



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

17 MAY 2017

**Call to Order:** President CW4 John Scott presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 1630 hours on 17 May 2017, 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

**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 19 April meeting was read by each of the members present. It was motioned by CW5(R) Dick Markle and seconded by CW4 John Scott that the meeting minutes be accepted and passed on to record, subject to any necessary corrections. The motion was carried and the report passed on to record.

**Treasurer’s Report:** The 15 May 2017 Treasurer’s Report was read by each of the members present. CW5(R) Dick Markle gave a summary of income and expenditures. The Chapter is in a good financial position. CW5 John Huntington made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s report subject to audit. The motion was seconded by CW4 John Scott. The motion was carried and the report passed on to record.

**Committee Reports:**

**1. Adopt-a-Highway:** The project coordinator, CW5(R) Markle, reported that the next highway cleanup will be this Saturday, 20 May 2017. There is a lot of construction going on in the area of the cleanup. Weather is expected to be good. Participants will meet at 0900hr across from the John Mosby Reserve Center, 8831 John J Kingman Rd, Bldg. 2470 Fort Belvoir, VA 22060 for a quick safety brief.

**2. Ways and Means:** NTR \_\_\_\_\_

**Awards:** NTR

**Membership, Recruiting and Retention:** CW4 John Scott reported that National sends him a list monthly of Chapter members. He emails Soldiers when he receives the list. Membership is steady, no large increases or decreases in members. CW3 Walden mentioned that we have to sell the

'benefits' of being a USAWOA member. At the same time we have to ask Soldiers, "What do you want from the Association?" Members need to be vocal.

**President's Report:** CW4 John Scott suggested that we have a raffle to raise money. He recommended a bed & breakfast or a print by Don Stivers (The Quiet Professional/Let Go!) as the grand prize and solicited the Chapter's feedback. It was noted that we call the event a 'fund raiser' and not a 'raffle' do to Virginia tax regulations. Fund raisers in the past have been successful when conducted in conjunction with another function. It was mentioned that people tend to participate in raffles more often when there are multiple opportunities to win. Therefore we should have multiple prizes (100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary items, shirts, belt buckle, gift cards, etc.). Currently we're looking at selling tickets at the WO birthday cake cutting and picnic. The thought is to do the drawing at the July picnic. Everyone is to bring their grand prize suggestion to the June meeting.

**Vice President's Report:** NTR

**Old/Unfinished Business:**

1. Establish a 2017 calendar of Social and Fund Raising events. NTR.
2. Chapter Website: CW3 William Cassada report that CW3 Joe Hamm setup the webpage last year May. CW3 Hamm initially paid \$100. The current cost is \$220 (\$20 for the website name and \$200 for the GoDaddy website builder tool). The next payment will cover 31 May 2017 to 31 May 2018. CW4 John Scott motioned that we obligate \$220 for the cost of the website. The motion was seconded by CW5(R) McLendon and approved by a majority vote. CW5(R) Markle wrote a check to CW3 Cassada who will pay GoDaddy. CW3 Cassada reported that he added the Chapter minutes to the webpage and still needs to add additional pictures. CW3 Cassada solicited ideas for a sponsor page has suggested by CW5 Kolcun. The group was unable to come to a consensus on the criteria to be considered a "Sponsor". CW5(R) McLendon will take the lead on developing 'sponsorship'.
3. CW5(R) Dick Markle reported on Rebuilding Together Alexandria (RTA). On Saturday 29 April Dick Markle, Ron McLendon, Bill Andrews, Tom Pagano, Ed Clayton, Dan and Alana Kolcun, and Terry Buggs. Work accomplished included building a new ramp, fixing a dining room ceiling, installing a door sweep and door lock, and replacing a mini blind. Dick and Tom will return on Sunday to install a storm door. A thank you letter has been received from RTA.
4. Retiree appreciation luncheon or cocktail reception event. CW5(R) Markle reported his findings on Fiona's Irish Pub, 5810 Kingstown Center. Fiona's has a separate room for groups. There's a minimum of 20 people to use the room. \$15 per person plus tax and gratuity. The other no cost option is meeting in the bar area, however, it can be very loud. The following questions were raised: Would we get enough people? What time? Who is our target audience? CW5 Huntington suggested that we sponsor going somewhere (i.e. a staff ride). Most Chapter members appeared to favor the suggested staff ride over meeting at a local restaurant. CW5(R) Markle suggested Chancellorsville, VA for a staff ride. Everyone is to come back next month with staff ride event ideas.

