



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

20 DECEMBER 2007

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

- 1. Call to Order:** A quorum was verified and President Michael Gamble called the meeting to order at 1205 hrs. Total present 23.
- 2. Opening Ceremony.**
  - a. Pledge of Allegiance: Recited.
  - b. Welcome visitors and recognize first time attendees: The President recognized W01 Gregory Olivo, CW3 Worner Heath, W01 James Raby, CW4 Jesse McCoy and CW5 Nobles.
  - c. Recognize those deserving special recognition: Brooke Finkenbinder and Tahjar Roamartinez announced their promotion to CW2.
  - d. Recognize those in distress: CW2 Shealeana Stewart announced her mother is hospitalized on life support and ask for prayer.
- 3. Secretary's Report:** Approved; 15 November 2007 Meeting Minutes.
- 4. Treasurer's Report:** Approved; 1-30 November 2007 Treasurer's Report.
- 5. President's Report:**
  - a. Encouraged solid support for Habitat for Humanity, Trash-off and Nursing Home Christmas game night.
  - b. Read Card of Appreciation from the family of 1LT Tom Martin, Mid-South Regional Director son who was killed in Iraq. The Silver Chapter donated \$150 to a Tom Martin Scholarship Foundation.
  - c. Read Thank You Card from the Warrant Officer Heritage Foundation for the Silver Chapter \$250 donation to construct a Memorial to Fallen Warrant Officers in the National Museum of the US Army, Fort Belvoir, VA.
  - d. All AKO/DKO users are asked to be vigilant in combating phishing attacks. Users are reminded that AKO/DKO will never solicit personal or account information by mass email. Recent examples include emails appearing to be from AKO and from commercial sources such as Bank of America.

**6. Vice President Report:** Discussed 8 December 2007 Trash-off and extended appreciation for all who participated. The VP Anita Dickens presented Certificates of Appreciation to CW5 Weist and CW4 Betancourt for their family members participation in the Trash-off. The VP recommended that the next Trash-off should occur April 2008.

**7. Committee Report:**

- a. **Entertainment Committee;** none.
- b. **Scholarship and Sponsorship Committee;** none.
- c. **Membership Committee;** none.
- d. **Welfare Committee;** CW5 Weist announced 6 January 2008 as the next Habitat for Humanity project day. Also, he reminded everyone about the Indian Oaks Nursing Home Christmas Outreach starting at 1800 hrs, 20 December 2007.
- e. **Recruitment and Mentorship Committee;** CW3 Rucker issued a challenge to all members to bring other warrant officers, retirees and WO candidates in specific MOS branches to WOA meetings.
- f. **Retiree and Veterans Affairs Committee;** Mr. Willie Starnes asked members to read about upcoming veterans health-care and pay problems.
- g. **Website Committee;** CW2 Finkenbinder announced that the new Silver Chapter Website is ready and give him any feedback you may have about the site.
- h. **Memorabilia Committee;** W01 Travis Martin raffled a WOA bag to Mr. Kevin Johnson and WOA T-shirts to CW4 Betancourt, Mr. Al Jacobs, CW2 Anita Dickens, CW4 Jesse McCoy and CW2 Tahjar Roamartinez.
- i. **Professional Development Committee;** none.
- j. **Historian;** none.

**8. Unfinished Business:**

- a. The Habitat for Humanity project started on 18 Aug 2007 and will last twelve weeks; As of 20 December, the Silver Chapter has donated a total of 216.2 hours in support of Habitat for Humanity. Group effort total hours are 39.4
- b. Mr. Ed Hays motioned that the Chapter visit/support Veteran's nursing homes during the Christmas season; motioned seconded by CW2 Shealeana Stewart; motion carried. Mr. Ed Hayes motioned to support a Harker Heights nursing home by initially donating \$100 for gifts, followed by a \$15 a month ongoing donation. Also, the Chapter will assist the nursing home with Christmas game night on 20 December from 1830-2030 hours; motioned seconded by CW3 Roy Rucker; motion carried. The Welfare Committee will manage the nursing home event and track monthly donations.
- c. Ms. Sherry Giarrusso motioned to appoint a special committee to explore new Chapter monthly meeting locations; motioned seconded by CW3 James Davis; motion carried. CW2 Shealeana Stewart, CW2 Almonte Smith and CW2 Bobby Etheridge volunteered for the special committee. CW2 Shealeana Stewart recommended a couple of off-post restaurants as a possible WOA meeting place. CW2 Etheridge and CW2 Smith will present their finding during the next WOA meeting.

**10. New Business:**

- a. Mr. Al Jacobs motioned to add a web page to the Silver Chapter's Website for employers to submit job advertisements for warrant officer skills; seconded by Mr. Willie Starnes; motion carried. The Retirees /Veterans Affairs Committee will take on the responsibilities for jobs web page. Mr. Ed Hayes, Mr. Al Jacobs and Mr. Kevin Johnson volunteered to join the Retiree/Veterans Affairs Committee and assist with the jobs web page project.
- b. Mr. Al Jacobs motioned to cancel January 2008 WOA meeting; seconded by Mr. Ed Hayes; motion carried.

**11. Announcements:**

- a. The next Chapter meeting is scheduled for 21 February 2008 at Sportsman's Center.
- b. The Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for 18 February 2008 at Sportsman's Center.
- c. Don't forget the Harker Heights Nursing Home Christmas game night event tonight at 1800 hrs.
- d. Wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Also, please be safe during this holiday season.

12. **Adjournment:** Chapter President adjourned meeting at 1255 hrs, after all Chapter business was completed.

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