



United States Army Warrant Officers Association
FORT LOWELL - APACHE CHAPTER



- MEETING MINUTES -

NOVEMBER 13, 2023

Call to order:

1800 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 October 9, 2023 minutes were electronically published on October 23rd. Those minutes were reviewed to refresh the attending members' memory.

Treasurer's Report:

Our operations account has a current balance of \$4186.00.

The payments and deposits pending in October have cleared. No new deposits or payments to report.

President's Report:

Our Western Region Director is asking our chapter if we are willing to host the 2025 Annual Meeting of the Members. CW5R Chip Dowd has suggested combining volunteers with the Sierra Vista Silver Chapter. Discussion is under way to determine if the Silver Chapter would be willing. Louis said that he would be willing to head up the golf tournament team. In the meantime, Scott is putting together some pertinent facts from national, region and our own chapter's historical files to enhance our understanding of the requirements. Some suggestions included a possible engagement with the "White Mountain Apaches" at the site of Fort Lowell. Someone mentioned contacting the car dealers for possible temporary loan of vans for shuttle to and from the airport, or special events. Other mentions were tours of the Pima Air and Space and Titan Missile Museums, Tucson Botanical Garden, and even Pinnacle Peak Steakhouse and the adjoining Trail Dust Town entertainment.

Scott mentioned that another WOA chapter had asked national to sell the "USAWOA" JROTC medals. The Executive Director responded that Fort Lowell Apache was the only chapter authorized to sell their medals.

Vice-President's Report: None

Committee Reports:

Scholarship Committee: Scott has the template for our scholarship application SOP. The final date for return of scholarship to the committee is to be February with required information of Bursar for school attending.

Medals Committee: There were no new medal sales beyond what was reported at the last meeting.

Unfinished Business:

A "Meet and Greet BBQ" for all members living in the greater Tucson area will remain on the agenda.

The current scholarship application process needs to be made into a fillable form online that would then be sent electronically to our president, eliminating postal lag and providing speedier communication.

Unfinished Business (continued):

The potential of a meeting at the “WAATS” was downsized to posters for bulletin boards or breakrooms.

Obtain information on local events to spread awareness of the Tucson chapter. This would require possible literature or giveaways, none of which we have at our disposal. Working on obtaining Chapter Flyer and Chapter Memorabilia.

The TIA Military Lounge is asking for volunteers to provide persons to talk with during the two phases of mass migration through Tucson. December 16-18 (Sat-Mon) and January 2-3 (Tue-Wed) will be the dates of heavy travel. Scott is coordinating the volunteers. Please let him know if you would be available. The chapter is providing snacks marked with our logo and our best wishes.

New Business:

Hector Simon is working on a more subdued chapter sided / USAWOA sided challenge coin.

The members agreed to change our chapter website host to Fireproof Computing. Fireproof will make all necessary coordination with the current host site and verify completion with Scott McKenzie.

A suggestion was made to plan on participating in Tucson’s Memorial Parade. This would require only banners and members/wives to ride a trailer. Louis thought that we might combine this effort with the AAAA.

The wives were provided various sizes of black collared shirts and a color palette of available choices. Several chose their preference. Further decisions are tabled until after the Christmas party.

For the Good of the Order:

During the Massing of the Colors and Service of Remembrance on November 5th, our chapter was presented a Certificate of Appreciation from the Santa Cruz Chapter of the MOWW for faithful support.

The **January 8th** meeting will be at Rudy’s Country Store and BBQ, 2130 E Ajo Way.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made at 1915 hours, seconded and unanimously accepted.

Members Present:

CW5 Ret Scott McKenzie
CW5 Ret Louis Zamudio
CW4 Ret Harold Lindamood
CW4 Ret Bob Ozier
CW2 Ret John Curtis

Guests Present:

Mrs. Sonja McKenzie
Mrs. Betty Lindamood
Mrs. Joy Ozier
Mrs. Jean Curtis

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

Respectfully Submitted,

CW5R Karl S. McKenzie
President

CW2R John Curtis
Secretary