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| usafmn-logo | **February 6th, 2016**  **10 A.M.**  **Apple Valley American Legion**  **Meeting Minutes** |
| **Meeting called to order at 10 a.m.**  **by Terry Field** |  |

**Attendance**

Class of 2016: Terry Field (Shannon), Mark Getty (Summer), Scott Johnson (Spencer)

Class of 2017: John and Liisa Holm (Eric), Jill Foss (Nathan), Steve and Kimber Jorgenson (Nick)

Class of 2018: Mike and Jeanne Milkulski (Andrew), Kathy Orner (Jake), Shellie Tryon (Tara), Dan Olson (Max), Mark and Missy Lecy (Erik), Bill and Bobbi Klein (Adam), Ken and Kay Boje (Phil)

Class of 2019: Cattie Jelinsky (Caroline), Linda Boyd (Hannah Springer), Doug and Linda Mohagen (Tristyn),

Brett and Suzanne Wharton (Kylie), Erik and Sara Alquist (Hunter), Dave and Patti Blair (Reid)

**Call to Order**

Terry thanked those present for attending, and all present stood for the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ALO Report (upcoming class of 2020)**

**Major Bill Field**

To date; 105 Minnesota Candidates/ 5 offers of appointment/ 1 decline More results coming with completion expected in the next month.

**Reports & Business Items:**

**Treasurer’s Report** Jeanne Mikulski, Treasurer.

Copies of the Year to Date Financial Report, 9/1/2015 through2/6/2016, were distributed at the meeting. The beginning treasury balance was $14,891.14. The inflow was $2,684, the outflow was $4,047.48. The ending balance was $13,527.66

**Secretary Report** John Holm

The November Minutes have been available the past two months for member review on our Facebook page and website. Additionally, a copy of the November minutes was available to review at the meeting. A motion was made and passed to approve the minutes.

**December Cookie Cadet Packing Event Summary** Terry Field

The Apple Valley American Legion provided ample space for this annual event. We had a great parent turnout to pack boxes with the goodies they brought!

A huge “thank you” goes to parent pilot Dean Springer (Hannah Springer 2019). His Delta employee discount allowed us to ship the boxes to Denver International. Without his employee discount, this becomes unaffordable!

Minnesota cadet volunteers picked up the boxes at Denver International and delivered them to each recipient at the Academy. Thanks to all the cadets who participated!

A note on shipping service: “Delta Cargo” does not guarantee space available, while “Delta Dash” has confirmed space on the flight. Unfortunately, the Delta Cargo counter agent did not explain these options and booked our boxes as Delta Cargo. Our cookie cargo was bumped to a later flight, which resulted in a last minute - problem-solving headache.

We were fortunate that everything was successfully resolved.  In the future, we will be sure to ask for Delta Dash!

**Spring Banquet Update Report – upcoming 2016 Banquet** Jeanne Mikulski, Shellie Tryon, Kathy Orner

The date, venue and the keynote speaker have all been confirmed. This will be a joint event with our Minnesota chapter of Association of Graduates (AOG), celebrating their Founder’s Day Dinner, and the MN USAF Academy Parents Club Spring Banquet. Details are still being worked out. Dress will be semi-formal/cocktail dress. Registration will be online this year. Notification will be by email and, later, by a mailed invitation. Registration is limited. It is important that you register online as soon as the email alert is received. Volunteer help appreciated. Shellie will have details at our March USAFA Parent meeting 3/5/16. Date: 4/30/16 Venue: Rush Creek Golf Club in Maple Grove Keynote Speaker: Lt. Gen. Michelle D. Johnson, U.S. Air Force Academy Superintendent

**Silent Auction/Raffle** Missy Lecy, Julie Eiden

Missy Lecy distributed letters for our members to use in soliciting donations for the Spring Banquet Silent Auction and Raffle. These are also available to print from our Facebook page and website. Donations already obtained include Carol’s Creative Cakes of Colorado Springs and A.C.E.S. Flight Simulation at the MOA. Additionally, 14 American Legions throughout the State have been approached via letter for donations. The AOG will offer five items to raffle with the proceeds going to the AOG.

Please participate by making a donation to the Silent Auction, even if you are not attending the Spring Banquet. The Silent Auction/Raffle is our only fundraiser. It is very important to our clubs financial health.

Some suggested donations: Approach businesses or restaurants that you frequent with our donation letter in hand, asking for their participation. Share your talents and resources by offering dance lessons, being chef for a small dinner party or providing a weekend stay at your cabin. Assemble a theme basket of wine, liqueurs or specialty foods - use your imagination. Air force or USAFA insignia clothing, hats, umbrellas or other accessories are always a hit, as well as Air Force/USAFA themed toys, puzzles, games, etc. A great selection of gift items can be purchased online from the Association of Graduates USAFA Online Store @ <http://shop.usafa.org>. You have a 15% discount here if you have a Webguy membership.

Please email Missy when you’ve acquired a donation and she will arrange a pickup time. [mlecy77@gmail.com](mailto:mlecy77@gmail.com) Volunteer help will be greatly appreciated the morning of the banquet for set up.

**Upcoming USAFA Annual Mom’s Day Out/ Overnight Event** Kimber Jorgensen

Saturday 2/20/16 10 am Mom’s in Prayer followed by lunch at a nearby restaurant (place TBD) 2-2:30 check-in for the play 3 pm “The Music of John Denver” @ The Plymouth Playhouse 5 pm Dinner at the Green Mill Restaurant next to the theater 7pm Social time with AF Mom’s

RSVP’s to Kimber 612-578-3858

**Parent’s Night Out Update** Missy Lecy

This is an opportunity for parents to get together casually over dinner at various restaurants, usually every month. An RSVP to [mlecy77@gmail.com](mailto:mlecy77@gmail.com) is helpful but not necessary. Please put “PNO” in the subject line.

Upcoming PNO’s: February 18th @ Doolittle’s Woodfire Grill in Eagan, March 3rd @ The Tavern on France in Edina, April 7th @ Lyn 65 Kitchen & Bar in Richfield.

**Guest Speaker** **ALO Major Bill Fields presentation on “Jobs in the Airforce – AFSC’s and how do you choose”**

Major Bill Fields presented the following topic: Deciphering AFSC’s. AFSC stands for Air Force Specialty Code and is an alphanumeric code that identifies an Air Force Specialty (AFS). AFSC’s and qualified majors were discussed, including what to expect in regards to the process and timing. Sophomores start to prepare their list with their advisors, and juniors turn it in in the August prior to their senior year. Notification is October-November for non-rated and September for rated. Major Fields had created a very informational PowerPoint presentation, which you may find in the “files” section on our Facebook and Website.

**Cadet Sharing** by the 19 families present

**Upcoming Meetings and Events:**

**February 18th** – Parent’s Night Out @ Doolittles Woodfire Grill in Eagan

**February 20th** – Annual Mom’s Day Out/Overnight Event @ Plymouth Playhouse in Plymouth

**March 3rd** - Parent’s Night Out @ Tavern on France in Edina

**March 5th - 10 AM** – Club Meeting – Topic: Graduation Planning – Presented by Sue Jantscher

Apple Valley American Legion, 14521 Granada Drive, Apple Valley, MN 55124

**April 7th** - Parent’s Night Out @ Lyn Kitchen & Bar in Richfield

**April 30th** – FDD/ Annual Candidate Spring Banquet @ Rush Creek Golf Club in Maple Grove

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m. Minutes taken by John and Liisa Holm