



FORT LOWELL - APACHE CHAPTER (0222)

Tucson, Arizona 85641

Western Region

US Army Warrant Officers Association



Call to order: President Craig Dowdney called the meeting to order at Teresa's Mosaic Restaurant on January 13, 2025 at 1800 hours.

President: Craig Dowdney

Vice President: Harold "Lindy" Lindamood

Treasurer: Scott McKenzie

Secretary: John Curtis

The Pledge of Allegiance: Said by all.

Secretary's Report: The December 7, 2024 minutes were electronically published on December 22nd. Those minutes were reviewed to refresh the attending members' memory. Mr. Scott McKenzie made a motion to accept, seconded by Mr. Harold Lindamood. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: The closing balance for December 30, 2024 was \$5,262.78.

Medals Committee Report: Mr. Craig Dowdney requested that the "POC" for medals income and purchases be changed to Mr. Scott McKenzie, the current treasurer. Discussion of the labor involved in the completion of the volume of medal orders resulted in Mr. McKenzie making a motion to provide Mrs. Donna Dowdney with some form of payment for her labor. Mr. Michael Turner seconded the motion. Motion passed. The form and amount of payment has yet to be determined.

Scholarship Committee Report: Mr. Scott McKenzie brought copies of the updated scholarship application for review. Mr. McKenzie will send the announcement of our Scholarship program to all of the Army JROTC instructors. Mr. Luis Zamudio and Mr. Lyle Fridlund will continue to serve as our review panel and submit any screened applicants for member meeting approval. Everyone was reminded that as of last year, our scholarships are also open to chapter members' families, whether it's to a full four-year school, community college, trade school, or apprentice program.

Vice-President's Report: None

President's Report: None

Unfinished Business:

Discussion of the recently completed "Exit" and "Return" of Fort Huachuca soldiers utilizing the Tucson International Airport (TIA) military lounge resulted in asking ourselves many questions which will be forwarded to the appropriate TIA coordinator. Their supplies were sufficient for the Exit but ran out before the completion of the Return. We had not given the TIA our approved \$150, however several volunteers witnessed another veteran organization bring the TIA \$1,000 while we were present. Apparently, this wasn't utilized immediately. It was suggested that in the future we purchase and bring in purchased snacks to the military lounge before the next "Exit". After that we would determine the necessity of further purchases for the "Return".

It was also suggested that we ask the businesses that contributed to the lounge refurbishing to continue to sponsor the military lounge with its ongoing role. Lastly, it was suggested that we compile an After Action Report (AAR) that could be provided to the appropriate TIA officials for their knowledge and any positive change.

New Business:

Several members asked about the purchase of a standard business card for our chapter members that would reflect our local chapter information. The members could hand write their information as they wish to share with possible contacts. Mr. Michael Turner said that he would check with USAWOA HQ for standard formatting.

Community Affairs:

Eight chapter members and spouses served a total of 40 hours on December 21st and 22nd. Five chapter members and spouses served a total of a total of 32 hours on January 3rd or 4th resulting in a combined total of **13 volunteers** spending **72 hours** at the Tucson International Airport Military Lounge assisting the Fort Huachuca soldiers.

Charity:

IRONMAN Foundation has selected Sierra Vista (Fort Huachuca) resident Jonathan Carter to participate as a Team IRONMAN Foundation Athlete in the Augusta IRONMAN 70.3 Triathlon taking place in Augusta, GA in September of 2025. Our chapter was approached for a monetary donation. A motion to contribute \$200 was made by Mr. Harold Lindamood, seconded by Mr. Scott McKenzie and approved unanimously.

Guest Speaker: None

Membership, Recruiting and Retention: Current membership is 39.

Adjournment:

Mr. Fridlund made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Curtis. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 1900 hours. **The next monthly meeting will be held at 1800 hours on February 10th, at The Black Bear Diner, 6095 E Broadway Blvd, Tucson, AZ 85711.** It was also decided to return to Teresa's Mosaic for the March 10th meeting and then meet at the Cattle town Steakhouse in April. This will allow all members to coordinate their calendars.

CW2 Craig C. Dowdney, Retired
President

CW2 John Curtis, Retired
Secretary

Number of Members Present: 6

Number of Proxys Present: 5

Number of Guests Present: 6