



United States Army Warrant Officers Association
Western Region

FORT LOWELL - APACHE CHAPTER (0222)
Tucson, Arizona



MEETING MINUTES - NOVEMBER 11, 2024

Call to order:

President called the meeting to order at 1800 hours.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all attendees followed by the Invocation.

Officers: President Karl “Scott” McKenzie; Vice President Harold “Lindy” Lindamood; Treasurer Craig Dowdney; Secretary John Curtis

Secretary's Report:

The October 19, 2024, minutes were electronically published on October 8th. Those minutes were reviewed to refresh the attending members' memory. Chuck made a motion to accept, Lindy seconded and the motion was accepted.

Treasurer's Report: None

Medals Committee Report: None

Scholarship Committee Report: None

Vice-President's Report: None

President's Report:

The Ocktoberfest was a roaring success. Scott is in communication with the TIA POC to coordinate the use and maintenance of their Military Lounge for the Christmas exit and January return.

Unfinished Business:

Scott took up the discussion relating to ordering hats for all members. A consensus was formed and Scott was directed to order 6-8 hats for those members who do not already have one.

Bob reminded Chuck that the chapter owed him a shirt. Scott will have Chuck's and Lynda's shirts ordered with their first names and a Quartermaster emblem for Chuck.

The voting for the election of officers continued. Craig Dowdney was unanimously voted in as President. Harold Lindamood was unanimously voted in as Vice President. Scott McKenzie was appointed as Treasurer. John Curtis was appointed as secretary. Official notification will be forwarded to National HQ and the Western Region Director.

Christmas dinner discussion evolved into establishing a new chapter tradition. It was suggested and then agreed that every attendee will bring two (2) gifts, each clearly designated for either a male or for a female. Neither to cost more than \$15.00. Every attendee will draw from the appropriate gift pile.

New Business:

Michael volunteered his experience with the VA Claims process. The most important part with the VA is it is easiest to get their attention if you are reopening your ORIGINAL paperwork. The key is that when you first applied you hopefully entered ALL of your original ailments whether or not you claimed compensation.

Michael continued that if you are reopening your case for either additional work on your original compensated ailment OR one or more of the ailments you listed on the original claim, you should get priority servicing.

Community Affairs:

The annual MOWW Massing of the Colors and Service of Remembrance was held on Sunday, November 3rd at the Tucson Woman's Club, 6245 E Bellevue Street. The Fort Lowell Apache Chapter flag and National Colors were honored and blessed. The music program and keynote speaker were exceptional.

Chapter Members interested in serving on either December 21st or 22nd, or January 3rd, 4th or 5th at the Tucson Int'l Airport Military Lounge are encouraged to let one of the officers know as soon as possible.

Charity: None

Guest Speaker: None

Membership, Recruiting and Retention: Current membership is 39.

Congratulations to CW3 (Ret) Theodore Eckmann for 35 years of continuous membership!

Congratulations to CW3 (Ret) James McPhail for 20 years of continuous membership!

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by Michael and seconded by Bob. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 1908 hours. **The next monthly meeting will be 1500 hours on December 7th, at the Lindamood residence, [Address redacted on web version, for privacy].**

CW5 Karl S. McKenzie, Retired
President

CW2 John Curtis, Retired
Secretary

Members Present:

CW5 (Ret) Scott McKenzie
CW4 (Ret) Lindy Lindamood
CW4 (Ret) Bob Ozier
CW3 (Ret) Chuck Cottrill
CW3 (Ret) Michael Turner
CW2 (Ret) John Curtis
CW2 (Ret) Craig Dowdney

Guests Present:

Mrs. Sonja McKenzie
Mrs. Betty Lindamood
Mrs. Joy Ozier
Mrs. Lynda Cottrill
Mrs. Jean Curtis
Mrs. Donna Dowdney

Total Active Chapter Member (non-officer) signed proxies = 5