



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

18 SEPT 2008

SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes, USAWOA Fort Hood Silver Chapter, 18 September 2008

1. **Call to Order:** A quorum was verified and Vice President James Davis called the meeting to order at 1200hrs. Total present 13 (9 members and 4 guests).
2. **Opening Ceremony:**
 - a. Pledge of Allegiance: Recited
 - b. Mr. Davis welcomed visitors and recognized first time attendees: CW4 Candis (Regional Director), CW3 Baker and SSG Williams (Future WO Candidate). CW? Bryan Day and CW? Nicholas (1st time Attendees).
 - c. Recognized those deserving special recognition:
 - d. Recognized those in distress:
3. **Secretary's Report:** After discussions reference the ability of all members to read the 21 August 2008 emailed minutes due to encoding, they were approved.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** After further discussions about the ability of all members to read the period ending 31 Aug 2008 Treasurer Report sent by email, they were approved.
5. **President's Report:**
 - a. Mr. Davis asked for a volunteer to replace the Secretary, Mr. Brandy Galloway, who will be deploying very soon. Later in the meeting Mr. Pete Munzo volunteered to become interim Chapter Secretary.
 - b. Opened the subject of the Annual Meeting of the Members (AMM) then introduced Ms. Candis asking her to talk more about the subject.
 - i. Ms. Candis explained that she was the Regional Director and had just recently PCSed to Fort Hood.
 - ii. Ms. Candis discussed the Regional Director election and the AMM proxy process.
 - c. Mr. Davis spoke on the issue of committees' chairpersons and co-chairperson.
 - d. He stated that a special committee needs to be formed to review and update the chapter By-Laws. Mr.(s) Hamilton, Hays, Howell and Athey volunteered to serve as the committee.

- e. Spoke about the holiday season approaching fast. If anyone has any ideas, please bring them up during new business.
 - f. Mentioned the new version of the DD Form 93, Record of Emergency Data, stating that he has information about it.
 - g. Briefly mentioned that USAWOA has teamed up with Grantham University to offer its members a special tuition grant.
6. **Vice President Report:** Reported on the absence and whereabouts of other members of the head table.
7. **Committee Reports:**
- a. **Entertainment Committee** - Warrant Officer Muster call
 - b. **Scholarship & Sponsorship Committee**
 - c. **Membership Committee**
 - d. **Welfare Committee** - "Habitat for Humanity" plaque was passed around
 - e. **Recruitment & Mentorship Committee**
 - f. **Retiree & Veterans Affairs Committee**
 - g. **Website Committee**
 - h. **Memorabilia Committee**
 - i. **Professional Development Committee**
 - j. **Historian**
 - k. **Special Committee to research new Chapter meeting location** – Discussion began about finding a place locally centered and larger where we could have sandwiches catered paid for by the chapter. That issue died due primarily to attempting to decide how RSVPs for sandwiches would be handled. Mr. Athey mentioned that he had classrooms available where we could hold meetings. In the end it was decided we would stay as we are unless a great increase in attendance dictate otherwise.

8. **Unfinished Business:**

- a. Mr. Hamilton briefed the chapter on the status of the memorial bench at the local State Veterans Cemetery. He stated the black granite was probably the best way to go; submitting a price tag of \$1890 for the stone, \$150 for the cement pad and \$500 for the wording for a total of \$2540. This was in consultation with Mr. David Crawford who will build and place the memorial at the cemetery. Mr. Hamilton motioned that this be the memorial bench we pursue; seconded by Mr. Starnes. Motion passed.

Further discussions centered on funding of the memorial – donations vs. Chapter. It was discussed that Chapter funding may be a problem due to commitments, upcoming events and lack of income ventures. Pledges by members were discussed with Mr. Hamilton mentioning the amount he original volunteered to pledge and stated a few other had stated they would pledge certain amounts.

Mr. Athey motioned to publicize pledging funds by members for three months then revisit where we stand with funds at the following meeting; seconded by Mr. Munzo, motion passed.

- b. Mr. Athey returned the Warrant Officer coin and recommended we go back to our original plan because he could not find a vendor in Korea to produce the coins at a lower price.
- c. Mr. Davis stated that all can purchase coins from the bulk purchases the Chapter will make.

9. New Business:

- a. Mr. Hanks discussed the Muscular Sclerosis (MS) society walk and what the organization is doing in the community. He invited all to assist in the MS endeavors.
- b. Ms. Martin was reintroduced and she expanded on:
 - i. AMM and the USAWOA election year asking everyone to get involved both locally (Region) and nationally.
 - ii. Informed us that membership is again on the rise.
 - iii. She's PCSing in about two months to a choice assignment due to association networking and involvement.
 - iv. The floor was open for questions.
- c. Fund Raising –

10. Special Event: Mr. Davis presented Chapter certificates for the Trash-Off to: Mr. Hamilton, Hanks Family, Munzo Family and Mr. Starnes. Others were not present

11. Announcements:

- a. Next Chapter meeting is scheduled for 16 Oct 2008 at the Sportsman's Center.
- b. The Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for 14 Oct 2008 at Sportsman's Center.
- c. Don't forget the WOA Comradeship huddle at the Patton's Inn at 18 Sept 1700-1800 hrs.

12. Adjournment: Motion by Mr. Starnes to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Hanks; motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 1305hrs.

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Vice President
USAWOA Silver Chapter

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Acting Secretary
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