

Fort Polk and JRTC

USAWOA Chapter Luncheon Minutes

4 March 2010 @ Cajun Inn DFAC

1. The event started with the warrant officers retrieving their lunch. Upon completion of the warrant officers finishing their meals, the President Pro-tempore' requested their attention to discuss a few topics.
2. The topics discussed were:
 - a. USAWOA memberships
 - b. Reforming of the USAWOA chapter, Arcadiana.
 - c. Elected Seat Members
 - d. Forming Committees for 7 May 2010 Warrant Officer Call
3. USAWOA membership.
 - a. The President Pro-tempore' challenged all current USAWOA members to seek out fellow warrants that are not currently members and get them to join or renew their USAWOA membership. There was great emphasis put on getting junior warrant officers to become an USAWOA member and joining a local chapter. This could be a great plus to their networking and mentorship development being connected with other warrant officers. So to my senior USAWOA warrant officers members, let us reform the Arcadiana chapter once again into the great chapter it once was and shall continue to be once reformed.
4. Reforming of the Arcadiana chapter.
 - a. The reforming of the Arcadiana chapter is looking promising at the moment. There has been a petition created along with the letter to the Board of Directors (BOD) to reinstate the chapter. The President Pro-tempore' request all USAWOA members to please sign the petition. **The petition is located at building 1944 (1st MEB HQ) at the corner of 15th street and Mississippi Avenue on the second floor. Please as for CW3 Smith if you get turned around within building 1944.** For those who are seeking membership and need help, please shoot me an email at michael.smith10@conus.army.mil. I would like to get the petition, the letter to the BOD, and any new or rejoin application for membership to the Regional Director NLT 17 March 2010. Any and all support will be welcomed.

5. Elected Seat Members.

- a. As the President Pro-tempore', I would like to congratulate the nominated and elected seat member for the Arcadiana chapter once it is reinstated. The mid-south regional director of the USAWOA is looking to swear the president and vice-president in to office during the 7 May 2010, 2nd Warrant Officer Role Call work shop at the Warrior Community Center. The elected seat members are as followed:

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| i. Chapter President - | CW4 Bishop, Steven J. |
| ii. Chapter Vice-president - | WO1 Fenison, Jeremy W. |
| iii. Chapter Secretary - | CW2 Knighton, Carl K. |
| iv. Chapter Treasure - | CW2 Caldwell, lfe F. |
| v. Chapter Asst. Treasurer - | WO1 Lyons, Nicholas L. |

Once again, please congratulate our Arcadiana chapter elected seat members when you see them. Their service to the JRTC & Fort Polk area USAWOA chapter will be appreciative.

6. Committees for 7 May 2010 Warrant Office Workshop.

- a. It has been identified that there will be a need for a couple of committees to manage some of the key aspects of the event as it draws closer. Some of these aspects are the room setup at the Warrior Community Center, the setting up of the USAWOA application table; the setting up of the USAWOA memorabilia table; food coordination setup; coordination of VIPs arrival, stay, and departure; and any other aspects that may arise. Let us make this a memorable event in the history of JRTC & Fort Polk and the surrounding area.

7. Closing.

- a. The President Pro-tempore' would like to thank everyone for their support and time in the reinstatement and reforming of the USAWOA chapter, Arcadiana, here at JRTC & Fort Polk and surrounding community. The next meeting time and location shall be announced at a later date.