



FORT LOWELL - APACHE CHAPTER

- MEETING MINUTES -

9 MARCH 2009



Meeting called to order at 1806 hours by President, CW5R Vincent Baiocchetti leading the Pledge of Allegiance. The invocation was given by CW4R Bob Ozier. The President declared a quorum present. The meeting was held at Michelangelo Ristorante Italiano.

Secretary's Report:

The minutes of the February 2009 meeting were presented previously to the members electronically. A motion was made by CW2R John Curtis to accept the minutes as published and seconded by CW3R Al Price. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: CW4R Harold Lindamood

As of February 28, 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

Funds in the Checking Account:

Opening Balance	February 1, 2009	\$4,794.99
Ending Balance	February 28, 2009	\$4,742.79

A motion was made by CW4R Bob Ozier to accept the Treasurer's Report, subject to audit, and seconded by CW3R Ed Blankschen. The motion passed.

President's Report: CW5R Vincent Baiocchetti

1. **Annual Fort Lowell-Apache Golf Tournament** - will be held 13 June 2009 at Tucson National. A recap of the monies received to date from teams, hole sponsors and gift certificates was provided.
2. **Soldier Relocation Project** – A check for \$650 was sent to SAVMC to purchase the memorial paver, to be placed in the memorial cemetery, and the replica paver.
3. **A memorial service** for CW3R Bill Keller was held on 21 Feb 2009. Bill passed away on 21 Jan 2009.
4. **AMM 2009** - USAWOA National President CW5 Gary Nisker has asked the Fort Lowell-Apache Chapter to recreate the online meeting registration system, that we inaugurated for the AMM 2005, for the upcoming AMM 2009 to be hosted by the Great Salt Lake Chapter in Salt Lake City, UT. CW3R Michael Turner has accepted the challenge.

Vice President's Report: CW2R John Curtis

There are no changes in the Chapter membership for March 2009.

Unfinished Business:

No report

New Business:

Missing in America – CW3R Art Schmid briefed the members on the *Missing In America Project – The Missing Veteran Program*. The MIAP mission statement is “The purpose of the MIA Project is to locate, identify and inter the unclaimed cremated remains of American veterans through the joint efforts of private, state and federal organizations...” The mission, goals and current status of the project can be found at their website: <http://www.miap.us/>.

A motion was made by CW3R Art Schmid to appoint CW2R John Curtis, Fort Lowell-Apache Chapter Vice President, to form a committee to determine the full extent of Chapters’ involvement in the MIAP. The motion was seconded by CW3R Al Price and passed by the members present.

After further discussion, a motion was made by CW3R Art Schmid for the Fort Lowell-Apache Chapter to do donate \$300 in support of the [Honors At Arlington](#) project to escort the remains of 3 veterans to their final resting place at Arlington National Cemetery. The motion was seconded by CW3R Al Price and passed by the members present.

JROTC Medals – CW4 Bob Ozier led a discussion concerning why the Fort Lowell-Apache Chapter does not donate the USAWOA ROTC Medal to all schools in the country that request them. The purpose of the medal and distribution program was explained. Currently, the only JROTC programs that receive the medals courtesy of the Fort Lowell-Apache Chapter are the Tucson based programs. The proceeds from the sale of the medals help perpetuate the medal program and provide a very modest source of memorabilia income for the Chapter. There was no further discussion.

Good of the Order:

Guest Speaker - This evening’s guest speaker is **CW2 Craig Dowdney**, who has recently returned from a 1 year deployment to Kuwait. Craig is a former Vice President of the Fort Lowell-Apache Chapter. Craig provide an overview of his units’ mission and the performance of the unit. CW2 Craig Dowdney presented the Fort Lowell-Apache Chapter a U.S. flag that was flown over the 45th Fires Brigade, Camp Arifjan, Kuwait on 15 January 2009, and an accompanying certificate. Please see the presentation at the Chapter website: <http://www.usawoa-ftlowell-apache.org/Chapter Activities/Photos.htm> The Chapter members welcomed Craig and his wife, Donna, back to U.S and the Fort Lowell-Apache Chapter.

Chapter Raffle - CW4R Bob Ozier led a discussion concerning starting a 50-50 type raffle to provide a source of income for the chapter. A motion was made by CW4R Bob Ozier to begin a 50-50 cash raffle at the next meeting and to continue the raffle indefinitely. The motion was seconded by CW5R Vincent Baiocchetti and passed by the members present, with one Nay vote.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, CW3R Ron James made a motion that the meeting be adjourned; the motion was seconded by CW2 Craig Dowdney and passed by the members present at 1934 hours.

The next meeting of the Chapter will be held at 1800 hours on 13 April 2009 at [Cattletown Restaurant](#), 3141 E. Drexel Rd.

Members Present:

CW3R Al Price
CW3R Art Schmid
CW2 Craig Dowdney

CW3R Ed Blankschen
CW4R Harold Lindamood
CW2R John Curtis
CW2R Len Wilfong
CW3R Michael Turner
CW3R Ron James
CW4R Robert Ozier
CW2R Ted Cogut
CW5R Vincent Baiocchetti

Guests Present:

Mrs. Betty Lindamood
Mrs. Donna Dowdney
Mrs. Jean Curtis

Submitted by:
CW3R Michael Turner, Secretary