



United States Army Warrant Officers Association
FORT LOWELL - APACHE CHAPTER



- MEETING MINUTES -

NOVEMBER 8, 2016

Meeting called to order at 1800 hours by CW5R Baiocchetti who led the Pledge of Allegiance. An Invocation was given by CW4R Ozier. The President declared that a quorum was present.

Secretary's Report:

The September 2016 minutes had been published electronically. Motion to accept unanimous.

Treasurer's Report:

Operating Account Balance as of October 31, 2016: \$4,480.34

The Scholarship Fund reserves account for \$2,000.00

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

President's Report:

The President received our chapter's 15 Year streamer. It was placed on the USAWOA flag. Pictures to follow.

Vice-President's Report: No Report

Committee Reports:

Golf Tournament: Golf bids were requested from "The Views" and "The Omni Tucson National". Even though the Views submitted a more reasonable cost, discussion centered around the invited golfers' experience. The decision will be added to next month's agenda.

Chapter/National Awards: No Report

JROTC Medals: The medals inventory and responsibility was transferred to CW3 Ron James. All relevant website contact information has been updated. There was further discussion related to releasing our medals to an outside vendor with over 3,000 contacts and the ability to accept credit card transactions. The pros and cons discussed, CW3 James vouched for this vendor. He had extensive experience while assigned as a JROTC Instructor. The specifics of contracts culminated with a request for some legal advice.

Unfinished Business:

The challenge coin/medallion discussion continued. Issue was tabled.

New Business:

President Baiocchetti presented a request for a donation from "Vets Helping Vets" in conjunction with the Catalina American Legion. The organization was brought before the members over a year ago. At that time, they had not received their non-profit status. They are now a certified "501c(3)" organization. They will request specific dollar values or items as needed. CW5R Baiocchetti suggested that our chapter limit any donation \$250.00. No motion was made at this time.

Discussion concerning a Christmas dinner party was short. No volunteer to host negated the decision. There will not be a Christmas party in 2016.

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Guest Speaker: Senior Master Sergeant Marc Polanco, Air Guard

With humility, Sergeant Polanco read a history of his Uncle Hank who served in the 1st Special Services Force, also known as “the Devil’s Brigade” in World War II. His Infantry Uncle was motivation for Marc’s enlistment as an 11B. The 162nd Fighter Wing has the mission of flying 74 fighter jets and training multi-national aviators. After Marc’s presentation, he answered questions and provided multiple “coin” examples from his personal collection for the members to view and inspire discussion.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn at 1905 hours made by CW4R Ozier, seconded by CW3R Price and was unanimously accepted.

The next meeting will be held December 12th at Mimi’s.

Members Present:

CW5R Vincent Baiocchetti
CW2R John Curtis
CW3R Ron James
CW3R Al Price
CW4R Bob Ozier

Guests Present:

Jean Curtis
Nancy James

Joy Ozier

Total Active Chapter membership = 64; Chapter Member (non-officer) signed proxies = 13

Respectfully Submitted,

CW2R John Curtis
Secretary

CW5R Vincent Baiocchetti
President