



United States Army Warrant Officers Association  
**FORT LOWELL - APACHE CHAPTER**



**- MEETING MINUTES -**

***APRIL 11, 2016***

**Meeting called to order** at 1800 hours by CW5R Baiocchetti who led the Pledge of Allegiance. An Invocation was given by CW3R Schmidt. The President declared that a quorum was present.

**Secretary's Report:**

The March 2016 minutes had been published electronically. Motion to accept made by CW3R Blankschen, seconded by CW2R Dowdney and accepted unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Tabled, pending a full report at the May 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**President's Report:**

At the recent Flowing Wells JROTC Awards Ceremony, US Representative Martha McSally, Colonel Retired, presented CW3R Ron James a Congressional Recognition Certificate for his many years as senior instructor at the Flowing Wells High School JROTC program. Ron is a Charter Member of the Ft Lowell-Apache Chapter and has served as an officer several times. The presentation was a complete surprise to him. Congratulations to Ron for his hard work and dedication to the JROTC program.

Three scholarships from the Ft Lowell-Apache Chapter were awarded to graduating cadets who have been accepted to West Point, Annapolis and The Citadel.

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

**Committee Reports:**

Golf Tournament Report: The golf tournament donations are coming in. The golfers are not signing up yet, however golfers are known to be procrastinators giving the Chairman heartburn.

Chapter/National Awards: No Report

JROTC Medals: Demand for the USAWOA medals are currently running 30% higher this year.

**Unfinished Business:**

1. CW5R Baiocchetti addressed the preparation for our chapter's 15th anniversary and formal dinner. CW2R Dowdney provided information on various venues, as well as their pros and cons. Attending members decided on May 9<sup>th</sup> at Vero Amore, 2920 N. Swan Rd, Tucson, AZ 85712. All members are instructed to RSVP their attendance numbers directly to CW5R Baiocchetti. The guest speaker has not been established yet.

**New Business:** None

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**Guest Speaker: Garry Lawford**, Past President, Tucson Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution

Topic: Captain Nathan Hale, Revolutionary War

Some facts were revealed and many myths were related. Mr. Lawford's second cousin twice removed was born in Covington, NH in 1755 in a Puritan Family. He graduated from Yale College at 18 in 1773. Nathan Hales' exploits were many, however the most famous was probably a quote attributed to him at his death. The British had caught him in civilian clothing and sentenced him to hang. He reportedly stated, "I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country."

Everyone in attendance greatly enjoyed Mr. Lawford's enlightened and entertaining talk. He was thanked profusely for his willingness to share.

**For the Good of the Order:** The Arizona Veterans' Memorial Cemetery at Marana has opened. It is the third Veterans' cemetery in the state of Arizona.

**Adjournment:**

A motion to adjourn at 1942 hours made by CW2R Curtis, seconded by CW3R Schmidt, was unanimously accepted.

The next meeting will be held May 9<sup>th</sup> at Vero Amore Restaurant, 2920 N. Swan Rd, Tucson, AZ 85712.

**Members Present:**

CW5R Vincent Baiocchetti  
CW3R Ed Blankschen  
CW2R John Curtis  
CW2R Lance Dickinson  
CW2R Craig Dowdney  
CW5R Lyle Fridlund  
CW4R Harold Lindamood  
CW3R Art Schmidt

**Guests Present:**

Eileen Baiocchetti  
  
Jean Curtis  
Bette Dickinson  
Donna Dowdney  
Chris Fridlund  
Betty Lindamood  
Jean Schmidt  
Garry and Sandy Lawford

Total Chapter membership = 24; Chapter Member (non-officer) signed proxies = 13

Respectfully Submitted,

CW2R John Curtis  
Secretary

CW5R Vincent Baiocchetti  
President