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SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes, USAWOA Fort Hood Silver Chapter, 21 August 2008

1. **Call to Order:** A quorum was verified and President Brooke Finkenbinder called the meeting to order at 1204hrs. Total present, 27.
2. **Opening Ceremony.**
 - a. Pledge of Allegiance: Recited
 - b. Welcome visitors and recognize first time attendees: WO1 Robert Barta, WO1 Patrick Bryant, WO1 Eric Gibbs, CW3 William King and Michael Klopfenstein.
 - c. Recognize those deserving special recognition: The President announced that he may not be at the next meeting, 18 Sept 2008, because his wife is scheduled for delivery on that day.
The President announced, on behalf of Wayne Hamilton, that his wife was doing much better after suffering from a staph infection two months ago.
 - d. Recognize those in distress: The President read a note from Wayne Hamilton that he had injured one of his eyes which caused injury to his other eye and that he has been directed by his doctor not to drive for at least two weeks.
3. **Secretary's Report:** Approve 17 July 2008 Meeting Minutes. Approved
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Approve 1-30 July 2008 Treasurer's Report. Approved.
5. **President's Report:**
 - a. Announce the Annual Meeting of the Members this year in Maryland from 20 Oct – 24 Oct 2008.
The President read the National President's Letter to the chapter. He said that when he gets more information about the proxies that he will inform the rest of the chapter. Vice President CW3 James Davis announced that he has been recommended as the new Mid-South Region Director by the current Mid-South Region Director, CW4 Candis Martin. This will be voted on at the Annual Meeting of the Members. He asked everyone to make sure their memberships were up to date so they could vote in the upcoming elections during the Annual Meeting of the Members.
 - b. Chairpersons and co-chairperson for committees. CW3 Pete Munoz volunteered as the chairperson for the Entertainment committee, Ed Hayes volunteered as the co-chairperson for the Memorabilia and Awards committee and CW4 James Stapleford volunteered as the co-chairperson for the Website committee.

- c. CW4 Nicole Woodyard hosted an extended meeting of the Silver Chapter in Iraq. It was held on Sunday, 27 July, 2008 at 0730hrs at the Marez DFAC VIP room and the guest speaker was CW2 William "Bill" Smock. Pictures will be posted to the internet and an article will be sent to the Newsliner.
The President announced the extended meeting, showed the flyer and announced that he sent the flyer and a picture to the Newsliner.

6. Vice President Report:

The Vice President mentioned that he talked with CW2 Anita Dickens and that the Trash-Off was a success.

7. Committee Reports:

- a. **Entertainment Committee;** Talked about how well Dell Diamond went. Other members thanked him and his family for their efforts in executing this successful event.
- b. **Scholarship & Sponsorship Committee;** Scholarship check present to Herb Gately for Matthew Gately. Matthew Gately wasn't able to attend this month's meeting but will be at next month's. The check was needed to buy book for the start of school. Herb Gately announced that Matthew currently has a 3.0GPA and is studying bio-chemistry.
- c. **Membership Committee;**
- d. **Welfare Committee;**
- e. **Recruitment & Mentorship Committee;**
- f. **Retiree & Veterans Affairs Committee;** Willie Starns announced
- g. **Website Committee;** www.ewaservices.com/fthoodwoa/default.asp
- h. **Memorabilia Committee;**
- i. **Professional Development Committee;**
- j. **Historian;**
- k. **Special Committee to research new Chapter meeting location;** CW4 Paul Orthel announced that he was in contact with DPW and was told we could lease a building. MWR suggested a room that was about the same size as the Sportsmen's Club. He'll continue to research.

8. Unfinished Business:

- a. Mr. Ed Hayes motioned to support the Dell Diamond Sporting Event with a purchase of 33 tickets; seconded by Mr. Wayne Hamilton; motion carried.

John Hanks motioned to lay on the table the Dell Diamond Sporting Event; seconded by Mr. Kenneth Watson; motion carried.

Ed Hayes has worked hard this month in getting this set up. We will get 40 tickets for 17 Aug 2008. We need to discuss transportation, who will be invited to go, and if we will tailgate/cookout or not.

It was decided on that we would bus to the game, invite family members of those deployed and tailgate before the game. The Entertainment Committee will take this project to complete. Ed Hayes motioned for the chapter to donate \$250 for food and cover the cost for fuel in the bus. Second by Al Jacobs; motion carries. CW3 Munoz will receive all e-mails and track numbers. He will also go to the commissary and get all food items. Al Jacobs will assist him. The bus will meet at Harker Heights High School at 1500hrs and will depart at 1530hrs.