## 5. WOW 2017 Events:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Golf Tournament: CW5(R) Dick Markle reported that it has been cancelled due to a lack of interest.
  
- WO Birthday Cake Cutting, Friday 7 July, 1130-1400hr at the Fort Belvoir USO, Warrior and Family Center, 5940 9th St., Fort Belvoir, VA 22060: CW4 John Scott reported that he invited:
  - CW4(R) Jack Du Teil, USAWOA's Executive Director
  - CW4 Vickie Carriaga, USAWOA Northeastern Regional Director
  - CW5 Russell Smith, USAR CCWO
  - Mr. Gordon Sumner, PhD, Army Reserve Ambassador.
  - CW5 Phyllis Wilson, Chair of the Army Warrant Officers 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Observance CommitteeIn lieu of having a guest speaker, CW4 Scott is requesting each to invitee to speak.
  
- Chapter Picnic/5K Run, Saturday, 22 July, 0830-1430hr, at Pohick Bay Regional Park, 6501 Pohick Bay Dr, Lorton, VA: CW5 Jon Huntington has confirmed reservation with NOVA Regional Parks. Run is at 0900hr with picnic to follow. The park is currently concerned about the run and the number of participants. CW5 Huntington is working the run details with the park. Discussion pertaining to picnic cost (\$5 members/\$10 nonmembers) was not held. CW3 Cassada will add picnic/run to website.

## **New Business:**

1. Spring Car Wash – Target date 17 June 17: CW3 Walden and CW4 Scott are working the details. CW3 Walden will check tomorrow on use of the National Guard space on Ft Belvoir.
  
2. Chapter support to the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Members (AMM), 4-7 October 2017, Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Washington D.C.: CW4 Scott reported that we need approximately 15-20 volunteers to assist with the event. Some volunteers will escort members from the hotel (Crystal City Marriott) to the metro and other to assist with badges/security. If you're in the military and volunteer to assist with the event you need to take leave. More to follow.
  
3. Professional Development Day: Denise McGann financial advisor for First Command Financial Services was invited to the Chapter meeting for introductions. Denise McGann did not make it prior to the close of the meeting. CW4 John Scott recommended a financial brief in preparation for retirement and the new Blended Retirement System for the Chapter meeting in August. CW5(R) Dick Markle mentioned that Jennette Boulware from Legal Shield had also wanted to provide a presentation to the Chapter.
  
4. Armed Forces Retirement Home – Casino Night, Friday, 28 July, 1800hr, at 140 Rock Creek Church Rd NW, Washington, DC 20011: CW5(R) Dick Markle mentioned that the Armed Forces Retirement Home has received our \$250 donation. Volunteers for the event are to wear a white shirt and black pants. More to follow.

**5. Motorcycle Fun Run/Ride:** CW5 Tom Varney mentioned giving a motorcycle fun run/ride another try on 24 June 17, start time TBD. Starting location would be at the Harley Davidson in Richmond (Richmond HD, 12200 Harley Club Dr, Ashland, VA 23005) and end at the BMW dealership (Morton's BMW, 5099 Jefferson Davis Hwy A, Fredericksburg, VA 22408). Ride is informal. More to follow.

**Announcements:** The next chapter meeting will be held on 21 June 2017, at 1630hr at the Fort Belvoir USO, Warrior and Family Center, 5940 9th St., Fort Belvoir, VA 22060.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made to adjourn by CW4 John Scott and seconded by CW5(R) Ron McLendon and the meeting was adjourned at 1809 hours.

**Respectfully submitted:**

**Alana M. Kolcun**  
**CW5, USAR**  
**Secretary**

**Approved:**

**John A. Scott**  
**CW4, USAR**  
**Chapter President**

**Members Present:**

CW4 John Scott  
CW5 Jon Huntington  
CW5 Alana Kolcun  
CW5(R) Richard "Dick" Markle  
CW5(R) Ron McLendon  
CW5 Thomas Varney  
CW3 Will Cassada  
CW3 Marcus Walden  
CW3(R) Helen Pennington