



United States Army Warrant Officers Association
FORT LOWELL - APACHE CHAPTER



- MEETING MINUTES -

MAY 8, 2023

Call to order:

1800 hours by President McKenzie who led the Pledge of Allegiance. John provided the Invocation. The Secretary verified a quorum was met.

Secretary's Report:

The April 10, 2023 minutes were electronically published on May 2nd. Those minutes were reviewed to refresh the attending members' memory.

Treasurer's Report:

Within the next two months, our CD held by PenFed will be renewed for an eighteen (18) month period to obtain a higher interest rate than we currently get with a year by year rollover. The reporting period beginning March 1, 2023 began with an opening balance of \$21,535.95. Through April 28, 2023 we received income amounting to \$3180.00 and had expenses of \$4850.00. There are \$10,387.00 worth of checks being held pending the filling of those medal orders. There is also a remaining balance due to the medal manufacturer of \$10,000 upon receipt of the outstanding previous order.

President's Report:

USAWOA Medals and Certificates presented to JROTC Cadets (gold, silver, bronze, copper, respectively):

Flowing Wells HS: Mason Huaraque, Dezirae Palomino, Trinity Herbrechtsmeier, Leah Barber

Cholla HS:

Rio Rico HS: Cindy Munoz-Lopez, Manuel Burgos, Jonathan Garcia, Nicholas Mejia

The USAWOA National President, CW5 Michael D. Dye, was in town for a very short visit. Unfortunately, there was not enough time to coordinate a chapter wide meeting.

Vice-President's Report: None

Committee Reports:

Scholarship Committee members want to develop a more permanent and thorough checklist for the application review process.

Medals Committee reports that upon receipt of the current order we will need another 1,000 medals to supply the expected sales for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year. Scott motioned that we order those 1,000 medals now to allow for manufacturing backlog and any extended shipping time. John seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. It was suggested that Hector provide a POC within the national Cadet Command to smoothly broadcast an approved announcement to all JROTC programs.

Unfinished Business:

Memorial Day events at cemeteries was discussed without any recommendation. "Wreaths Across America" was also discussed. Further research is required.

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We have received three applications for our JROTC scholarships so far. Scott has contacted Cholla and Rio Rico to determine if there were any further applicants. The applications will be reviewed and approved on their merits. Scott, in conjunction with Hector, is trying to get names, emails and phone numbers of all of the various armed services' JROTC programs within southern Arizona.

Our president will communicate with the JROTC instructors for ideas to support graduating cadets who might not be enrolling in college level schooling, i.e. JTED graduates, apprentice program enrollees, etc.

Scott suggested another "BBQ", inviting all members living in the greater Tucson area to "Meet and Greet" each other. Plans for this event are being worked on.

Suggestions for types of "swag" that our chapter could sell, or perhaps present to new members as well as guest speakers included Coins with Hector's chapter logo design, pleasantly colored shirts with names and chapter logo to be presented to spouses, coffee/drink mugs,

New Business:

Scott motioned to pay Hector Simone \$120.00 for the meat purchased for April's BBQ. Seconded by Michael, this was unanimously approved.

Michael was asked to work with Fireproof Computer Services to change the hosting site and to develop our chapter website into a working online store. The effect will hopefully be to streamline the ordering and fulfillment of the USAWOA Medals.

Scott asked for contact information concerning the Tucson Airport Military Lounge in order to determine their support needs.

All New Business items will be carried forwarded to next month's agenda.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made at 1900 hours, seconded and unanimously accepted.

For the Good of the Order:

The June 12th meeting will be held at the CattleTown Steakhouse, 3141 E Drexel Road. Reservation has been made for 1730 hours. The business meeting will begin at 1800 hours.

Members Present:

CW2 Ret John Curtis
CW2 Ret Craig Dowdney
CW5 Ret Scott McKenzie
CW3 Ret Michael Turner

Guests Present:

Mrs. Jean Curtis
Mrs. Donna Dowdney
Mrs. Sonja McKenzie

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

Respectfully Submitted,

CW5R Karl S. McKenzie
Chapter President

CW2R John Curtis
Secretary