



**United States Army Warrant Officers Association
Fort Hood Silver Chapter
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USAWOA-FTHOOD

20 SEP 2007

SUBJECT: Minutes of Meeting, USAWOA, Fort Hood Silver Chapter, 20 SEP 2007

1. **Call to Order:** A quorum was verified and President Michael Gamble called the meeting to order at 1200 hrs. Total present 42.
2. **Opening Ceremony.**
 - a. Pledge of Allegiance: Recited
 - b. Welcome visitors and first time attendees: The President recognized CW5 D.C. Bean, CW5 Lance McElhiney, CW5 Michael Scheller, CW2 Paul Sankey, W01 Robert Hunter, CW2 William Wilder and W01 Tahjar Roamartinez.
 - c. Special Recognition: CW2 Ming and CW2 William Wilder announced their recent returned from deployment to Iraq.
 - d. Recognize those in distress: Mr. Robert McIntyre has recovered from his accident injuries according to Mr. Stephen Judkins.
3. **Secretary Report:** 16 August 2007 Minutes were approved with corrections.
4. **Treasurer Report:** Mr. Michael Weist reports the following: Beginning balance as of 01 August 2007; Bank checking account (\$4,623.97), petty cash (\$25.00), and memorabilia value (\$370.04), total \$5019.01. Monthly debits included a stop payment on Armor Holding check #306215 (-\$500.00), Stop Pay Fee (-\$2.00) and Annual Scholarship (-\$500.00), debit total of -\$1,002.00. Monthly credits included Armor Holding check #306215 (\$500.00), Armor Holding check #308147 (\$500.00), Cummins Southern check #002298 (\$500.00) and memorabilia cash deposit (\$89.54), credit total of \$1,589.54. Ending balance as of 31 August 2007; Bank checking account (\$5211.51), petty cash (\$25.00), and memorabilia value (\$531.50), overall total of \$5,768.01, Approved.

5. **President's Report:**

- a. Last reminder, the AMM (Annual Meeting of Members) will convene 15-20 October in San Antonio Texas. Again, Regional Director, CW4 Candis Martin urge strong support for the professional development presentation, 17 October. Try to register online at www.spwoa.com/AMM/register.htm before 5 October 2007.
 - b. Legislation is being pushed through DOD and eventually to the White House to commission WO1s by year 2009. Right now, only W2-W5 are commissioned. What does this mean for the future warrant officers? Does it mean more commission officer related duties or assignment. Chapter President opened the floor for a 10 minutes discussion on this topic. Members comments suggested they felt the commissioning of WO1s will lead to more additional duties for warrants officers.
 - c. A bill has passed through the Senate to clarify a law to ensure veterans and service members not in uniform may salute the US flag. The current law states that veterans and service members not in uniform should place their hand over their hearts.
 - d. Encourage solid support for Habitat for Humanity, Trash-off, and After-hours Socials for Warrant Officers at Patton's Inn and the Legend's Pub. The After-hours Social goal would be to connect with more warrant officers from a different approach, other than monthly WOA meetings.
 - e. A thanks goes out to members who volunteered and completed the annual audit; Mr. Herbert Gately, CW4 Antonio Betancourt and CW3 Marsha Kelly-Evans.
6. **Vice President Report:** Vice President Ms. Anita Dickens urged strong support for the upcoming Trash-off. Vice President proposed 29 September and 06 October as optional dates for the Trash-off.

7. **Committee Report:**

- a. **Entertainment Committee** – CW3 James Davis announced next WO After-hours Social be held at the Patton's Inn.
- b. **Scholarship Committee** – Ms. Rose Jeter urged support for CFC.
- c. **Membership Committee** – CW2 Nelson Justice announced membership drives at PX and WO After-hours Socials.
- d. **Welfare Committee**- CW5 Michael Weist announced the Chapter has dedicated over 90 man-hours in support of Habitat for Humanity.
- e. **Website Committee** – W01 Brooke Finkenbinder announced new Chapter's website creation in progress.

