

SUBJECT: Minutes of Meeting, USAWOA, Fort Hood Silver Chapter, 19 Apr 06

1. Call to Order: Chapter President John Hanks called the meeting to order at 1153hrs.
2. Pledge of Allegiance: Recited
3. Quorum: Established
4. President's Report / Welcome: Mr. Hanks welcomed all and allowed time for the members to introduce themselves. Special welcome to new chapter members, Mr Curtis McDonald, Mr Ed Topasana, Mr Robert Johnson, Mr Bill Johnson, Mr Clinton Belleotte, Mr Gregory Kriegh, Mr Cameron Hines, Mr Andy Rice, Mr Kendal Harrington, Ms Anita Dickens, Mr James Lombardo, Ms Melissa Harden, Mr Jon-Michael Taylor, Mr Michael Lowry, Mr Kevin Mitchell, and returning member Mr Roy Rucker Roy.
  - a. Mr Hanks commented on Mr George Hanger & thanked him for the enlightening the Silver Chapter about D-Day and his endeavors.
  - b. Mr Hanks thanked all who attended and helped with the 1 Apr 06, "Texas Trash-off."
  - c. Wanted to mention the Warrant Officer History Book has been delayed from Feb 06 to an unknown date for publishing.
  - d. The Tricare fee-hike for Retirees' for now is not being done and was on hold due to opposition from military and Veteran's groups.
  - e. Mr Hanks mentioned that Anheuser-Busch was still running the "Here's to the Heroes," "was still in full swing and was open to active duty, Reserve and National Guard soldiers who are authorized to attend their parks "Free of Charge" with up to three dependants.
  - f. Harris Poll showed that U.S. Military is still the most admired Institution in the United States.
  - g. Additionally, USAWOA National is working hard to keep pay raises going for Warrant Officers and to remove the pay compression from the higher enlisted ranks.
  - h. Warrant Officer Recipients of the General Douglas MacArthur Leadership Awards for 2005 were announced and provided.
  - i. USAWOA was still looking for scholarship donations if you still have tickets from National to sell, please get the funds back to national.
  - j. Finally, Mr Edwards from USAREC would be at the Copland Center, Fort Hood, TX from 1 – 5 May 06.

5. Reports from Chapter Officials: Secretary's Report was provided of the March 06 meeting. Minutes were motioned for approval by Mr Cummings, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr Cuney, all members agreed motion was carried.

6. Treasure's Report: Mr Hanks stated since Mr Jacobs could not attend there was no report so Feb/Mar 06 will be done at next meeting.

7. Vice President / Committee Reports:

a. Entertainment Committee: Mr Cummings asked the members to come up with some ideas for possibly making some money since the Freedom Feast was not going to be an event this year.

b. Scholarship Committee: No report.

c. Membership Committee: Mr Dunaway – Need members reminded all that WO1's get free membership.

d. Publicity Committee: No report.

e. Web-Site: No report.

f. Welfare Committee: No report.

g. Memorabilia Committee: Mr Cliette stated he will be forwarding the committee report to Mr Jacob's for posting to the Treasure's report. All funds have been accounted for.

h. Professional Development: No report.

8. Old/Unfinished Business:

a. Mr Hanks stated the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Freedom Feast was no longer an issue due to lack of interest and no unit on Fort Hood was willing to sponsor the event.

9. New Business:

a. Ballots are ready for next months meeting votes will be cast for new President and Vice President; Mr Hanks requested personnel asked the nominee if they were going to be committed to becoming president.

b. Mr Hamilton looking for donations for a family that needs money for Airfare to return to Germany. For donations please contact Mr Hamilton.

c. Mr Habhab will check into details for a Silver Chapter USAWOA Golf Tournament to try and raise funds for the association.

d. Next BOD meeting will be 10 May 06 at the MFT classroom or if anyone had ideas for another location.

e. Next chapter meeting will be 16 May 06 at Yank Sing, which is a Tuesday due to room availability.

10. Adjournment: At 1222, Mr Cuney made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was second by Mr Watson. All present concurred. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted By:

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Approved By:

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JOHN D. HANKS  
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