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SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes, USAWOA Fort Hood Silver Chapter, 20 November 2008

1. **Call to Order:** A quorum was verified and President Brooke Finkenbinder called the meeting to order at 1144 hrs. Total present 18.
2. **Opening Ceremony.**
 - a. Pledge of Allegiance: Recited
 - b. Welcome visitors and recognize first time attendees: CW3 Timothy Parrish, WO1 Jose Rosario and WO1 Charles Coon.
 - c. Recognize those deserving special recognition: CW3 James Davis elected as Regional Director.
 - d. Recognize those in distress:

Update on Paul Habhab's daughter surgery
I found out through HQ that CW4R Fredrick Woodland passed away in June.
3. **Secretary's Report:** Approved 16 Oct 2008 Meeting Minutes.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Approved 1-31 Oct 2008 Treasurer's Report.
5. **President's Report:**
 - a. Annual Meeting of the Members Results by CW3 James Davis.
CW3 Davis reminded everyone how important it is to get votes and proxies in.
 - b. Announce Vice President Election for December meeting.
 - c. Trash-Off (Dec 6 08 or Dec 13 08).
Everyone agreed on 13 Dec 08. An e-mail will be sent out notifying everyone of the time and place.
 - d. Historian co-chairperson, only position left.
John Hanks volunteered as co-chair for Historian.
 - e. According to the By-Laws, "ARTICLE VII – AMENDMENTS, SECTION 1. BY-LAWS: The Chapter By-Laws will be reviewed annually." Update from Mike Howell, Mike Athey, Ed Hays and Wayne Hamilton.

By-Laws have been reviewed and recommend no changes. President will update and post to the web soon.

6. Vice President Report:

7. Committee Reports:

- a. **Entertainment Committee;**
- b. **Scholarship & Sponsorship Committee;**
- c. **Membership Committee;** Update your chapter affiliation by calling 800-5USAWOA
- d. **Welfare Committee;**
- e. **Recruitment & Mentorship Committee;**
- f. **Retiree & Veterans Affairs Committee;** COLA raise is coming
- g. **Website Committee;** www.ewaservices.com/fthoodwoa/default.asp
- h. **Memorabilia Committee;**
- i. **Professional Development Committee;**
- j. **Historian;**

8. Unfinished Business:

- a. Mr. Wayne Hamilton motioned to put a memorial 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.

Mr. Hamilton briefed the chapter on the status of the memorial at the local State Veterans Cemetery. He stated the black granite was probably the best way to go; submitting a price tag of \$1890 for the stone, \$150 for the cement pad and \$500 for the wording for a total of \$2540. This was in consultation with Mr. David Crawford who will build and place the memorial at the cemetery. Mr. Hamilton motioned that this be the memorial bench we pursue; seconded by Mr. Starnes. Motion passed. Further discussions centered on funding of the memorial – donations vs. Chapter. It was discussed that Chapter funding may be a problem due to commitments, upcoming events and lack of income ventures. Pledges by

members were discussed with Mr. Hamilton mentioning the amount he original volunteered to pledge and stated a few other had stated they would pledge certain amounts. Mr. Athey motioned to publicize pledging funds by members for three months then revisit (Jan 09) where we stand with funds at the following meeting; seconded by Mr. Munzo, motion passed.

Recommended that a pledge sheet be created and start circulating. A pledge sheet template was received from Mike Howell and passed to Wayne Hamilton for correct information about the memorial.

A pledge table was set up next to the golf tournament fundraiser check in table. Mr. Hamilton set up examples of the memorial, passed out pledge sheets and answered questions about the memorial. Deadline for pledges is the Feb 09 meeting. We will then make a decision on how to proceed with the memorial.

- b. 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.

Mr. Athey returned the Warrant Officer coin and recommended we go back to our original plan because he could not find a vendor in Korea to produce the coins at a lower price. Mr. Davis stated that all can purchase coins from the bulk purchases the Chapter will make.

CW3 James Davis recommended the following changes to the coin design:
-Aviation insignia added to the coin
-Remove "unique number" block and replace with Post or Chapter names to make the coin more marketable to those outside of the Silver Chapter
With HQ approval, CW3 James Davis will order \$200 worth for memorabilia.
HQ approved, just dealing with vendor to get dye cast.

It was recommended by HQ to not deface the eagle and to use sequence numbers.

- c. 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.

A date of 20 November 2008 has been set for this year's Golf Tournament. Andy Rice already has Sponsors rolling in. We will need volunteers for various jobs during the tournament. We will also need volunteers to go out to local businesses for door prize donations.

Raffle tickets handed out with a price of 1 for \$3 and 2 for \$5. Money and stubs will be collected at the beginning of the Nov meeting.

The golf fundraiser event was a successful one for us. We raised a little over \$2,000 and are still waiting on about \$1,000 more to be collected. I would like to thank everyone that helped out in the setup and execution of this successful event. The corporate sponsors also came through big for us and a certificate of appreciation will be sent out thanking them for their support. Also, a big "Thanks" to those that sold/bought the Nintendo Wii raffle tickets. CPT Robert Rowland of the 120th IN BDE was the big winner. Business finished.

9. New Business:

- a. (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.
- b. Al Jacobs suggested starting a new committee, Fundraising. He will draw up the specifics for the committee and bring to the next meeting.
- c. Red Cross Sunshine Fund. Suggested setting aside funds per quarter for Sunshine Fund.
- d. The holiday season is approaching fast. We need to start thinking about Thanksgiving and/or Christmas activities. Past activities are Nursing Home Outreach and Warrant Officers family appreciation Christmas dinner. CW3 Davis motioned that \$100 be donated to three local food pantries, Killeen, Nolanville and Copperas Cove. 2nd by Herb Gately. Motion carried.
- e. December meeting?
There will be a December meeting, Thursday, December 18, 2008 at the Sportsman's Center.

10. Special Event:

- a. Present Certificates of Appreciation. None.

11. Announcements:

- a. The next Chapter meeting is scheduled for 18 Dec 2008 at the Sportsman's Center.
- b. The Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for 15 Dec 2008 at Sportsman's Center.
- c. WOA Comradeship huddle at the Patton's Inn canceled for 20 Nov 08.

12. Adjournment: The Chapter President adjourned the meeting at 1222 hrs; after all Chapter business was completed.

Submitted By:

Approved By:

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