



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

15 NOVEMBER 2007

SUBJECT: Minutes of Meeting, USAWOA, Fort Hood Silver Chapter, 15 NOV 2007

1. **Call to Order:** A quorum was verified and President Michael Gamble called the meeting to order at 1205 hrs. Total present 34.
2. **Opening Ceremony.**
 - a. Pledge of Allegiance: Recited
 - b. Welcome visitors and recognize first time attendees: The President recognized CW2 Almonte Smith, CW2 Bobby Etheridge, W01 Steve Page, W01 Dwight Rhodes, CW2 Makilutiva, Mputu, W01 Jinez Font, Ms. Sherry Giarrusso, CW3 Charles Bartz, Mr. Donald Walker, CW2 John Williams, SPC Joshua Graham, SSG Quentinn Marsh, SFC Thomas Neumayr, SFC Giac Ly and CW4 Paul Orthel.
 - c. Recognize those deserving special recognition: none
 - d. Recognize those in distress: CW5 Albert Bamsch underwent shoulder surgery.
3. **Secretary's Report:** 25 October 2007 Minutes were approved.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Mr. Michael Weist reported the following: Beginning balance as of 01 October 2007; Bank checking account (\$5017.95), petty cash (\$25.00), and memorabilia value (\$581.50), total \$5624.45. Monthly debits included WO Social Cake reimbursement check #1126 (-\$17.48), Erroneous withdrawal (-\$100.00) and Erroneous purchase (-\$22.94), debit total of -\$140.42. Monthly credits included Memorabilia Cash (\$154.00). Ending balance as of 30 October 2007; Bank checking account (\$5031.52), petty cash (\$25.00), and memorabilia value (\$ 461.50), overall total of \$5518.02, Approved.
5. **President's Report:**
 - a. The President encouraged solid support for Habitat for Humanity, Mentorship Outreach at the Patton's Inn, After-hours Social and Trash-off.
 - b. CW3 Marsh Kelly-Evans was presented a Certificate of Appreciation for her well-done professional development presentation in support of the Mentorship Outreach. The Mentorship Outreach turned out to be very successful. Approximately 20 candidates and ten warrant officer mentors attended.

- c. Silver Chapter Members, CW5 Michael Weist, WO1 Travis Martin and CW4 Michael Gamble volunteered to support Harker Heights Lodge 246 Youth Club Leader with a Veteran's Day Parade Float. Members assisted with float preparation and passed out flags to spectators. It was as proud and honorable way to observe Veteran's Day. The Harker Height Lodge Float won a first place award as the Best Parade Float.
- d. The President presented Certificates of Appreciation in support of the Quarterly Trash-off to the family member of WO1 Brooke Finkenbinder and Mr. George Niebler.

6. Vice President Report: none

7. Committee Report:

- a. **Entertainment Committee;** CW3 James Davis announced he will get a price quote for a WOA banner.
- b. **Scholarship and Sponsorship Committee;** none
- c. **Membership Committee;** CW3 James Davis greeted first time attendees with membership application.
- d. **Welfare Committee;** CW5 Mike Weist announced 158.6 hrs was donated in support of Habitat for Humanity.
- e. **Recruitment and Mentorship Committee;** CW3 Roy Rucker introduced three WO candidates attended WOA meeting.
- f. **Retiree and Veterans Affairs Committee;** none
- g. **Website Committee;** WO1 Brooke Finkenbinder announced the new Silver Chapter Website will be online by 01 December 2007.
- h. **Memorabilia Committee;** CW3 Rucker won carry bag raffle
- i. **Professional Development Committee;** none
- j. **Historian;** none

8. Unfinished Business:

- a. Ms. Johngeline Abernathy motioned to support Habitat for Humanity. The project started 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. As of 15 November, the Silver Chapter has donated a total of 158.6 hours in support of Habitat for Humanity.
- b. 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. Motioned made by W01 Lopez to provide the Chapter with more information on the banner. Motioned seconded by W01 Durbin. The Membership Committee will provide the Chapter with banner price quotes.
- c. W01 Brooke Finkenbinder motioned to conduct the next Trash-off on 8 December; motion seconded by CW3 Robin Shilling.

- d. CW3 James Davis motioned to donate \$150 in honor of 1LT Tom Martin, the WOA South Region Director's son; motioned seconded by CW3 Roy Rucker. A donation of \$150 was sent to the Tom Martin Memorial Scholarship Foundation.
- e. CW3 James Davis motioned to donate \$250 for a USAWOA memorial to be placed in a new Veteran's museum to be built in Fort Belvoir, VA; motioned seconded by CW2 Shealeana Stewart. A donation of \$250 was sent to support the construction of a National Museum/Warrant Officers Heritage Foundation.
- f. Mr. Ed Hays motioned that the Chapter visit/support Veteran's nursing homes during the Christmas season; motioned seconded by CW2 Shealeana Stewart; 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. The Welfare Committee will manage the nursing home event and track monthly donations.

10. New Business:

- a. Ms. Sherry Giarrusso motioned to appoint a special committee to explore new Chapter monthly meeting locations; motioned seconded by CW3 James Davis. CW2 Shealeana Stewart, CW2 Almonte Smith and CW2 Bobby Etheridge volunteered for the special committee.

11. Announcements:

- a. Mr. Ed Hayes briefed the Chapter about the availability excess Class IX parts on Fort Hood. He introduced personal who can assist units in locating/expediting the shipment of repair parts.
- b. There will be a local community ceremony hosted 24 November, 5 December and 15 December to make wreaths for Soldiers.
- c. The next Chapter meeting is scheduled for 20 December at Sportsman's Center.
- d. The Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for 18 December at Sportsman's Center.
- e. Don't forget the WOA Mentorship and After-hours social; Mingle, network and help shape the future of the Warrant Officer Corps.

12. Adjournment: Chapter President adjourned meeting at 1300 hrs, after all was Chapter business was completed.

Submitted By:

Approved By:

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 Secretary
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