



United States Army Warrant Officers Association
FORT LOWELL - APACHE CHAPTER



- MEETING MINUTES -

APRIL 13, 2015

Meeting called to order at 1800 hours by CW2R Dowdney. The meeting was held at Mimi's Cafe. The Invocation was given by CW3R Schmid.

Secretary's Report: Quorum present.

The March 2015 minutes had been published electronically. Motion to accept made by CW4R Lindamood, seconded by CW5R Baiocchetti and accepted unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Operating Account Balance as of March 31, 2015: \$7,507.82

The Medals Operation reserves account for \$259.20

The Scholarship Fund reserves account for \$2,000.00

Pentagon Federal Credit Union 3 year Certificate of Deposit matures 05/22/2017.

Washington Savings Bank 6 month Certificate of Deposit matures 09/04/2015.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, subject to audit, was made by CW3R Schmid, seconded by CW2R Blankschen and passed unanimously.

President's Report:

CW2R Dowdney introduced tonight's guest, Cliff Wade, Vice Chairperson of the Tucson Veterans Serving Veterans and Veterans Outreach Specialist for Old Pueblo Community Services.

Vice-President's Report: CW4R Lindamood is working with CW4 Jon Jonas AGR on his membership. CW4R Lindamood is continuing to contact the Tucson area non-attending USAWOA members.

Committee Reports:

Golf Tournament: CW5R Baiocchetti has received a few team registrations. He has received some business donations. Chair re-emphasized the rewards of obtaining business hole sponsorships. We still need big raffle donations.

Chapter/National Awards: Not Available

JROTC Medals: CW3R Blankschen has shipped 79 orders for 474 medal sales. The balance on hand may not be sufficient to complete this year's orders. CW3R James will place a supplemental order for an anticipated number. CW3R James discussed the manufacturer's cost increase and the various options that the manufacturer provided. It was discussed and the membership agreed to maintain the current design and quality of medal and ribbon. Therefore, CW4R Lindamood offered a motion to increase the sale price by \$1.00 and increase the postage and handling by \$1.00 to cover the most recent two postal increases. CW5R Baiocchetti seconded the motion, and the membership passed it unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

The Audit Committee completed a thorough review of ledgers and reports for calendar year 2014. Corrections were made to the ledgers and reports. All balances have been verified.

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New Business:

Our chapter’s scholarship program had one applicant. After review by the President, Flowing Wells HS JROTC Cadet Gabriela Herrejon-Perez has been recommended for \$500.00. Presentation will be made by CW5R Baiocchetti on April 22, 2015.

CW4R Ozier explained the MOWW Youth Leadership Program and asked for the chapter’s help. He put forth a motion for the Fort Lowell-Apache Chapter to donate \$250 to this program. The motion was seconded by CW3R Blankschen and the membership passed it unanimously.

Guest Speaker:

Cliff Wade gave a presentation encompassing the work of Tucson Veterans Serving Veterans. The emphasis is on helping the homeless veterans take advantage of government and civil programs in order to receive housing and training for employment. In addition, they are assisted in obtaining access to the Veterans Administration to address any medical conditions. The “Stand Down” events are focused on two nights stay in a hotel and the onsite coordination with all of the participating providers. They assisted 67 veterans at the last event with 57 service providers. As the numbers of Vietnam veterans decrease, the Iraq/Afghanistan veterans have increased five hundred percent.

A Q&A session followed with interest in how our chapter and members could get involved. Two possibilities were seriously discussed: the need for cash to supplement occasional extraordinary expenses and a monthly stipend to help the organization’s anticipated cash requirements. A final decision was tabled for next month’s meeting.

For the Good of the Order:

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn at 1930 hours made by CW3R James, seconded by CW4R Ozier, was unanimously accepted.

The next Chapter meeting will be at 1800 hours, May 11th at Mimi’s Cafe, Oracle and Wetmore Roads.

Members Present:

CW5R Vincent Baiocchetti
CW3R Ed Blankschen
CW2R John Curtis
CW2R Craig Dowdney
CW3R Ron James
CW3R Harold Lindamood
CW4R Bob Ozier
CW3R Art Schmid

Guests Present:

Eileen Baiocchetti
Jean Curtis
Donna Dowdney
Betty Lindamood
Joy Ozier
Jean Schmid

CW5R Lyle and Chris Fridlund will be returning to their summer home up north. We look forward to their return next winter.

Total Chapter membership = 25; Chapter Member (non-officer) signed proxies = 12

CW2R John Curtis
Secretary

CW2R Craig Dowdney
President