- f. **Memorabilia Committee** – W01 Travis Martin announced memorabilia raffles at WOA meetings. Two gray WOA tee shirts were raffled.
- g. **Professional Development Committee** – CW2 Johngeline Abernathy announced a PD brief on the WO Selection Board Process.
- h. **Recruitment and Mentorship Committee** – CW3 Roy Rucker announced mentorship candidates
- i. **Historian** – No report

8. **Unfinished Business:**

- a. Chapter Past Officers, Mr. Willie Starnes, Mr. Alton Jacobs and CW2 Johngeline Abernathy, were presented with Plaques of Appreciation by Chapter President.
- b. Ms. Johngeline Abernathy motioned to support Habitat for Humanity. The project starts on 18 Aug 2007 and will last twelve weeks; seconded by Mr. Herbert Gately. The Chapter will volunteer by individual and group effort for Habitat for Humanity. Mr. Mike Weist will recommend which weekends group effort should participate. The Welfare Committee will maintain a list of personnel and their time volunteered in support of Habitat for Humanity. A vote was taken, eight volunteered for group effort, thirteen volunteered for individual effort.
- c. Chapter bonding insurance was purchased from Darossett Insurance, Copperas Cove Texas for \$101.00 to protect treasurer account up to \$10,000. The annual bonding insurance has an effective date of 5 September 2007.

9. **New Business:**

- a. CW3 Roy Rucker motioned to conduct the next Trash-off on 06 October, 0800 hrs, gathering at the Jack-n-Box, on FM 2410, in Harker Heights Texas; motion seconded by CW2 Johngeline Abernathy; motion carried.
- b. Mr. Herbert Gately motioned to create a Retiree/Veteran Affairs Committee; motion seconded by Mr. Willie Morris; motion carried. Mr. Willie Starnes (Chairperson), Mr. Willie Morris (Co-Chair) and Mr. Herbert Gately (Member) volunteered to fill the Committee seats.
- c. CW4 Nicole Woodard motioned to move the next Chapter meeting to 25 October; as a result of the AMM convening during the normal scheduled Chapter meeting date; motioned seconded by CW5 Eduardo Casanova; motion carried.
- d. W01 Robert Hunter motioned to move Chapter meeting to the Sportsmen's Club Outdoor Gazebo to accommodate overcrowded meetings; motioned seconded by CW5 Michael Weist; motioned carried.

- e. CW3 James Davis motioned to lay on the table the Sportsmen’s Club Outdoor Gazebo meeting area issue for further discussion as unfinished business; motioned seconded by Mr. Willie Morris; motioned carried.
- f. CW2 Nelson Justice motioned that the Chapter purchase a new banner to be displayed during special events; motioned seconded by Mr. Herbert Gately; motion carried. CW2 Justice was instructed to explore/present the Chapter with the cost of a new banner before funds are obligated.

Committee members are assigned as follows:

Membership Committee

Chairperson: Nelson Justice

Co-Chair: James Davis

Scholarship Committee

Chairperson: Rosemary Jeter

Co-Chair: Lee Rowland

Welfare Committee

Chairperson: John Cheek

Co-Chair: Michael Weist

Website Committee

Chairperson: Brooke Finkenbinder

Co-Chair: Roy Rucker

Memorabilia Committee

Chairperson: Travis Martin

Co-Chair: Al Bamsch

Professional Development Committee

Chairperson: Johngeline Abernathy

Recruitment and Mentorship

Chairperson: Monifa Dickson

Co-Chair: Roy Rucker

Historian Committee

Chairperson: Greg Johnson

Co-Chair: Sawaner Tucker

Entertainment Committee

Chairperson: James Davis

Retiree and Veteran Affairs Committee

Chairperson: Willie Starnes

Co-Chair: Willie Morris

Member: Herbert Gately

10. Announcements:

- a. Mr. Herbert Gately announced that the local Fort Hood community needs more volunteers coaches for youth sports.

- b. Next Chapter meeting will be 25 October 2007, 1145-1245 hrs, Location Sportsmen's Club.
- b. Next Board of Directors (BOD) meeting will be 22 October 2007, 1200-1230 hrs Location Sportsmen's Club

11. **Adjournment:** Chapter President adjourned meeting at 1305 hrs, after all was Chapter business was completed.

Submitted By:

Approved By:

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