



**United States Army Warrant Officers Association
Fort Hood Silver Chapter
P.O. Box 5399
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17 May 2007

SUBJECT: Minutes of Meeting, USAWOA, Fort Hood Silver Chapter, 17 May 2007

- 1. Call to Order:** A quorum was established and President Willie E. Starnes called the meeting to order at 1153 hrs. Total present 48.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance:** Recited
- 3. President:** The president greeted everyone and welcomed all first time attendees: Eric Flemming, D.C. Bean, Marvin Palmer, James Stockman, Charles Agyei, Antonio Betancourt, Derek Bentley, Temeko Westbrook, Jacoba Gaitan, Will Muir, Scott Brown and Pute Dancy.
- 4. The president** asked for a motion to suspend all chapter business except the Election Committee Report and OPD for this meeting in order to facilitate our OPD speaker. The motion by John Hanks and seconded by Chris Farmer to suspend normal chapter business with the exception of the Election Committee Report and OPD was approved.
- 5. The chairman of the Election Committee, Nelson Justice,** described the election process, informing the membership of the cutoff dates to received nominations. This process officially opened the nomination for new chapter officers. Al Bamsch raised an issue concerning the credential committee being a separate entity from the process. The president noted that he didn't see it as a problem or a requirement. There were no other issues.
- 6. The president welcomed the 4ID Deputy Commanding General, BG William F. Grimsley** to the great Fort Hood Silver Chapter. The president explained why the chapter is a silver chapter. Remarked that the chapter was represented across

the spectrum on warrant officer ranks, from WO1 to CW5; the same with Fort Hood units and organizations, as well as, MOSs. The president then read the General's bio and introduced him to the membership. The general was welcomed with a standing ovation.

7. Officer Professional Development (OPD): General Grimsley gave a very enlightening speech about our Army and Warrant Officers. He used the phrase "the Warrant officers are the autonomic nervous system of our Army". Essentially, saying the Army would die without the Warrant Officers Corp. General Grimsley said he believe there should be pay parity between commissioned and Warrant officers. He talked about where our Army was and where it's going. He emphasized that soldiers are everything to us; here and all over the world. Although time ran short, Nicole Woodyard and Roy Rucker was able to share their opinions of the speech was some interesting comments. General Grimsley agreed and re-emphasized the need for education of our commissioned officers about warrant officers. General Grimsley was presented with a USAWOA cap and a chapter lanyard. The OPD session ended with a drawing of raffle tickets...not all winners' names not recorded. Mike Weist won a T-shirt after a significant purchase of raffle tickets.

8. Announcements:

- a. Chapter Annual Golf Scramble: Register by 15 June – Play 18 June 2007
- b. Next chapter meeting: 1130hrs. 21 June 2007 on post at the Sportsmen's Center (Rod and Gun Club).
- c. ELECTION of new chapter officers closes 21 June.
- d. Board of Directors (BOD) meeting will be held, if required, 14 June at the MFT conference room.

9. Adjournment: _____ made a motion to end the meeting- seconded by _____. Motion carried.

Submitted By:

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Secretary
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Approved By:

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