



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



- MEETING MINUTES -

SEPTEMBER 11, 2017

Meeting called to order at 1800 hours by CW2R Craig Dowdney who led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Invocation was given by CW4R Bob Ozier. The Secretary verified a quorum was present.

Secretary's Report:

The June 2017 minutes, previously published electronically, were read to members present. Motion to accept made by CW2R Lance Dickinson, seconded by CW3R Michael Turner, accepted unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Operating Account Balance as of August 31, 2017: \$15,007.59

The Scholarship Fund reserves account for \$2,000.00

The Medals Operational Account is \$9,000.00

Motion to accept was made by CW4R Bob Ozier, seconded by CW3R Michael Turner, accepted unanimously.

President's Report: No Report

Vice-President's Report: No Report

Committee Reports:

Chapter/National Awards: No Report

JROTC Medals: No Report

Unfinished Business:

CW2R Craig Dowdney suggested that all of the chapter members research and recommend local veteran oriented non-profits for contribution consideration. Any additional non-profits will allow more community outreach. Please complete a vetting process by providing your personal experience or with internet websites such as Charity Navigator.

New Business:

Election of Officers: Nominations were opened. CW4R Lindamood nominated CW2R Craig Dowdney for President, seconded by CW3R Ron James. CW4R Lindamood nominated WO1 Noel Cavazos for Vice President, seconded by CW3R Ron James. Nominations will remain open until October 9, 2017.

Banking for the Chapter's operational account was discussed. The treasurer will obtain necessary documents to remove CW5R Baiocchetti(deceased), and add members CW2R Craig Dowdney and CW4R Robert Ozier to signature authorization.

The Chapter's reserves (in the form of Certificates of Deposit) will be rolled over. However, a discussion concerning the necessity of maintaining the current values in reserve evolved into a lengthy discussion of community connection and cooperation with other worthwhile veteran focused 501©3 organizations.

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The daily operations of communication and sales with JROTC customers will be handed off to WO1 Noel Cavazos by the originator and current maintainer CW3R Ron James.

It was reiterated that our chapter supports JROTC cadets from four Tucson high schools. They are CDO, Cholla, Flowing Wells and Ironwood Ridge. The Scholarship application process is available through the Fort Lowell-Apache Chapter website <http://www.usawoa-ftlowell-apache.org/>

The Secretary was asked to compile a list of all organizations that require notification of the change in contact and contact address due to the passing of CW5R Vincent Baiocchetti.

It was suggested that an "In Memoriam" posting to our website be created to honor those members whose memories we cherish. The secretary and web host will coordinate and report back to the members.

Having lost three of our own within 2017, the president suggested creating an S.O.P. for the awareness of all members.

For the Good of the Order:

The Schmid Family wanted to express their admiration and thanks to the USAWOA and those members who participated and honored their father/grandfather, CW3R Arthur A. Schmid, at his memorial service. Those attending were: CW4R Lindamood, CW3R Turner, CW3R James, CW3R Price, CW2R Dowdney, CW2R Dickinson, CW2R Curtis, WO1 Cavazos and WO1 Perez.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn at 1928 hours made by CW3R James, seconded by CW4R Ozier was unanimously accepted.

The next meeting will be held October 9th at Mimi's.

Members Present:

WO1 Noel Cavazos
CW2R John Curtis
CW2R Lance Dickinson
CW2R Craig Dowdney
CW3R Ron James
CW4R Harold Lindamood
CW4R Robert Ozier
CW3R Michael Turner

Guests Present

Jean Curtis
Bette Dickinson
Donna Dowdney
Betty Lindamood
Joy Ozier

Total Active Chapter membership = 65; Chapter Member (non-officer) signed proxies = 13

Respectfully Submitted,

CW2R John Curtis
Secretary

CW2R Craig Dowdney
President