINGA CONFERENCE: Director Bensed briefed the board that there were 215 signed up for the evening banquet. The silent auction would continue until the banquet with the winners announced following the event. He stated the turnout for the retiree luncheon was good but he was disappointed at the number of company grade officers in attendance. Director Bensed would like the association to continue to try to work Professional Military Development into the program to draw more junior officers to the conference.

OLD BUSINESS: Lt Col Herb Dannenberg briefed the board on the status of Operation Northern Calm, giving new members an update of the program. He handed out a copy of his business plan for review and comments. He has identified property currently owned by the State of Wisconsin and is properly zoned. Estimated costs of the project are \$1.2 million. First step in fundraising is finding a "Champion" to lead the initial campaign. Once the charter is approved by the Board of Directors, the project would begin with land acquisition; however, the improvements would not begin until all fundraising is complete. Colonel Dannenberg explained several exit strategies: give back to the state, offer use to neighboring states or other non-profit organizations, and finally, turning the project over to an educational agency. President Olson recommended the new WINGA leadership review the project and an in-depth review of the project. Colonel Dannenberg added that his business plan didn't include insurance but that item will be added to the business plan. He also asked that we get back to him by the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: 59th Annual WINGA Conference – Retirees and the Board of Directors will be hosting the 59th Conference, at the Holiday Inn, in Manitowoc. This is a joint venture between the board and the retiree members. Terms of Office: COL Bensed asked that the board approve a four year term for MAJ Hansen who replaced LTC Gault on the board. It was recommended that the 32D hold elections, at their convenience, in accordance with the by-laws. Area V Representative: MAJ Eric Leckel announced his intentions of running for the Area V Army Representative on the NGAUS Board.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS: President Olson thanked the Board of Directors for their support during his tenure as President.

NEXT DIRECTOR'S MEETING: Scheduled for 5:45 p.m., August 13, 2008, at Herreman's in Sun Prairie, WI.

A motion to adjourn by Director Bensed and second by Director Neumann was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.



Ronald R. Wagner
Executive Director