

# LORD FAIRFAX "SILVER" CHAPTER United States Army Warrant Officers Association 462 Herndon Parkway, Suite 207, Herndon, VA 20170-5235

#### 13 JAN 2016

**Call to Order:** President CW5 Phyllis Wilson presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 1740 hours on 13 Jan 2016, at the Fort Belvoir Golf Club. A quorum was confirmed as being present or represented by proxy.

**President**: CW5 Phyllis Wilson

Vice-President: CW3 Darla Saunders (Excused)

**Secretary**: CW5 Alana M. Kolcun (Excused)

Treasurer: CW5 (R) Richard "Dick" Markle

Ways and Means: CW5 (R) Ron McLendon (Excused)

**The Pledge of Allegiance**: Said by all, followed by a moment of silence for our fallen comrades.

<u>Secretary's Report:</u> The Secretary's Report for the 18 Nov 15 meeting was not available for review. There was no meeting in December 2015.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report for 13 Jan 16, was read by each of the members present. Dick Markle gave a summary of income and expenditures. LFSC members donated a total of \$1,030 for the Holiday Giving (Adopt a Family/Operation Sugar Plum) programs at the USO and Fort Belvoir and Fort Myer Army Community Services and these funds were presented in the forms of DFAS and AAFES gift cards to the organizations early December 2015. Funds were also submitted to the military installation organizations for Thanksgiving baskets totaling \$200. The Chapter presented a check for \$500.00 to the Fort Belvoir Fisher House on December 8, 2015. Funds were received for the Chapter's Jingle Bell Jog in the amount of \$2,153.97. It was motioned by John Scott and seconded by Vikki Hecht that the Treasurer's report be accepted and passed on to record, subject to audit. The motion was carried and the report passed on to record.

#### **Committee Reports:**

- **Adopt-a-Highway:** The project coordinator, CW5(R) Markle, intends to discuss the next roadside cleanup at the February chapter meeting to complete the assigned highway area.
- Ways and Means: The next chapter car wash will be scheduled for April or May 2016.
- Memorabilia Committee: Current inventory of memorabilia is on the back of the Treasurer's report.
- Awards: NSTR
- <u>Membership, Recruiting and Retention:</u> Renewing members are being contacted and thanked for continued participation with the association.

**President's Report:** CW5 Wilson discussed the **Wreaths Across America** (WAA) participation by the Chapter on Saturday, December 12, 2015. Not only did a number of Chapter Members participate (estimated 65

hours of volunteer work) but the Chapter became a sponsor with WAA and raised \$ 3,710.00 for 247 wreaths to be placed at Arlington National Cemetery.

The inaugural LFSC Jingle Bell Jog was held on Sunday, December 13, 2015 and raised \$2153.97. The weekend (December 12-13, 2015) grand total for the LFSC Sponsoring of the Wreaths and 6 Veteran Charities via the Jingle Bell Jog = \$5863.97!! There was a total of 72 volunteer hours involved in the Jingle Bell Jog.

### **Vice President's Report:** NA

#### **Old Business:**

- **1.** OPD John Scott will has coordinated for a Lunch & Learn for 26 February 2016 at the Fort Belvoir Officers Club. Phyllis Wilson will set up the EventBrite information so invitations can be disseminated.
- **2.** WOW July 2016 08 July will be the Golf Tournament. Dick has reserved Friday, 8 July 2016 and recommend that we team up with Veteran Service Organizations (VSO).
- **3.** Oath of Office for Alana Kolcun -signed and submitted to National.
- **4.** Jingle Bell Jog 85 participants and funds determined to be shared as:

A. Team Red White and Blue (Team RWB)

B. Carry the Fallen

C. The 296 Project

D. Allied Forces Foundation

E. Warrior 360

- \$100 (disbursed)

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- \$450 (disbursed)

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F. Wounded Warriors Have FAMILIES Too! - \$450 (disbursed)

TOTAL Donation \$2000 / Volunteer Hours 72 (13DEC15)

5. Wreaths Across America – Funds Raised (247 wreaths)
 6. Donation to Fisher House
 7. Operation Sugar Plum
 3710 / Volunteer Hours 65 (12DEC15)
 500.00 (8DEC15)
 \$1030 / Volunteer Hours 8 (8DEC15)

## **Unfinished Business:**

- **1.** Amy Museum John Scott to research donation amounts.
- **2.** Rebuilding Together Alexandria Saturday, 30 April Chapter confirms intent to participate Dick Markle has been lead organizer for this event for years and asks that we ask for a volunteer to take the lead for this event.

**Community Affairs:** NSTR

**Guest Speaker:** N/A

**USAWOA:** NSTR.

**Announcements:** Chapter meeting will not be held in February rather the Lunch & Learn will be held on 26 February 2016. The March 2016 meeting will be held 23 March 2016.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made to adjourn by Dick Markle and seconded by Vikki Hecht and the Meeting was adjourned at 1917 hours.

