



FORT LOWELL - APACHE CHAPTER

- MEETING MINUTES -

13 APRIL 2009



Meeting called to order at 1754 hours by President, CW5R Vincent Baiocchetti leading the Pledge of Allegiance. The President declared a quorum present. The meeting was held at CattleTown Restaurant.

Secretary's Report:

The minutes of the March 2009 meeting were presented previously to the members electronically. A motion was made by CW4R Harold Lindamood to accept the minutes as published and seconded by CW3R Gary Huggins. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: CW4R Harold Lindamood

As of March 31, 2009

<u>Funds in Savings Account:</u>		(Must maintain \$5 minimum)
Opening Balance	2/1/2009	\$5.06
Interest income		\$0.00
Closing Balance	2/28/2009	\$5.06

<u>Funds in the Checking Account:</u>		
Opening Balance	February 1, 2009	\$4,742.79
Ending Balance	February 28, 2009	\$4,725.79

A motion was made by CW3R Art Schmid to accept the Treasurer's Report, subject to audit, and seconded by CW3R Al Price. The motion passed.

President's Report: CW5R Vincent Baiocchetti

1. The June 2009 chapter meeting will be a joint meeting with the AAAA.
2. **Memorial Day Remembrance** - The chapter has received an invitation from the President of the Arizona Silver Chapter to attend the Memorial Day Remembrance at the Southern Arizona Veterans Memorial Cemetery on Monday, May 25, 2009 in Sierra Vista.
3. **Historical Soldier Relocation Project** – Chapter members are invited to attend the re-internment of the soldier remains located during the site preparation for the Joint Courts Complex for Pima County and the City of Tucson in downtown Tucson. The internment will take place at 1000 hours, Saturday, May 16, 2009 in Sierra Vista. *Note: For the Good of the Order and guest speaker notes below...*
<http://www.azdvs.gov/Files/Cemetery/Motorcycle%20Escort%20Historical%20Poster.pdf>
4. **JROTC Medals**
 - a. **The Flowing Wells High School JROTC Awards Ceremony** is to be held Wednesday, 22 April 2009. CW5R Vincent Baiocchetti and CW3R Ron James will ensure that photographs are taken for the Chapter website and the Newsliner.
 - b. The Chapter has received a request to donate one of our JROTC Distinguished Service medals to a school in Bedford, VA

- c. The Chapter has received a request to donate a full set of our JROTC medals to the Los Angeles High School in Los Angeles, CA.
- d. A written request was received asking if our JROTC Distinguished Service medal has been approved by the Institute of Heraldry. The answer is no and we need to submit the appropriate documentation to get it certified.

Vice President's Report: CW2R John Curtis

1. **Lost Members:** There are 3 local members that are listed on the National Lost Members list.
2. **New Members:** The Fort Lowell-Apache Chapter welcomes our newest members: CW4 David Bixby and CW4 Roger Wilson.

Unfinished Business:

1. **Missing in America Project** – A committee was formed consisting of CW2R John Curtis, CW3R Art Schmid and CW3R Al Price to coordinate the Fort Lowell-Apache Chapters' action with the Arizona statewide committee. <http://www.miap.us/>.
2. **Honors At Arlington Project** to escort the remains of 3 veterans to their final resting place at Arlington National Cemetery. A check for \$300 was sent by the Fort Lowell-Apache Chapter in support of this project. <http://www.miap.us/Honors%20At%20Arlington.htm>

New Business:

1. **Chapter Picnic** – Discussion was held to set the date for the Annual Chapter picnic. It appears that April and May are out. A tentative date of 27 June 2009 was set with the picnic to be held at the home of CW3R Ron James.
2. **New Chapter Shirt Vendor** – CW3R Al Price presented the members with a possible replacement for the current black chapter shirt and a new vendor. CW3R Al Price and CW4R Harold Lindamood will get together with the vendor and bring back a report of what they saw and talked about.
3. **AMM 2009 Support** – CW3R Michael Turner provided some background and the current status of the AMM 2009 Electronic Registration support that the Fort Lowell-Apache Chapter is providing to the National and the Great Salt Lake Chapter. A motion was made by CW2R John Curtis for the Fort Lowell-Apache Chapter to pay \$280.00 for the domain name, www.usawoa-annual-meeting.org and the recurring monthly expenses associated with the electronic store. In addition, National and the Western Region are to be made aware that \$280.00 constitutes a donation by the Fort Lowell-Apache Chapter toward the expenses of the AMM 2009. The motion was seconded by CW3R Al Price. After a lengthy discussion, the motion was approved.

Good of the Order:

Guest Speaker - This evening's guest speaker is Mr. Michael Tunstra, the retired Director of the Facilities Management, Pima County. Michael talked about the history and recent events surrounding the excavation and archaeology for the Joint Courts Complex for Pima County and the City of Tucson in downtown Tucson. The resulting "finds" have led to the creation of the new Historical Memorial Section at the Southern Arizona Veterans Memorial Cemetery (SAVMC) and the re-internment ceremony to be held on 16 May 2009. There have been over 1100 civilian re-burials so far, with a large amount of remains still unidentified. The 62 identified military remains will be re-interred on 16 May 2009. Michael provided a very interesting recap of the planning and execution of the various digs that were required once human remains had been found at the site. Please visit [Joint Courts Complex Archaeology](http://www.jointcourts.com/archaeology) to learn more about the very interesting events of this project. Also, visit <http://www.azdvs.gov/cemetery.htm> to learn more about the cemetery and the re-interment project.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, CW4R Harold Lindamood made a motion that the meeting be adjourned; the motion was seconded by CW3R Ron James and passed by the members present at 2005 hours.

The next meeting of the Chapter will be held at 1800 hours on 13 April 2009 at [Michelangelo Ristorante](#) at 420 W McGee Road, just west of Oracle Road.

Members Present:

CW3R Al Price
CW3R Art Schmid
CW3R Ed Blankschen
CW4R Harold Lindamood
CW2R John Curtis
CW3R Michael Turner
CW3R Ron James
CW5R Vincent Baiocchetti

Guests Present:

Mrs. Betty Lindamood
Mrs. Jean Curtis

Submitted by:
CW3R Michael Turner, Secretary