



United States Army Warrant Officers Association
FORT LOWELL - APACHE CHAPTER



- MEETING MINUTES -

SEPTEMBER 14, 2023

Call to order:

1830 hours by the President who led the Pledge of Allegiance. Bob provided the Invocation. The Secretary verified a quorum was met.

Secretary's Report:

The June 12, 2023 minutes were electronically published on July 27th. Those minutes were reviewed to refresh the attending members' memory.

Treasurer's Report:

Our operations account has a current balance of \$19,164.70.
The scholarship recipients' checks have cleared from VMI and the UofA.

President's Report:

Scott developed a flyer for all Southern Arizona JROTC Senior Instructors. If these JROTC programs apply, they will be judged on their applications. Our chapter awarded three in the last school year. All winners were from one JROTC program.

Scott has looked into presentation boxes and certificate folders suitable for our chapter presenters to place in the Medal Award winners' hands.

Contact was reestablished with Tucson International Airport. The check presentation will be scheduled as quickly as possible for use in the Military Lounge.

Contact with the Arizona State Veterans Home Tucson resulted in asking for possible help setting up mobile barbers, dinners away from the home, or services that would bring about personal contact.

Vice-President's Report: None

Committee Reports:

Scholarship Committee: Other organizations known to our members have been asked if they would provide their scholarship award procedures so that we might not have to "reinvent the wheel."

Medals Committee: The current order will be received approximately September 29th. Half the balance has been paid and the remaining balance will be paid upon delivery. The latest order from JROTC Dog Tags was for 118 medals. A good start to the new school year. JROTC Dog Tags gave us 66% of last year's sales. Last years sales was 991 medals for a \$1700 profit (most of which occurred before our price change.)

Unfinished Business:

A "Meet and Greet BBQ" for all members living in the greater Tucson area is still being planned.

A lunch time business meeting at the WAATS is being worked out and further information will follow.

New Business:

Scott was told of a gift shop at the Fort Huachuca PX that consigns sales of memorabilia. Chris and John are attending a WOBC graduation on the 28th and will obtain more information. Also, Hector was asked to change the proposed coin color to something less “copper” in appearance.

Discussion concerning the current scholarship application process produced the suggestion that our application be made into a fillable form online that would be then sent electronically to our president. Thereby eliminating the postal lag time and providing speedier communication with our members.

Two local events, NamJam and Ft Lowell Days, were brought up as a possible avenue to spread awareness in the Tucson area of an active chapter. This broke into a discussion of what possible literature, giveaways, or presentation we have at our disposal. Since we don’t currently have any of these, the attendees suggested planning at least a year out and getting a professional look that would accurately reflect both the USAWOA and our chapter.

For the Good of the Order:

CW4 Ret Walter Johnson was noted in the August NEWSLINER for 45 years of continuous membership.

Chief Warrant Officer Two Chris San Nicolas was just recently promoted to CW3.

The October 9th meeting will be held at the Brushfire BBQ, 7080 E 22nd Street.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made at 1947 hours, seconded and unanimously accepted.

Members Present:

CW2 Ret John Curtis
CW2 Ret Craig Dowdney
CW5 Ret Scott McKenzie
CW4 Ret Bob Ozier
CW3 Ret Al Price
CW3 Chris San Nicolas

Guests Present:

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

Mrs. Marsha Price

Total Active Chapter membership = 41; Chapter Member (non-officer) signed proxies = 5

Respectfully Submitted,

CW5R Karl S. McKenzie
Chapter President

CW2R John Curtis
Secretary