



United States Army Warrant Officers Association

## FORT LOWELL - APACHE CHAPTER

### - MEETING MINUTES -

**JANUARY 14, 2013**



**Meeting called to order** at 1800 hours by President Lindamood. The members rendered the Pledge of Allegiance. CW2R Curtis gave the invocation. The meeting was held at Cody's Beef 'N Beans.

**Quorum:** 25 active members; 8 proxies recorded - excluding officers; 8 members attending; quorum present.

**Secretary's Report:** CW2R Curtis

The minutes of the December 2012 meeting were presented previously to all members electronically. Motion to accept made by CW3R Schmid, seconded by CW5R Baiocchetti, and unanimously accepted.

**Treasurer's Report:** CW2R Dickinson

Operating funds are \$1,595.37. Reserves in CDs as of December 31, 2012 are \$4,469.66 and \$1,161.69.

**President's Report:** CW4R Lindamood

The Christmas Dinner was a wonderful time of fellowship, food and fun. The chapter wishes to express their gratitude to Ed and Leslie Blankschen for hosting this event.

The chapter was informed of a Warrant Officer in Mesa, Arizona requesting membership information. CW5R Baiocchetti provided forms and information in coordination with USAWOA staff.

**Vice-President's Report:** CW2 Dowdney

The V.P. informed us of Intuit's 2013 offer of a "Military" version of TurboTax. Enlisted E1-E5 are offered this program for free and E6-E9 can purchase it at a discount. Information can be found at <http://turbotax.intuit.com/personal-taxes/online/military-edition.jsp>

Intuit is a supporter of Operation Homefront and will match your donation up to 1 Million Dollars. Information may be found at <http://turbotax.intuit.com/personal-taxes/online/mission2match.jsp>

**Committee Reports:**

CW2R Dickinson solicited for additional Awards Committee members. CW3R Schmid volunteered. Other members are encouraged to participate in the promotion of the chapter's members accomplishments.

CW5R Baiocchetti reported contact with the daughter of a Warrant Officer One, active duty period of 1967-1968. She was requesting information pertaining to promotion to CW2 of her deceased father. Communication was passed on to the USAWOA Executive Director, Jack Du Teil.

**Unfinished Business:**

CW3R Blankschen introduced SMSGT Mark Polanco to any members or spouses that he had not met in December. He will be our tour guide at the 162nd Fighter Squadron. After discussing several options, it was generally agreed to schedule this family activity on Saturday, April 6, 2013 at around 1000 hours. Sergeant Polanco estimates the tour will use one to one-and-a-half hours. He will verify availability and access to the dining facility to conclude our day at lunch.

CW3R James reported the arrival of our medal supply in preparation for springtime orders.

**New Business:**

The Scholarship application information contained on our chapter website will be verified and updated as needed by our President. You can familiarize yourself with our website by going to <http://www.usawoa-ftlowell-apache.org/> . The meeting minutes, current information, photos, monthly meeting times and locations, as well as links to our scholarship and medal programs are available.

Golf Tournament committee chairman, CW5R Baiocchetti reminds us that June 1st will be upon us too soon. He will mail sponsorship request letters the first of February and asks all of our members to approach businesses that we frequent for hole sponsorships and donations to use as prizes in our raffle. The player's cost will remain at \$80 per. We need sponsors and donations to make this work if we intend to fully fund our scholarship program. Every member will receive letters, information and forms via e-mail.

**Good of the Order:**

CW3R Ron James extended an invitation to the JROTC Military Ball held at Flowing Wells HS January 26th beginning at 6:30pm.

Also, because President's Day, February 18th, is a school day, the JROTC students can not work at the Renaissance Fair. They will be working their booth all weekends during February. Ron is **asking for low-tech labor volunteers** to give their holiday to support the cadets.

Please contact Ron at [ronald.james@fwusd.org](mailto:ronald.james@fwusd.org) .

**Adjournment:**

The benediction was given by CW3R Schmid. CW3R James made a motion for adjournment, seconded by CW3R Schmid, and passed at 1907 hours.

Our next meeting will be held 1800 hours, February 11th at the Metro Grill, Oracle and Magee.

**Members Present:**

CW5R Vinnie Baiocchetti  
CW3R Ed Blankschen  
CW2R John Curtis  
CW2R Lance Dickinson  
CW3 Craig Dowdney  
CW3R Ron James  
CW4R Harold Lindamood  
CW3R Art Schmid

**Guests Present:**

SMSGT Mark Polanco  
Jean Curtis  
Bette Dickinson  
Betty Lindamood  
Jean Schmid

Respectfully Submitted,  
CW2R John Curtis  
Secretary