



United States Army Warrant Officers Association
FORT LOWELL - APACHE CHAPTER



- MEETING MINUTES -

FEBRUARY 13, 2023

Call to order:

1800 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 January 9, 2023 minutes were electronically published on February 4th. Those minutes were reviewed to refresh the attending members' memory.

Treasurer's Report:

Craig Dowdney reported that as of January 31, 2023 the operational account balance was \$18,744.95. Lindy Lindamood motioned the treasurer's report be accepted subject to audit, Lyle Fridlund seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

President's Report:

The Western Region Director has reached out and desires to attend a chapter meeting to get to know as many as possible. Scott will coordinate the monthly meeting.

Scott has been in contact with Fireproof Computer Services to transfer our website hosting from Newtek Technology Solutions. The difference in cost is minimal and will make communication easier.

Vice-President's Report: None

Medals Committee Report:

Craig reported that all the medal inventory had been transferred and the transactional activity record was in the process of upgrading with more detail. It was also suggested that our online Awards Certificate be updated with the current USAWOA National President's name and signature.

Unfinished Business:

Scott asked Hector Simon if the idea of a family barbeque was still a go. Hector asked that the date be set to allow planning. After much discussion, the Barbeque was set for March 12th, 1:00 pm. The menu was suggested as Ribs, Brats, Chicken, salads and desert. Further details will be sent out via email.

New Business:

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

John asked the membership if we couldn't obtain a gift to present to our guest speakers. It was suggested that the chapter purchase the 50th Anniversary Coins. Al Price made the motion, Lyle seconded, and the motion was unanimously accepted.

Bob Ozier asked the Medals Committee to research and obtain presentation cases for those JROTC medals that Fort Lowell Apache Chapter members present. He also suggested presenting an Award Certificate to each recipient.

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New Business: (continued from previous page)

Scott asked which JROTC schools we have presented awards? All of the Army JROTC schools were mentioned. So, he suggested enquiring to the other service JROTC instructors to find out if there is interest in our participation with their program.

Guest Speaker:

Keith Hamblin, GWOT Outreach Technician, of the Tucson Vet Center, 2525 E Broadway Blvd, Ste 100, addressed the members in general about VA Medical Status, claims for disability, and the process that VA uses to determine a veteran's qualification for disability rating. Keith provided some history concerning Senators John McCain (AZ) and Max Cleland (GA) and their legislative push for veterans rights.

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

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by Lindy at 1930 hours, seconded by Al Price and unanimously accepted.

For the Good of the Order:

There will be a short business meeting on March 12th, in conjunction with the USAWOA Bar-B-Que being held between the hours of 1300-1600 at the home of Hector Simon, (*address redacted for public version*). Further details and updates will be provided via email.

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

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