

WYOMING CHAPTER OF ARMA INTERNATIONAL
Chapter General Meeting
May 11, 2010
Uncle Charlie's Restaurant, 6001 Yellowstone Road, Cheyenne, Wyoming

Please Note: These minutes are abridged.

Members Present: Ramona Christensen, Donna Crock, Wendy Kinkade, Debbie Leonard, Pat Newbern, Barb Thomasee, Tim Tyler, Deanne Widauf, Rich Wilson

Guests: Lisa Lane, Jennifer Mickel

Speaker: Frank Drake, Cheyenne 2010 Census Manager

Topic: 2010 Census

Meeting was called to order: By Donna Crock at 11:31 a.m. Donna announced the banquet will be Thursday, June 3, 2010 at Sanford's starting at 6:00 p.m. She will be sending an e-mail invitation which will include the slate of officers. She also announced the deadline for Chapter Member of the Year nominations is Friday, May 14, 2010.

Pat welcomed everyone and introduced Frank Drake, Cheyenne 2010 Census Manager.

Frank started by explaining how he got the job as Census Manager for Cheyenne. He and the 5 supervisors went through 4-5 months of training. Posters were put up to recruit workers. Approximately 3,500 expressed interest; however 20% withdrew from the process before even starting. Frank explained some of the reasons for the census. It is required by the constitution that a census be conducted every 10 years. The census is used to determine the number of representatives from each state. The information from the census is also used by government and private agencies to determine where to set up businesses or restaurants. For each person counted in the census \$800/year goes into the state/community. The first census was in 1790 and was conducted by the US Marshal. There were 650 federal marshals that went house-to-house. Frank explained there are 2 offices in Wyoming, 1 in Cheyenne and 1 in Casper. The Cheyenne office covers 11 counties and 130,000 housing units. One third of the houses in the area receive mail at a P.O. Box and since the Census Bureau does not deliver to P.O. boxes those forms had to be hand delivered. More than 200 people were hired to make the deliveries. To capture homeless the workers went to shelters, soup kitchens, under bridges and to campgrounds to count people. Assistance centers with volunteers were set up in churches for 2 months for anyone who had questions or needed assistance. Approximately 49,000 homes did not return their census forms so workers went door-to-door. Workers are required to make 6 attempts to contact the resident. Since 9/11 all workers must be fingerprinted and pass a security clearance. They must also take an Oath of Office stating they will protect the constitution and will not divulge any information. Frank stated they will complete the census in 5 weeks, however the results will not be known until next year. After completion the information is sent to the National Processing Center.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Debbie Leonard

Secretary