Respectfully submitted: Approved:

Alana M. Kolcun CW5, USAR Secretary Phyllis J. Wilson CW5, USAR Chapter President

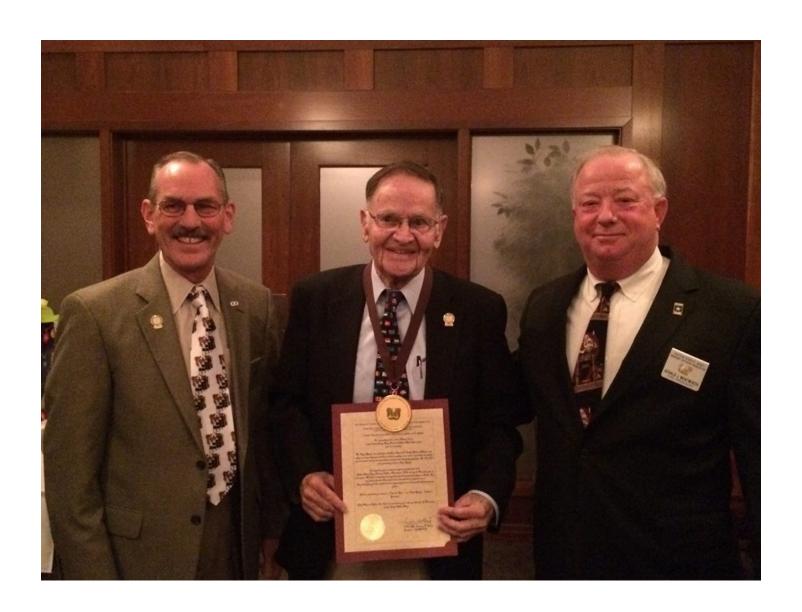
# **Members Present:**

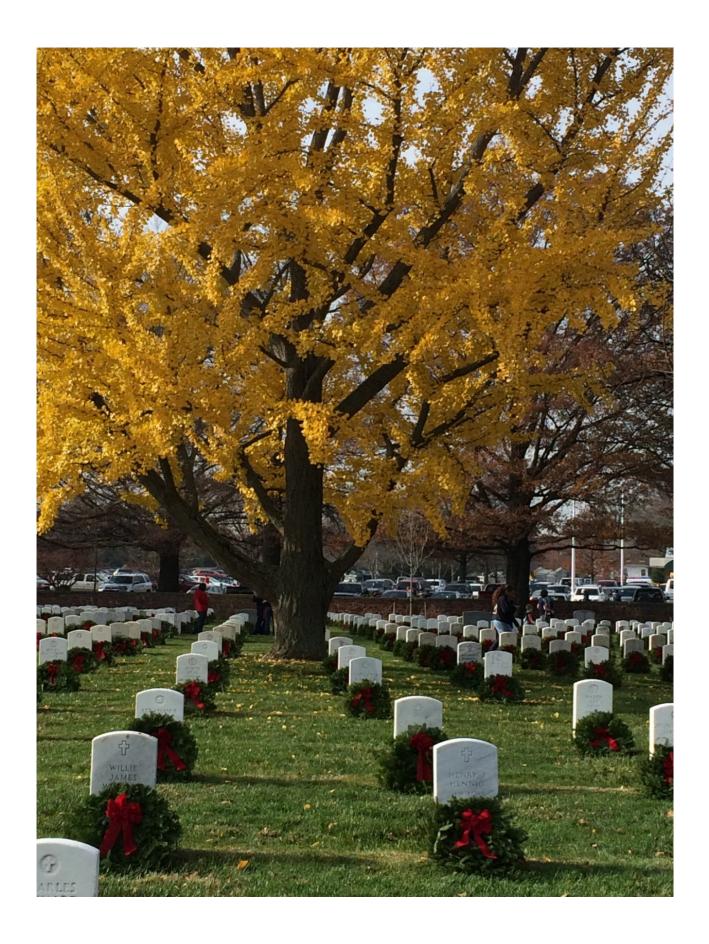
CW5 Phyllis Wilson CW4 Vicki Hecht CW5 (R) Richard "Dick" Markle CW5 Thomas Varney CW4 John Scott





Don Hess receiving an Honorable Order of the Eagle Rising at the Christmas Social!! It was only recently discovered that Don Hess, founder of the US Army Warrant Officer Association, had never received this award.





CW5 Phyllis Wilson, LFSC President, took this photo on Saturday, December 12, 2015 at Arlington National Cemetery as part of the Wreath Across America event. The LFSC Chapter raised money to purchase 247 of the

more than 225 000 wreaths laid at Arlington!



CW3 Joe Hamm (LFSC Chapter) with CW5 (Retired) Candy Martin, Gold Star Mother and US Army Reserve Ambassador – deployed together in the past and - reunited at Arlington National Cemetery for the Wreath Across America events on December 12, 2015.



The Lord Fairfax Silver Chapter hosted a Jingle Bell Jog on December 13, 2105 to raise money for Veteran Service Organizations! We enjoyed the costumes, the kids and the pets!!



In addition to raising more than \$2,000 for 6 Charities that support veterans, the Jingle Bell Joggers also donated 188 pounds of canned goods. The food was delivered to Capitol Area Food Bank in Lorton.



The LFSC donated \$500 to the Fort Belvoir Fisher House in December 2015. The manager has asked us to sand
and repaint the 24 rocking chairs on the front porch in March or April – once the weather warms up!!!