



United States Army Warrant Officer Association
Fort Hood Silver Chapter
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21 FEBRUARY 2008

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

1. **Call to Order:** A quorum was verified and President Michael Gamble called the meeting to order at 1200 hrs. Total present 36.
2. **Opening Ceremony.**
 - a. Pledge of Allegiance: Recited.
 - b. Welcome visitors and recognize first time attendees: The President recognized CW2 James Kurth, CW2 Kevin Jenkins, WO1 Ryan Hammons, CW4(R) Charles Cummings, CW4 Mark Rademancher and CW2 Brian Geschke.
 - c. Recognize those deserving special recognition: David Temple announced his promotion to CW2; CW3(R) Wayne Hamilton announced his past bout with cancer and encouraged more support/communication with the retired warrant officer community.
 - d. Recognize those in distress: CW2 Shealeana Stewart give the Chapter an update on her mother ailing medical condition. On behalf of the Chapter, VP Anita Dickens sent out a get well card to CW2 Stewart's mother. CW3(R) Hamilton announced death of CW4(R) Rolf Jones, Kempner TX.
3. **Secretary's Report:** Approved; 20 December 2007 Meeting Minutes. No Chapter meeting was conducted for January 2008.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Approved; 1-31 December 2007 & 1-31 January 2008 Treasurer's Reports.
5. **President's Report:**
 - a. Encouraged solid support for Habitat for Humanity, Trash-off and WO Mentorship Program.
 - b. The Indian Oaks Living Center (Nursing Home Christmas Party Outreach) Harker Heights was big a success. Over 40 volunteers, which include WOA members, family members and guests donated gifts, snacks, games and their personal time. The volunteers helped the Fort Hood Silver Chapter donate approximately 128 hours in support of the Nursing Home Outreach. The President, VP and Welfare Committee Chairperson presented Certificates of Achievement to volunteers.
 - c. Recommended the Chapter election for 2008 to be pull back to 16 May; as a result of Chapter official's upcoming deployment windows. Also, recommend a special committee to be established to conduct the upcoming Chapter's election.

- d. ACAP (Army Career Alumni Program) Express, scheduled to launch Feb. 28, will give Soldiers, their Families and Civilians a jump start on new careers as they retire or separate from the Army. For example, the new online program will allow Soldiers, who are on deployment or living in remote locations, to begin planning for their future careers earlier than normal. Before ACAP Express, Soldiers had to come to an ACAP Center to receive services they will now be able to obtain online. Any Soldier on active duty, having at least 180 days of continuous active service, and separating within one year or retiring within two years, is eligible for the services.
- e. Referral Pay Doubled for Army Retirees - In a pilot program, the U.S. Army has doubled bonuses to \$2,000 for soldiers in all Army components, Department of the Army civilians, and Army retirees who refer someone with no prior military experience to the Army Referral System. The bonus is paid in two lump sums. The first half is paid when the referred soldier begins basic training, and the second half is paid after the soldier graduates from one-station unit training or advanced individual training. To make a referral, call (800) 223-3735, ext. 6-0473.

6. Vice President Report: Recommended the next Trash-off possible date of 5 April.

7. Committee Report:

- a. **Entertainment Committee;** CW3 James Davis announced WOA members network at Patton Inn, 21 Feb, 1700 hrs
- b. **Scholarship & Sponsorship Committee;**
- c. **Membership Committee;** CW3 James Davis greeted first time attendees and hand out membership applications.
- d. **Welfare Committee;** CW5 Mike Weist updated the Chapter on the Habitat for Humanity project.
- e. **Recruitment & Mentorship Committee;** Support Mentorship Outreach
- f. **Retiree & Veterans Affairs Committee;**
- g. **Website Committee;** www.ewaservices.com/fthoodwoa/default.asp
- h. **Memorabilia Committee;** WO1 Travis Martin raffled or sold 15 ea WOA T-shirts and 10 ea hats.
- i. **Professional Development Committee;**
- j. **Historian;**

8. Unfinished 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. CW2 Stewart recommended three new meeting locations 20 December 2007. No updated as of 21 February 2008.

10. New Business:

- a. The VP will publish a Trash-off date via email and Chapter website.
- b. CW4(R) James Stapleford motioned to move the Chapter's elections to 16 May; seconded by Ms Sherry Giarrusso; motion carried.

- c. CW2 Shealeana Stewart motioned to establish a special committee to conduct the May 2008 Chapter's election; seconded by CW3 James Davis; motion carried. CW2 David Temple and Ms Sherry Giarrusso volunteered for election special committee.
- d. Ms Giarrusso motioned to end the Indian Oak Nursing Home \$15 a month donation and give one lump some donation; seconded by Mr Herbert Gately; motion carried; Ms Giarrusso motioned to rescind the motion; motion rescinded.

CW5 Mike Weist motioned to table the Oak Nursing Home donation discussion; seconded by Mr Ed Hayes; motion carried

- e. The President asked for any ideas or suggests for new upcoming Chapter events. CW4 Cotton recommended supporting Orphanages or Boys & Girls Clubs. No other suggestions were recommended.

11. Announcements:

- a. Mr Herbert Gately announced that the community Parks & Receptions Activities needs volunteer coaches for kids.
- b. The next Chapter meeting is scheduled for 26 March 2008 at Sportsman's Center.
- c. The Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for 24 March 2008 at Sportsman's Center.
- d. Don't forget the Mentorship Outreach and WOA comradeship at the Patton's Inn at 1700-1800 hrs.

- 12. **Adjournment:** The Chapter President adjourned meeting at 1305 hrs; after all Chapter business was completed.

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