



United States Army Warrant Officers Association

## **FORT LOWELL - APACHE CHAPTER**

**- MEETING MINUTES -**

***FEBRUARY 10, 2014***



**Meeting called to order** at 1805 hours by President CW2R Craig Dowdney leading the Pledge of Allegiance. The Invocation was given by CW4R Ozier. The meeting was held at the Metropolitan Grill in Oro Valley. The President declared a quorum was present.

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

The minutes of the January 2014 meeting were distributed to all members electronically. There were no corrections or omissions noted and the minutes were approved unanimously.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Operating Account Balance as of January 31, 2014 was \$9,105.02

A motion was made by CW3R Schmidt and seconded by CW3R Blankschen to accept the Treasurer's Report, subject to audit. The motion passed unanimously.

The CD which matured in late January 2014 was closed and the money placed in our checking account.

**President's Report:** None at this time.

**Vice-President's Report:** No Report

### **Committee Reports:**

**Golf Tournament:** CW5R Baiocchetti reported that at this point 3 teams had signed up plus 2 singles. We have received 13 gift donations and 3 "Hole Sponsor" signs thus far. With approximately 6 weeks until the tournament we hope the other golfers will be signing up.

CW5R Baiocchetti reported that he had investigated several opportunities where we could place our money and recommended Pen Fed Credit Union which will give us 2.02% for 3 years.

The Fort Lowell-Apache Chapter had been invited to participate in the Retirement Appreciation Day (RAD) at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base on February 5th. While assisting the National Association of Uniformed Services (NAUMS) with passing out their information, they were authorized to present information concerning the U.S. Army Warrant Officer Association and our chapter. CW4R Harold Lindamood and CW5R Vincent Baiocchetti arrived at 0830 and left at 1500.

The key note speaker was LTG Klimp (Ret) USMC the President of NAUMS). He spoke of the many attempts by Congress and others to reduce services to the retired and active military community. The meeting was designed to present information from the various organizations charged with providing support to retired military personnel. There were about 200 people attending.

**Chapter/National Awards:** None at this time.

**JROTC Medals:** CW3R Blankschen reported that new medals have been ordered and should be arriving around the end of this month. He voiced a concern about running out of inventory and thought another order placed at this

time would be appropriated. This action is in anticipation of the possible order rush in May and June. He does not want to repeat the problem we had last year by running out of medals. A long discussion ensued regarding when we made purchases in the past, how many, and how often. Discussion also covered current inventory and how will we be keeping track of future business. It is planned, in September, to completely review this year's program so that we will have an accurate picture of needs which will make the planning for future activity more accurate.

**Unfinished Business:**

Motion was made by CW3R Schmidt and seconded by CW4R Ozier to authorize the Treasurer to open an account at Pen Fed Credit Union and then secure a CD for 3 years. Motion was approved unanimously. The President appointed, in addition to the Treasurer, CW4R Ozier and CW3R Price to be authorized signatures on the CD account.

**New Business:**

Motion was made by CW3R Schmidt and seconded by CW3R Price to authorize CW3R Blankschen to buy up to \$1,000 worth of medals as the need arises. Motion passed unanimously.

**For the Good of the Order:**

The next meeting of the Chapter will be at 1800 hours on March 10th at the Cody's Beef 'n Beans.

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn at 1920 hours made by CW4R Ozier, seconded by CW3R Schmidt. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

CW5R Vincent Baiocchetti  
Secretary Pro Tem