



United States Army Warrant Officers Association

FORT LOWELL - APACHE CHAPTER
- MEETING MINUTES -

APRIL 9, 2012



Meeting called to order at 1803 hours by the Vice President. The members rendered the Pledge of Allegiance. A quorum was present. The meeting was held at Metropolitan Grill.

Secretary's Report: CW2R Curtis

The minutes of the March 2012 meeting were previously presented electronically to all members. Hearing no corrections needed, the minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's Report: CW4R Lindamood

As of March 31, 2012, Checking Account Balance: \$4,042.76

Motion by CW2R Cogut and seconded by CW2 Dowdney to accept the Treasurer's Report subject to audit was accepted unanimously.

President's Report: CW2R Dickinson

Absent due to illness. No report.

Vice-President's Report: CW5R Baiocchetti

1. Reminder to support the USAWOA Annual Fund Raising Raffle.
2. Chapter membership total is 68. Active membership is 27 and the remainder include the "at large" members of the Roadrunner Chapter.
3. Made contact with National and Jody Reidenhour concerning the Roadrunner Chapter membership. They have members who are pursuing the re-activation of their chapter. Action by our chapter is on hold.
4. No action at this point regarding the website transition.
5. An Excel spreadsheet was prepared for and implemented by CW3R Ron James and CW3R Ed Blankschen to track the inventory of the USAWOA JROTC Awards medal inventory.
6. The Annual I.R.S. filing for 501(c)3 activity under \$50,000 was submitted on 9 April 2012.

Unfinished Business:

1. A report from CW3R Al Price concerning the chapter's possibilities of purchasing medals by credit card was not available but is anticipated.

2. CW3R Ed Blankschen completed the initial coordination with the 1SG of the 162nd Fighter Squadron. They are willing to sponsor a tour of the Air National Guard Base on any of their drill weekends after June. Issue was put off until September.

3. JROTC awards ceremony will be held on Monday, April 16th at 6:00 pm on the football field of Flowing Wells High School. Four cadets will be presented awarded medals from the Fort Lowell-Apache chapter by President CW2R Lance Dickinson. Also 2 scholarships will be awarded to graduating JROTC Cadets by the President. CW5R Vincent Baiocchetti has accepted an invitation to be the Review Officer.

JROTC awards ceremonies will also be held at Cholla and Rio Rico High Schools. CW4R Harold Lindamood will present the USAWOA JROTC awards at Rio Rico on May 8th.

4. Letters for Golf Tournament sponsorships have resulted in donations from both previous and new sponsors. Members are encouraged to continue to speak directly to any and/or all of the stores and businesses that we frequent. Establishing 18 hole sponsors at \$50 each would cover \$900 of our overhead. CW3R Ed Blankschen gave the chapter a \$50 check for a Hole Sponsorship.

New Business:

1. CW3R Ron James turned in medal order checks to the treasurer. A request for a replacement order was followed by a thorough discussion of quantities, costs and yearly requirements. Ron will follow up with the manufacturer to establish a calendar year starting in June and informing said manufacturer that we will be ordering replacements by then.

CW3R Art Schmid made a motion to establish a yearly minimum order quantity beginning June 2012 in order to preclude the expiration of the manufacturer's medal die.

After discussion, the motion was seconded by CW4R Lindamood and passed unanimously.

2. CW3R James informed the Vice President that two JROTC cadets are completing the scholarship applications for our chapter's consideration. CW5R Baiocchetti requested those applications be sent to the President as soon as possible.

Good of the Order:

1. CW5R Vincent Baiocchetti has thrown his hat into the ring for Western Region Director.

2. CW2 Craig Dowdney is retiring from the Army Reserve after 28 years. Craig and Donna are celebrating this momentous event at 1600 hours on Sunday, April 15th at the Thunder Canyon Brewery, Foothills Mall at North La Cholla. An invitation is extended to all Fort Lowell-Apache Chapter members and spouses.

3. A discussion of meeting locations was started and then tabled until next month to allow for more member inclusion.

Adjournment:

CW3R Schmid made a motion for adjournment, seconded by CW2 Dowdney. Motion passed at 1900 hours. Our next meeting will be at 1800 hours on May 14th at Cody's Beef 'N Beans.

Members Present:

CW5R Vinnie Baiocchetti
CW3R Ed Blankschen
CW2R Ted Cogut
CW2R John Curtis
CW2 Craig Dowdney
CW3R Ron James
CW4R Harold Lindamood
CW3R Art Schmid

Guests Present:

Eileen Baiocchetti
Jean Curtis
Donna Dowdney
Betty Lindamood
Jean Schmid

Respectfully Submitted,
CW2R John Curtis
Secretary