

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

19 OCTOBER 2016

Call to Order: President CW4 John Scott presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 1630 hours on 19 October 2016, at the Fort Belvoir USO. A quorum was confirmed as being present or represented by proxy.

President: CW4 John Scott

Vice-President: CW5 Jon Huntington

Secretary: CW5 Alana M. Kolcun (excused) **Treasurer**: CW5 (R) Richard "Dick" Markle

Ways and Means: CW5 (R) Ron McLendon

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

Secretary's Report: The Secretary's Report for the 17 August meeting was read by each of the members present. It was motioned by CW5 Jon Huntington and seconded by CW4 John O'Donoghue that the meeting minutes be accepted and passed on to record, subject to any necessary corrections. The motions were carried and the report passed on to record. The September scheduled meeting failed to obtain a quorum.

<u>Treasurer's Report:</u> The Treasurer's Report for 15 September 16, and for 19 October was read by each of the members present. CW5 (Ret) Dick Markle gave a summary of income and expenditures. CW5 (Ret) Ron McLendon made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report subject to audit. The motion was seconded by CW5 Jon Huntington. The motion was carried and the report passed on to record.

Committee Reports:

- Adopt-a-Highway: The project coordinator, CW5(R) Markle, reported the next round of highway cleanup is Saturday, 5 November 16, 0900, next to the Mosby Reserve Center (pending weather). Rain date 19 November.
- Ways and Means: CW5 Jon Huntington checked on dates for the next chapter car
 wash. The Potential date is 29, October 2016. To be held at the Reserve Center
 Building 221 on the corner of Gunston and Goethals Road from 0900 to 1400.
 CW5 Ron McLendon will assist.
- Memorabilia Committee: At the August meeting CW5 Alana Kolcun motioned that the Chapter write-off the lanyards, caps and small oak coin holder. CW4 John O'Donoghue seconded the motion and the motion was carried. CW5 Alana Kolcun talked to Mike Danberry regarding the remaining bullet pens.

- Awards: NTR
- <u>Membership, Recruiting and Retention:</u> New member present: CW3 Will Cassada, CW3 Marcus Walden.

President's Report: CW4 John Scott once again addressed the need to establish a list of charities or organizations we want to support financially. There should be no more than four to five along with a ceiling on our giving of no more than \$300 dollars per organization not to exceed a total amount of \$1,500 in any given year. We can't support the world or continue with disorganized giving. CW4 Scott reminded the group that he wants to get others viewpoint on WO issues and how to make the Chapter a success. He feels the future of the WO Cohort is in jeopardy. BL: He likes feedback. Email him. John.a.scott.mil@mail.mil

Vice President's Report: NA

Old/Unfinished Business:

- **1**. Website makeover: CW3 Joe Hamm was unable to attend however he emailed that he has been corresponding with Mike Danberry about redirecting our current site to the new one once it's published. He stated fortunately both he and Mike chose the same hosting company and that should simplify the transition. He stated he planned on pushing the button by the weekend. CW3 William Cassada will take over as the webmaster once the button is pushed. CW3 Cassada will reach out to CW3 Hamm to discuss the new webpage and see what it entails
 - 2. Poker Run (motorcycle ride) Joe Hamm wasn't available to discuss. Planning was pushed back due weather in September. CW5 Alana Kolcun reported heat and rain wasn't conducive to route planning. CW4 John Scott wanted dates locked in. September is too soon given required planning. Additionally, weather will be better in October or later. Draft event plan is due 6 September. Projected Poker Run date 15 October 2016.
 - **3.** WO Social was held at Fair Winds Brewing (7000 Newington Rd, Lorton, VA) from 1630 1830hr on Wednesday, 7 September. For the few that attended it was a good time. Unfortunately only the officers and a few members showed up for a disappointing total of ten members.

New Business:

- 1. Poker Run (motorcycle ride) The Chapter would like to still try to get a ride in before the bad weather. CW5 Thomas Varney and CW3 Marcus Walden volunteered to put together a ride route and ascertain possible dates. CW4 John Scott asked that they get back to him by October 29th.
- 2. WO Social It was decided that the Chapter would hold an informal WO Breakfast Social from 0730-0900, November 18th at the OCAR, Headquarters Cafeteria, 6075 Goethals Rd., Bldg. 1901 Fort Belvoir 22050 (the corner of Constitution Road). CW5 Huntington will coordinate obtaining approval to use the cafeteria. CW5 Varney volunteered to do the coordination for the food. CW5 (Ret) Markle motioned we allocate \$100.00 for this event.

- **3.** CW4 John Scott mentioned the Chapters past participation in December Wreaths across America Arlington National Cemetery (December 17, 2016), and if the Chapter wanted to participate. It was decided that the Chapter would participate in the pickup of the Wreaths in February as this event drew fewer participants then laying the Wreaths.
- **4.** CW5 (Ret) Dick Markle, brought up the Chapter's past participation in the FT. Belvoir, Ft. Meyer's Chaplain funds Thanksgiving Baskets for needy Military families and if the Chapter wished to contribute this year. The Chapter voted to approve the expenditure of \$100.00 dollars to each of the two Chaplain funds for Thanksgiving.
- **5.** CW5 (Ret) Dick Markle, brought up the Chapter past participation in the adopt a Military Child program through the Metro USO and donate AAFES and DECA gift cards to the Ft. Belvoir and Ft. Myers needy families. The Chapter voted to participate.
- **6.** CW4 John Scott brought up the issue of the Chapter deciding on limiting it' charities to four or five and develop a planned program of support. CW4 Scott also brought up the issue of the Chapter establishing a minimum balance that should always be maintained in the treasury. He suggest the amount be \$1,500 after discussion CW5 Huntington made the motion that this be established and was seconded by CW4 John O'Donoghue and voted by the members.
- 7. Golf Tournament the Chapter will once again run a Golf Tournament CW5 (Ret) Dick Market is the Golf Committee Chairman and committee members are CW5 (Ret) Ron McLendon, CW4 Lance Carrington, and CW3 William Cassada. CW4 John O'Donoghue will reach out to the Special Forces Association to see if they would like to participate. Plans for the Tournament are to be presented at the next meeting.
- **8.** WOW 2017 The Chapter needs to start planning now. Picnic/Fun Run. CW5 Huntington will head the Fun Run planning. Cake Cutting (6 or 7 July/need a guest speaker) and volunteer to head this up. Golf Tournament date TBD. CW4 Scott suggested Wednesday, 28 June for the Golf Tournament. No decisions were made.

Community Affairs: NSTR

Announcements: The next chapter meeting will be held on 16 November, at 1630hr. at the Fort Belvoir USO.

<u>Adjournment:</u> A motion was made to adjourn by CW5 (Ret) Dick Markle and seconded by CW5 (Ret) Ron McLendon and the meeting was adjourned at 1800 hours.

Respectfully submitted: Approved:

John A. Scott CW4, USAR Chapter President

Members Present:

CW4 John Scott
CW5 Jon Huntington
CW5(R) Richard "Dick" Markle
CW5(R) Ron McLendon
CW5 Thomas Varney
CW4 John O'Donoghue
CW3 Will Cassada
CW3 Marcus Walden