



United States Army Warrant Officers Association
FORT LOWELL - APACHE CHAPTER



- MEETING MINUTES -

JANUARY 8, 2024

Call to order:

1820 hours by the President. Bob provided the Invocation. The Secretary verified a quorum was met.

Secretary's Report:

The December 3, 2023 minutes were electronically published on January 4th. Those minutes were reviewed to refresh the attending members' memory.

Treasurer's Report:

The operations account has a current balance of \$3,241.00.

President's Report:

Scott is working on an article encompassing the history and current activity of our medals awards and sales, as requested by our Western Region Director, for a Newsliner article. He asked for a fresh sets of photos suitable for publication.

Vice-President's Report:

Lindy expressed his thanks to the McKenzies for their excellent hosting of our Christmas Party. All of the members present joined him in thanking Scott and Sonja for their warm welcome.

Lindy wanted to relay the appreciation expressed by all the soldiers passing through Tucson International Airport, Military Lounge during their winter holiday exit. Not only did the soldiers appreciate our members attention and company but the Fort Huachuca command's attendance. On both Sunday and Monday, December 17th and 18th chapter members kept the door open and provided any assistance requested. The conversations and experiences were meaningful and appreciated.

Medals Committee Report:

The medals inventory is full. Sales will be ramping up quickly as schools start their awards planning.

Scholarship Committee Report:

The proposed scholarship SOP is being reworked and properly including our fiscal goals and school support structure. Past JROTC scholarship applicants have submitted their packages very late. As decided in November, the final date for the submission of an application is to be February, with the required Bursar information for the intended school.

Unfinished Business:

Scott announced that our chapter website hosting us now completely under Fireproof Computing. A cleanup and rearranging of material and pages is in the works. Not sure if that action caused it, but Scott said that he's no longer able to access or update our chapter's Facebook. Going to get with Dan to resolve this.

Possible participation in Tucson's Memorial Parade needs to be coordinated through the city office responsible. Luis was tasked with checking out Desert Beach for banners. Also, we need to ask our JROTC Instructors about their availability. Lastly, we need to reserve the float trailer with Hector.

A discussion of our yearly donation totals including non-profits and scholarships was suggested to be capped at \$4,000.00. No motion or decision was forthcoming. However, a motion was made by Lyle to open up our scholarship program to members' immediate family, including grandchildren, and not limit their attendance to university level education. Enrollment at trade schools, or apprenticeship programs might be included. Al seconded this motion and it was accepted unanimously.

Craig addressed the change of website hosting that would allow us to have an "online store" for medals ordering and shipping. He and Donna also want to look into having the medals manufacturer drop ship all JROTC Dog Tag's orders in order to keep our inventory more available for individual schools. JROTC Dog Tags have consistently purchased more than 50% of our inventory.

New Business:

Scott is asking all members to assemble their personal bio. Include any civilian/military related experience. The idea is to have members present their experience in person at one of the future meetings. This will help all of us relate whether we have similar experiences or not. There will be a format sent out soon for many of us who haven't already put theirs together.

The president also mentioned that it would be nice to have birthdays (dates not including year) to celebrate together. He also asked members to let others know if there were a need for assistance, such as injury, hospital stay or other incidents.

A discussion of possible alternative meeting days and times revealed that most didn't think changing the current "second Monday evening" would work out. Mostly due to restaurants being more available on Monday nights.

For the Good of the Order:

The **February 5th** meeting will be at Casa Del Rio, 1060 S Pantano Road.

Adjournment:

At 1930 hours a motion to adjourn was made by Bob and seconded by Lyle and unanimously accepted.

Members Present:

CW5 Ret Lyle Fridlund
CW5 Ret Scott McKenzie
CW5 Ret Louis Zamudio
CW4 Ret Harold Lindamood
CW4 Ret Bob Ozier
CW3 Ret Al Price
CW2 Ret Craig Dowdney
CW2 Ret John Curtis

Guests Present:

Mrs. Chris Fridlund
Mrs. Sonja McKenzie and son Evan

Mrs. Betty Lindamood
Mrs. Joy Ozier
Mrs. Marsha Price
Mrs. Donna Dowdney

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

Respectfully Submitted,

CW5R Karl S. McKenzie
President

CW2R John Curtis
Secretary