



UNITED STATES ARMY WARRANT OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

## FORT LOWELL - APACHE CHAPTER

- *MEETING MINUTES* -

*14 SEPTEMBER 2009*



**Meeting called to order** at 1810 hours by President CW5R Vincent Baiocchetti leading the Pledge of Allegiance. The President declared a quorum present. The meeting was held at Michelangelo Ristorante Italiano.

### **Secretary's Report:**

The minutes of the August 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 Al Price. The motion passed.

### **Treasurer's Report:** CW4R Harold Lindamood

As of August 31, 2009

#### Funds in Savings Account:

Opening Balance	August 1, 2009	\$5.06
Interest Income		\$0.00
Closing Income	August 31, 2009	\$5.06

#### Funds in the Checking Account:

Opening Balance	August 1, 2009	\$4,725.45
Ending Balance	August 31, 2009	\$4,735.45

A motion was made by CW3R Ed Blankschen to accept the Treasurer's Report, subject to audit, and seconded by CW2R Ted Cogut. The motion passed.

### **President's Report:** CW5R Vincent Baiocchetti

No Report

### **Vice-President's Report:** CW2R John Curtis

**Membership:** unchanged

### **Unfinished Business:**

**Missing In America Project:** Our volunteers received instructions, information and necessary forms to complete registration with MIAP National. The information and instructions were summarized by CW3R Art Schmid. Communication has been established with the new MIAP Arizona coordinator. Ms. Christina Duwel has been invited to address the Chapter in the near future. Updates will be provided at future monthly meetings.

## **New Business:**

1. **Nomination of Officers for 2009-2010:** CW5R Vincent Baiocchetti was nominated for President. CW2R John Curtis and CW2 Craig Dowdney were nominated for Vice-President. The nominations shall remain open and the election will be held at the October meeting.
2. **Meeting location discussion:** CW5R Vincent Baiocchetti distributed a menu from El Parador. Fond memories of the initial Chapter Organization Installation dinner were recalled. El Parador offers private meeting rooms and reasonable meal prices under \$20. La Fuente had been previously offered as a possibility. CW5R Vincent Baiocchetti visited with the manager and they had no separation between their regular diners and group meeting areas. Other suggestions were made with no decision reached.
  - Therefore, it was recommended that all members bring their suggestions to the next meeting. Recommendations should meet the following criteria. One; that a separate room or closed-off area is available. Two; that dinner meals be varied and priced under \$20.
3. **Charitable Donation Money – what does it go toward?** CW5R Vincent Baiocchetti and CW2R John Curtis shared their research findings. The abysmal waste of many charitable organization's donations were detailed. One organization, the American Institute of Philanthropy (web site: Charity Navigator) evaluated 22 "veteran" charities. More than 1/3 had fundraising expenses over 20%, with 3 charities spending more than 95% of your donations on fundraising. Another evaluator (American Institute of Philanthropy) studied 29 military charities and rated 20 as poor and 12 charities as failing. Word to the wise: Before donating, ask to see a copy of the charity's annual report describing their mission, accomplishments and a current financial statement. You can request a copy of the organization's IRS form 990.
  - Some of the top rated Vet organizations were Fischer House Foundation, The Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund, Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, Special Operations Warrior Foundation, National Military Family Association and Disabled American Veterans Charitable Service Trust.
  - CW3R Art Schmid made a motion to have the Vice President investigate the donation process for the Fisher House Foundation. CW2 Craig Dowdney seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.
4. **JROTC Drill Meet:** Chapter members are reminded that the annual Apache Drill Meet is scheduled for Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at Flowing Wells HS. Scorers are needed to work behind the scene. Uniformed Judges are also requested. From experience we know that 8 to 10 scorers will do the trick. Last year we had five. CW3R Al Price and CW5R Vincent Baiocchetti have volunteered to be judges again.
5. **Christmas Party:** Chapter members are reminded that Michael and Mary Turner have invited the membership family into their home on Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 1400 hours. The menu for this pot luck dinner will be solicited closer to the event. CW4R Harold Lindamood (Lindy) and CW3R Gary Huggins (Gary) are committed to bring a ham.
6. **Possible Projects for the year:** Proposals for membership involvement ranged from the VA Hospital to Community Food Banks. Following the meeting, CW5R Vincent Baiocchetti e-mailed details concerning The Veteran's Hospital Volunteer Program.

- The Community Food Bank uses volunteer groups for weekend box packing at the South Country Club main location or working with other volunteers at their Marana Farm. CW2R John Curtis also discovered that the Food Bank collects food donations during the Winterhaven Festival December 12<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> this year. Their evening collections (5:30 – 10:00) are open to a group participation.
- CW5R Vincent Baiocchetti also mentioned a previous program involving food manufacturers' donations and empty trailer truck drivers. He will research the details and bring this up at future meetings.

7. **Chapter shirts – colors available for the ladies:** After some discussion, a motion was made by CW3R Al Price for the Chapter to defray \$10.00 from the cost of each lady's FIRST shirt. The motion was seconded by CW3R Ed Blankschen. The motion passed.

8. **Rebate check from National:** A check for \$19.50 was received from National for our members' renewals. Prompt response by our chapter members to the renewal notices is greatly appreciated. Your willingness to contribute your participation is gratefully acknowledged.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business, CW3R Gary Huggins made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded and passed by the members present at 2000 hours.

The next meeting of the Fort Lowell-Apache Chapter will be held at 1800 hours on October 11th, 2009 at the Cattelown Restaurant, Country Club and Drexel.

**Members Present:**

CW5R Vincent Baiocchetti  
 CW4R Gary Huggins  
 CW4R Harold Lindamood  
 CW3R Ed Blankschen  
 CW3R Al Price  
 CW3R Art Schmid  
 CW2R Ted Cogut  
 CW2R John Curtis  
 CW2 Craig Dowdney

**Guests Present:**

None

Recorded by: CW2R John Curtis

Submitted by: CW2R John Curtis