



United States Army Warrant Officers Association
FORT LOWELL - APACHE CHAPTER



- MEETING MINUTES -

JANUARY 9, 2023

Swearing In of Officers:

Prior to the business meeting, the newly elected and appointed chapter officers were sworn into office by CW5(Ret) Luis Zamudio.

Call to order:

1755 hours by President McKenzie who led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Bob Ozier provided the Invocation. The Secretary verified a quorum was met.

Secretary's Report:

The December 17, 2022 minutes had been previously electronically published on December 30th. Those minutes were reviewed to refresh the attending members' memory.

Treasurer's Report:

Craig Dowdney reported that as of December 31, 2022 there had been no changes. Lindy Lindamood motioned the treasurer's report be accepted, Lyle Fridlund seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

President's Report: None

Vice-President's Report: None

Medals Committee Report: None

Unfinished Business:

JROTC Scholarships: It was suggested that the chapter website be updated to reflect the current year's application process, including the current President's address for submission.

New Business:

The PFCU CD matures on May 21st. Scott McKenzie made a motion that the treasurer try to find a high yield CD in which to transfer those funds. Lyle Fridlund seconded his motion and the members agreed unanimously.

A request was put out to the membership for volunteers to head up the Awards Committee. No one has served in that position since CW5R Baiocchetti and CW2R Lance Dickinson. Both Luis Zamudio and Lyle Fridlund volunteered to assume this responsibility.

Scott suggested the chapter reestablish the tradition of family barbeques. Hector Simone volunteered his home and yard for the first one. Lyle suggested any time before May, before everyone begins traveling.

Guest Speaker:

Nicholas (Nick) Drake was introduced as the Tucson representative of the Arizona Department of Veterans Services. After a few personal facts were shared, Nick got right into a myriad of programs that veterans may be able to use to their benefit. After revealing Arizona is ranked 15th in the nation for resident veterans, Nick spoke about: the Vet Center which was designed by Vietnam Vets; schooling (GI Bill) approved by Arizona; the three state veterans cemeteries; (continued on next page)

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financial help (MIRF) up to \$20K per family for rent, child support, etc.; Veterans Standdowns, including an all female veteran standdown; help getting Honorary diplomas; Veteran Tool Kit for job \$'s; homeless veterans; the Be Connected App; small grant programs up to \$4,999 and large grants between \$5K to \$75K for 501c3 organizations; AZ Veteran license plates bring \$17 out of \$25 back into state vet programs.

After all of these comments, Nick entertained a wide range of questions. Our members showed their appreciation of Nick's willingness to share his knowledge with us.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by Bob Ozier at 1945 hours, seconded by Al Price and unanimously accepted.

For the Good of the Order:

The next business meeting will begin at 1800 hours, February 13th, at the Casa Del Rio Mexican Restaurant, 1060 S Pantano Road. At the corner of 22nd Street and Pantano Road.

Members Present:

CW2 Ret John Curtis
CW2 Ret Craig Dowdney
CW5 Ret Lyle Fridlund
CW4 Ret Harold Lindamood
CW5 Ret Scott McKenzie
CW4 Ret Bob Ozier
CW3 Ret Al Price
CW3 Ret Hector Simon
CW3 Ret Michael Turner
CW5 Ret Luis Zamudio

Guests Present:

Mrs. Jean Curtis
Mrs. Donna Dowdney
Mrs. Chris Fridlund
Mrs. Betty Lindamood
Mrs. Sonja McKenzie
Mrs. Joy Ozier
Mrs. Marsha Price

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

Respectfully Submitted,

CW5R Karl S. McKenzie
Chapter President

CW2R John Curtis
Secretary