



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



**- MEETING MINUTES -**

***FEBRUARY 12, 2024***

**Call to order:**

1800 hours by the President. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance. Bob Ozier provided the Invocation. The Secretary verified a quorum was met.

**Secretary's Report:**

The January 8, 2024 minutes were electronically published on January 12<sup>th</sup>. Those minutes were reviewed to refresh the attending members' memory.

**Treasurer's Report:**

The operations account has a current balance of \$3,611.75. Bob motioned that the treasurer's report be accepted, seconded by Lyle and accepted unanimously. Scott motioned that the PFCU CD be rolled over for another year, seconded by Al and accepted unanimously.

Our chapter received a request of funds in support of a Gold Star event for CW2 Edward Balli, a 150U Unmanned Air System (UAS) Warrant Officer who gave his life (20 January 2014) defending other soldiers and the Forward Operating Base (FOB) when the walls were breached by Taliban. The wall breach occurred on the far side of the FOB adjacent to the Forward Aviation Refuel Point (FARP) and the UAS launch area. His platoon was on site when it occurred and his platoon was instrumental in preventing large casualties on the FOB. The 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event was held at Fort Huachuca on January 19<sup>th</sup>. The event organizer asked for a donation around \$250.00. The chapter officers acknowledged the request and sent a \$250.00 donation on behalf of all Fort Lowell Apache Chapter members.

**Vice-President's Report:**

It was noted that many of our ladies are wearing their recently received chapter shirts. The colors are amazing. Everyone seems pleased.

**President's Report:**

Lyle Fridlund, having sent his bio out to the membership earlier, will be giving a brief presentation at the March meeting about his military service experience and related civilian occupations. Scott McKenzie will be sharing his talk at our April meeting. It is hoped that all of our members will take the opportunity to share and relate with everyone their unique military and/or civilian related experiences at upcoming meetings.

Another chapter has asked for some historical information concerning our chapter's 501©(3) application and approval process. Our historical files are being reviewed and approved for sharing.

**Medals Committee Report:**

Sales will be ramping up quickly as schools start their awards planning. Donna is working with our supplier to initiate "drop shipments" directly to JROTC Dog Tags to fulfill their largest orders without causing our inventory to fluctuate so rapidly.

**Scholarship Committee Report:**

Lyle has forwarded another organization's SOP to Scott for rework to properly include our fiscal goals and school support structure.

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**Unfinished Business:**

Our chapter is initiating a specific USAWOA/Fort Lowell Apache Chapter coin for online purchase on a newly created memorabilia website page.

Participation in Tucson's Memorial Parade is being coordinated through the proper city office department. Luis is working on the banners. No information about JROTC Cadet support has been obtained yet. Also, Hector has confirmed the availability of his trailer to use as our "float."

Scott repeated his request for 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 to others with similar experiences. Feel free to adapt the format sent out earlier.

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 other members know if there were a need for assistance, such as injury, hospital stay or other incidents.

**New Business:**

An "Oktoberfest" is in the planning stages to be held at the McKenzie home.

**For the Good of the Order:**

Luis Zamudio is recovering from hip replacement surgery. He anticipates following that with both knee surgeries as quickly as possible.

The **March 11<sup>th</sup>** meeting will be at the Cattle town Steakhouse and Saloon, 3141 E Drexel Road, 85706.

**Adjournment:**

At 1900 hours a motion to adjourn was made by Bob and seconded by Lindy and unanimously accepted.

**Members Present:**

CW5 Ret Lyle Fridlund  
CW5 Ret Scott McKenzie  
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  
Mrs. Betty Lindamood  
Mrs. Joy Ozier  
Mrs. Marsha Price  
Mrs. Donna Dowdney  
Mrs. Jean Curtis

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

Respectfully Submitted,

CW5 Karl S. McKenzie, Retired  
President

CW2 John Curtis, Retired  
Secretary