Outcome from 17 Aug 08: Despite a few setbacks, this event was successful. At the last minute, the bus provider wanted to charge \$700 for use of the bus. We all decided to just car pool to the game. CW3 Munoz and CW2 Finkenbinder shopped for all food items and was under budget. On the day of the game, CW3 Munoz and his family went down to the stadium early to set up and begin cooking. Most everyone showed up by 1630hrs and was finished eating by 1730hrs. We all cleaned up and were in the stadium by 1800hrs. All had a great time.

Business finished.

- b. Mr. Wayne Hamilton motioned to put a memorial bench at local State Veterans Cemetery; seconded by Mr. Mike Athey; motion carried.

Mr. Wayne Hamilton amended motion to collect money towards a memorial fund. ~~He would donate the initial \$600;~~ seconded by Mr Kenneth Watson; motion carried.

Corrections: Mr. Wayne Hamilton will just be making a donation instead of initial \$600. He will have presentations at the next meeting in June by David Crawford of material and monuments.

Status of committee on plaque selection presented by David Crawford.

Wayne Hamilton will head a special committee to decide on a plaque with design. Mr. Steve Judkins will assist.

The President read a note from Wayne Hamilton stating that he had met with David Crawford and got some details about the color and engraving of the memorial. He will inform the chapter when he returns.

- c. CW3 James Davis motioned to buy a block of Warrant Officer Coins to assist with memorabilia and for general chapter business; not to exceed \$1,800; motion was seconded by CW2 Brooke Finkenbinder; motion carried.

CW3 James Davis amends his motion to have each member that wants coins to bring to the June meeting the number of coins they want and money to purchase; \$5 per coin; also the chapter to buy a block to support memorabilia; motion carried.

Status of quote by Mike Athey from Korean vendors.

Mike Athey not at the July meeting, tabled until next meeting.

Mike Athey not at the August meeting. The President passed around another coin design that he got from CW4 Nicole Woodyard. When Mike Athey returns with the first coin we will do a comparison. Tabled until next meeting.

- d. Trash-off on 09 Aug 08. Al Jacobs motioned meal be paid for by the chapter, CW3 Davis second; motion carried. E-mail will be sent out with details for event.

Trash-Off Outcome: This quarter's Trash-Off was a success. There were 21 people in attendance and 25 bags of trash collected. Breakfast was paid for by the chapter.

Business finished.

9. New Business:

- a. Scholarship Award check presentation to Herb Gately for his son, Matthew.

Presented.

- b. The Dishonesty Bond is up for renewal 5 Sept 08. Do we want to continue this?

Willie Starnes motioned to find out if it is a requirement either through the association or through MWR. Herb Gately seconded; motion carried. The President will research to see if the Dishonesty Bond is needed.

- c. (Mike Athey) Discuss setting aside a day to invite in all the vendors that have contacted us in the past year. We could put out the word and let the vendors show their wares. If it gets big enough we could even sell food and turn it into a money maker for the chapter.

Mike Athey not at the Aug Meeting.

- d. (Paul Habhab/Anita Dickens) During the trash off a lady stopped by from the River Hollow Farm to say she wanted to sponsor us during trash off days (parking, refreshments) etc.

When Paul sent the e-mail, he stated the he and Anita didn't think it was a good idea and several members of the chapter agreed with them. Non-issue.

- e. (James Davis) Golf Tournament.

CW3 James Davis asked John Hanks to volunteer to put a Golf Tournament together once again, but John Hanks said that he just couldn't at this time. John told James that he would send him all the stuff he has from the last Golf Tournament so he could start working on getting sponsors and reservations. John said it takes about 6 months to put together a Golf Tournament. He suggested getting assistance from Andy Rice.

Al Jacobs suggested starting a new committee, Fundraising. He will draw up the specifics for the committee and bring to the next meeting.

- f. (Paul Habhab) Add Warrant Officer belt buckle to memorabilia. Cost is \$10, can sell for fund raiser for \$15. Must act on this in the next 3 months.

The President passed around the picture of the belt buckle. Several members showed off the belt buckle they were wearing and several others said they would buy one if the item was added to the memorabilia.

- g. (John Hanks) A quick spiel by Pikes Peak Cargo Secure, Inc. about their new type of cargo tie downs. Those interested in a hands-on demonstration can go to the Regional Training Site Maintenance (RTSM), on the corner of 72nd and Support Ave, directly after the meeting. <http://www.pikespeakcargosecure.com/index.php>.

A representative from Pikes Peak Cargo Secure, Inc. spoke briefly about the product and passed out booklets to those that would not be able to attend the hand-on demonstration.

10. Special Event:

- a. Present Certificates of Appreciation. None.

11. Announcements:

- a. The next Chapter meeting is scheduled for 18 Sept 2008 at the Sportsman's Center.
- b. The Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for 15 Sept 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:** The President adjourned the meeting at 1255hrs after all official business was finished being conducted.