



United States Army Warrant Officers Association
FORT LOWELL - APACHE CHAPTER



- MEETING MINUTES -

MARCH 12, 2023

Call to order:

1400 hours by President McKenzie who led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. John Curtis provided the Invocation. The Secretary verified a quorum was met.

Secretary's Report:

The February 13, 2023 minutes were electronically published on February 28th. Those minutes were reviewed to refresh the attending members' memory.

Treasurer's Report:

Craig Dowdney reported that as of February 28, 2023 the operational account balance was \$21,535.95. Lindy Lindamood motioned the treasurer's report be accepted subject to audit, Lyle Fridlund seconded, the motion passed unanimously. Craig is researching current Certificate of Deposit interest rates to roll over our CD.

President's Report:

CW5R Charles (Chip) Dowd, the Western Region Director was introduced. He is from Tacoma, Washington and is on a fact finding tour of the western region chapters. He and his wife, Jenny, will also visit the Silver Chapter in Sierra Vista on this trip. Chip said that he is more interested in what we have to say than any input he may have, so he turned the meeting back over to Scott. He did ask questions about our fundraising. Explanations were provided to our history of golf tournaments and transitioning to reliance upon sales of the Warrant Officer Medals.

Scott has approached Fireproof Computer Services to transfer our website hosting from Newtek Technology Solutions. The change over will take some time. Scott asked for permission to revise our chapter website, update some information, delete some very old pictures, and work with Fireproof to change the overall presentation that any visitor may see. The only comment made was to try and preserve a little history to highlight membership community involvement.

Scott also revealed that the USAWOA National President, CW5 Michael D. Dye, has expressed interest in attending an upcoming monthly meeting. Details are being worked out. There is no timeframe set yet.

The chapter received a \$14.00 check for member renewals. It will be deposited forthwith.

Vice-President's Report: None

Medals Committee Report:

Craig had previously provided a report on the recent transactions that had depleted our inventory. He and Donna had also done a comprehensive cost analysis in order for the members to decide what action to take. We are currently losing money on sales that were purchased under the current prices. After much discussion, Lindy made the motion to accept Craig's recommended 20% increase in sale price and to increase the postage rates according to the quantity of medals ordered. Scott seconded the motion and called for a vote. The motion was unanimously accepted.

Separately, Donna has received orders and accompanying payments that are being held until receipt of our most recent order from the manufacturer. They are anticipated to arrive in another month or more.

Unfinished Business:

Our chapter now has a permanent mailing address of PO Box 17867, Tucson, AZ 85731. The website and national headquarters will be updated and notified, respectively.

New Business:

Major, retired, Steven Spiece, Senior Instructor Cholla HS JROTC, was introduced. Hector invited Steven to hear about our JROTC support. He also was helpful in supplying alternative missions that our chapter may want to investigate.

The question of “memorabilia” turned into chapter branding. Hector had created a shirt logo for the back of our membership shirts. Everyone had the chance to inspect and comment on it. He later changed a few details, adding Tucson, AZ, just to clarify our location. The question of shirt color was addressed, with the majority desiring warrant officer brown. Lindy will get with the company and determine their availability.

A question of sensitivity was brought up. Would a native Indian be offended by our chapter name? Scott checked with historians and provided some appropriate context. “In the late 1870’s, Company D, consisting of Apaches, replaced Yavapai scouts at Fort Huachuca, Arizona. This move was in keeping with the effort by Army officers, such as Gen. Crook, to rely heavily on men from the various bands of the same people who they pursued. There were two tribes of Apache, Scout Company D was composed of Western Apache. Fort Lowell soldiers protected the Tucson citizens from the Eastern Apaches. The fort was a major supply depot for other posts. The Geronimo Campaigns kept the soldiers very busy and the Fort was at full capacity. In 1886 it held four companies of the 4th Cavalry and the 8th Infantry with 18 officers and 239 enlisted men. Scout Company D, made up of Western Apaches, was stationed there when they accompanied the Cavalry on patrols. The Western Apaches were rivals of the Chiricahua Apache tribes and did not identify with their war like behavior.”

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by Lindy at 1530 hours, seconded by Lyle and unanimously accepted.

For the Good of the Order:

On behalf of the chapter members attending, President McKenzie presented a very decorative wooden flag to Hector and Brandi Simon for hosting the Bar-B-Que.

The next meeting will be held at the CattleTown Steakhouse & Saloon, 3141 E Drexel Rd, Tucson. Reservation was made beginning at 1730 hours. The business meeting will begin at 1800 hours.

Members Present:

- CW2 Ret John Curtis
- CW5 Ret Lyle Fridlund
- CW4 Ret Harold Lindamood
- CW5 Ret Scott McKenzie
- CW3 Ret Hector Simon
- CW3 Ret Michael Turner
- CW5 Ret Luis Zamudio

Guests Present:

- CW5 Ret Charles and Mrs. Jenny Dowd
- MAJ Ret Steven Spiece
- Mrs. Jean Curtis
- Mrs. Chris Fridlund
- Mrs. Betty Lindamood
- Mrs. Sonja McKenzie
- Mrs. Brandi Simon
- Mrs. Mary Turner

Total Active Chapter membership = 42; Chapter Member (non-officer) signed proxies = 5

Respectfully Submitted,

CW5R Karl S. McKenzie
Chapter President

CW2R John Curtis
Secretary