



United States Army Warrant Officers Association
FORT LOWELL - APACHE CHAPTER

- MEETING MINUTES -



NOVEMBER 11, 2019

Meeting called to order at 1800 hours at Brother John's. President Craig Dowdney led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chaplain Bob Ozier provided the Invocation. The Secretary verified a quorum was met.

Guest Speaker:

Senior Advisor Joel Gaines of the Army Explorers Post 5990 had been invited to speak.

"I love talking about this program. We are able to help our kids blossom. The unit is largely youth-led. The youth work within their Chain of Command to make things happen.

We have Cadet Basic Training (CBT) on a weekend in early September - the more experienced cadets teach most of the courses to the new cadets. From that point on, we are involved in community projects, basic military skills training, military sciences, confidence exercises, and outreach in the community.

Our youth wear their uniforms to school on Thursdays. This attaches them to a standard of conduct and hygiene. Some do better than others, but they are still kids. Although we are military based (mostly Army), we're not trying to create soldiers per se. We are developing young leaders by instilling confidence, moral courage, and skills that allow that confidence to be true.

Our youth teach cub scouts and boy scouts on things like safe knife handling, how to put on a tourniquet, how to prepare for an emergency. This month, we are supporting the El Tour de Tucson with parking management and first aid. We've done this for 3 years. We help with school beautification projects in the area. We worked with Comcast Cares in Marana.

Later this year, our youth will go to the range. The unit bought 1000 rounds of 5.56 and 1000 rounds of 9mm as well as a couple of thousand rounds of .22 LR for the younger cadets. On the 16th, we will be teaching the cadets a 6-hour lifesaving course using the MARCH algorithm the Army (and NATO in general) uses now.

In July, we will be hosting 20-ish cadets from the UK. They will be here from 1 July until 21 July - we want to see if we can house them in the Armory for the first week and then move to the scout camp on Mt. Lemmon for the other two weeks. We will need to arrange transportation for activities in town during their third week. We plan to take them to as many of the S. AZ sites as possible. So, we're raising funds and securing logistical support for those activities. This will be our first "Sumer Camp", but if it goes well we may offer it every year.

Thanks again for your interest and enthusiasm about our program. I am grateful for your time. If you or anyone you know would like to help out - even just now and then - with guiding these kids on Saturdays or assisting in any aspect of the program (admin help, etc.), please let me know!"

Secretary's Report:

The October 14, 2019 minutes were read to members present.

Treasurer's Report:

Operating Account Balance as of October 31, 2019: \$7,087.11

Motion to accept was made by Bob Ozier, seconded by Noel Cavazos, accepted unanimously.

President's Report: No Report

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Vice-President's Report:

The previously noted four WO1's were added to our chapter roster as of November 9, 2019. Also, the Regional Training Institute (RTI), Phoenix recently graduated seven WO1s on April 19th. There are five more WOCs in the program scheduled to graduate in April 2020. We look forward to having them join the US Army Warrant Officer Association, Fort Lowell-Apache Chapter.

Unfinished Business:

President Dowdney brought the open nominations for the 2019/2020 officer elections to the floor. CW2 Noel Cavazos had previously been nominated for President. CW4R Harold Lindamood had previously been nominated for Vice President. There were no other nominations from the floor. The nominations were closed. The members were asked for their vote. Both nominations received unanimous acceptance. The President directed the Secretary to cast all proxies for the nominated officers. CW2 Noel Cavazos is elected as President. CW4R Harold Lindamood is elected as Vice President. The swearing in will take place at the December 9th meeting.

A correct W-9 for the "Fort Lowell Apache Chapter US Army Warrant Officer Association" will be signed by the newly elected President after his swearing in has taken place.

Harold Lindamood offered an update concerning the proposed donation towards a "wheelchair accessible" modified golf cart for use by the Southern Arizona Veterans Home. A minimum donation of \$1,000.00 will provide our chapter with nameplate recognition. Harold will attempt to clarify further in upcoming meetings.

New Business:

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by Harold Lindamood, seconded by Bob Ozier, and unanimously accepted.

For the Good of the Order:

The Fort Lowell-Apache Chapter colors were present at the "Massing of Colors and Service of Remembrance" held on Sunday, November 10, 2019. The ceremony was very well run. The special music and speaker were very well received by the attending veterans, their families and friends.

The next meeting will be at 1800 hours on December 9th at BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse, 4270 N. Oracle Rd.

Members Present:

CW2 Noel Cavazos
CW2R John Curtis
CW2R Craig Dowdney
CW4R Harold Lindamood
CW4R Bob Ozier

Guests Present

Mr. Joel Gaines
Mrs. Jean Curtis
Mrs. Donna Dowdney
Mrs. Betty Lindamood
Mrs. Joy Ozier

Total Active Chapter membership = 53; Chapter Member (non-officer) signed proxies = 6

Respectfully Submitted,
CW2R Craig Dowdney
Chapter President

CW2R John Curtis
Secretary