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Fort Hood Silver Chapter
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SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes, USAWOA Fort Hood Silver Chapter, 19 June 2008

1. **Call to Order:** A quorum was verified and President Brooke Finkenbinder called the meeting to order at 1155 hrs. Total present, 11.
2. **Opening Ceremony.**
 - a. Pledge of Allegiance: Recited
 - b. Welcome visitors and recognize first time attendees: None
 - c. Recognize those deserving special recognition: CW2 Galloway was in attendance with her new baby daughter. Congratulations were once again announced.
 - d. Recognize those in distress: Mr. Wayne Hamilton's wife had to go to the hospital on 19 June 08 and he was unable to attend the meeting.
3. **Secretary's Report:** Approved 15 May 2008 Meeting Minutes.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Approved 1-30 May 2008 Treasurer's Report.
5. **President's Report:**
 - a. The President discussed the previous month's elections and the start of a great year.
 - b. The President discussed the Habitat for Humanity project; 283 Chapter hours donated; showed the Certificate of Appreciation presented to the chapter by Habitat for Humanity at the 50th dedication.
 - c. Rosemary McDowell discussed the Fort Hood Silver Chapter Scholarship Award Program:

Scholarship Committee Analysis

One of the key characteristics of being a Warrant Officer is attention to detail.

This scholarship is for the dependants of any Active Silver Chapter member and it is the dependents responsibility to prepare and submit their application. But let me remind you that when you sponsor someone, their application carries your name. It tells me you have reviewed their application to ensure their best foot is put forward and that time and care was taken to submit a good product. "The meticulous attention to detail of a Warrant Officer."

We have two applicants.

Candidate #1: Has submitted the required documentation for applying. Determining the quality of the essay is subjective and if there was more than one qualified applicant this would not be the number one choice.

I say this to ensure that for the record when we award the scholarship that it is awarded based on the candidate's academic drive and the motivation of the individual to apply. The scholarship is available to all qualified dependents and if no one else takes the time to fill out the paperwork and apply then why not give it to the candidate that made the effort.

Candidate #2: Has submitted the required documentation for applying. She has maintained an outstanding GPA and has strong letters of recommendation. She is currently working in a research lab and is a part time graduate student.

- Candidate is not "under the age of 23" (she is 23)
- Not sure if candidate is able to attend the "University on a full time basis" due to finances.
- Candidate did not submit a "500" word essay but it did "describe her goals and any special circumstances that would impact the applicant's chances of attending college."

It was decided that because candidate #2 was outside of the age restriction that the scholarship would go to candidate #1. A letter will be drafted up by the scholarship committee.

6. Vice President Report:

- a. The Chapter was presented with the Warrant Officer Heritage Support streamer. The President and Vice President attached it to the guidon.
- b. The Vice President passed around the Warrant Officer coin for discussion later about it being added to the memorabilia fund.

7. Committee Report:

- a. **Entertainment Committee;**
- b. **Scholarship & Sponsorship Committee;** above
- c. **Membership Committee;**
- d. **Welfare Committee;**
- e. **Recruitment & Mentorship Committee;**
- f. **Retiree & Veterans Affairs Committee;**
- 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;**

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.

Ed Hayes said he would have more information next meeting.

- 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.

David Crawford and an assistant came in May to show examples of the different stones. They also passed out sheets with the different styles of plaques and prices for the different stones for the plaques. Since Wayne Hamilton is the lead on this but was not able to attend the meeting, it was motioned by Ed Hayes to form a special committee to decide on an option for the plaque, committee members of Wayne Hamilton and Ed Hayes; seconded by Mike Athey; motion carried.

- c. CW5 Mike Weist motioned to purchase a \$250.00 or less Chapter table banner; seconded by Mr. Ed Hayes. The Chapter agreed by majority to the purchase a cloth table banner; motion carried. Need to find a replacement for CW5 Mike Weist to continue this motion.

The banner was delivered to the house of CW5 Mike Weist and will be picked up by Willie Starnes. It will be at the next meeting.

- d. 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.

Mike Athey volunteered to take the coin on his next trip to Korea to find out if it can be made there for a cheaper price. He will report his findings at the next meeting.

9. New Business:

- a. Paul Habhab volunteered as Treasurer and CW2 Brandy Galloway volunteered as Secretary. Both took the Oath of Office.
- b. Rosemary McDowell volunteered to stay on as Scholarship & Sponsorship Committee. Ed Hayes volunteered for the Recruitment and Mentorship Committee. Willie Starnes volunteered for the Retiree/Veteran Affairs Committee.

10. Special Event:

- a. The President presented Certificates of Appreciation from the previous President; Ed Hayes for his support at the Nursing Home Outreach. Rosemary McDowell for her support as committee chairperson during his term.

The McDowell family for their support at the Trash-Off.

11. Announcements:

- a. The next Chapter meeting is scheduled for 17 July 2008 at the Sportsman's Center.
- b. The Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for 14 July 2008 at Sportsman's Center.
- c. Don't forget the WOA Comradeship huddle at the Patton's Inn at 17 July 1700-1800 hrs.

12. Adjournment: The Chapter President adjourned the meeting at 1250 hrs; after all Chapter business was complete.