



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

28 November 2018

Call to Order: President CW5 Jon Huntington presided over the meeting and called it to order at 1705 hours on 28 November 2018, at the Ft. Belvoir Golf Club. A quorum was confirmed as being present or represented by proxy.

President: CW5 Jon Huntington (dial-in)

Vice-President: Vacant

Secretary: CW5 Alana M. Kolcun

Treasurer: CW5(R) Richard “Dick” Markle

Ways and Means: CW5(R) Ron McLendon

Webmaster: CW3 Will Cassada (excused)

Secretary’s Report: The Secretary’s Report for the 17 October 2018 meeting was reviewed by each of the members present. It was motioned by CW5(R) Dick Markle and seconded by CW4(R) Jan Chayt 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 19 November 2018 Treasurer’s Report was reported to the members present. CW5(R) Dick Markle reported two expenditures (\$100 checks that went to the Ft Myer and Ft Belvoir Chaplain's offices for them to purchase Commissary gift cards for needy families for Thanksgiving Day). He also noted that the \$300 obligation for Holiday Giving will not be needed due to overwhelming support/donations from Chapter members and friends of the Chapter. CW5 Alana Kolcun made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s report subject to audit. The motion was seconded by CW4(R) Jan Chayt. The motion was carried and the report passed on to record.

President’s Report: CW5 Huntington thanked everyone for their holiday spirit and support and generous donations. Kudos to all! He expressed it is time to get more people involved in the process (e.g. recruitment). It’s been a great year and the Chapter has done a lot of good things.

Vice President’s Report: N/A

Committee Reports:

1. **Adopt-a-Highway:** The project coordinator, CW5(R) Markle, reported that on 17 November 18 he and CW3(R) Donnie Halsing picked 7 bags of trash in 2.5 hours from the I-95 end of the Chapter's adopted Route 286 (Fairfax County Parkway). It was also CW3(R) Halsing’s 60th Birthday. Volunteer hours: 6 hrs. This is the last Adopt-a-Highway cleanup until Spring.

2. **Ways and Means:** CW5(R) McLendon, Committee Chairman. The next car wash will be in March or April 2019 (weather dependent).

3. **Rebuilding Together Alexandria:** CW5(R) Markle Committee Chairman reported that the next Rebuilding Together Alexandria event will be 27 April 2019. The Chapter is not yet signed up. We'll sign up as soon as possible – February timeframe.

4. **Quarterly Spotlight Article:** The next Spotlight Article will be January 2019. CW5(R) Ron McLendon mentioned that he reached out to Jack Du Teil regarding a BIO for CW5(R) Dave Welch. Sadly, CW5(R) Welch passed away 20 October 2018.

Old/Unfinished Business:

1. Amazon Smiles: Online fundraising option. CW5(R) Markle is looking in to how the Chapter can become a Non-Profit Organization (501c3). NTR.
For more information about the AmazonSmile program, go to <http://smile.amazon.com/about>.

2. Holiday season of giving: CW5(R) Markle reminded the Chapter of holiday season giving events: Operation Sugar Plum (PX and commissary gift cards), Project USO Elf and Ft Meyer gift giving. Money raised will go to these causes. CW5(R) Markle emailed a list of items that Metro USO is looking for (toy wish list and wrapping paper and supplies). This year we will not adopt any children as Metro USO has corporate sponsors for this. From 5-10 December gifts and monies will be delivered. As of 28 November the Chapter had raised \$1275 and 2x PX star reward cards, surpassing 2017 holiday donations.

3. Scheduling activities for 2019 – Chapter and joint events. NTR. We'll reach out to Chapter membership (individually) to garner their interests before fully planning the 2019 calendar.

4. Survey Current Chapter Membership: A component of the Chapter Awareness campaign will be reaching out to Chapter membership. The intent is to better understand what members would like from the Chapter and to plan Chapter events accordingly. CW5 Kolcun drew up a list of questions to ask members and presented it along with her plan to distribute the list of names to call. Those present agreed to reach out to 20-30 members by January's Chapter meeting. CW5 Kolcun will provide questionnaire and names by 5 December.

5. Banner Offer: CW5(R) Mallard will contact CW3(R) John Lipnicky, owner of AbeFlags.net (Web site). His company makes flags, banners, t-shirts, signs and more and would like to donate something. The Chapter feels that a table cover banner (and car wash signs) will best suit Chapter needs at this time.

New Business:

1. CW3(R) Helen Pennington resigned as Chapter Vice President. Due to other commitments she didn't feel she had the time to do justice to the Chapter VP position. The Chapter

discussed a new VP. CW5(R) Mallard volunteered to fill the vacancy. All members present agreed and voted for CW5(R) Mallard as the new Chapter VP. The Oath of Office will be accomplished at the next Chapter meeting (January 2019).

2. Contacts at other Chapters for Joint activities in 2019. CW5 Huntington mentioned that he contacted the Ft Meade Chapter (soon to be). Next, he plans to meet with the Ft Lee Chapter. CW5 Huntington hopes to develop a synergy between the LFSC and other Chapters to combine efforts and partner on events.

3. Arlington cemetery wreaths laying and collection. CW5 Huntington plans to participate in Wreaths Across America 2018 (15 December). Those that are interested in meeting up should email him. Text message will be used the day of the event to coordinate a rally point at Arlington cemetery.

4. CW5 Huntington would like to sponsor other organizations on our webpage. More to follow.

5. Thanks was given to CW4(R) Chayt for bringing holiday cookies to the Chapter. She had individually wrapped bags for the members present. The cookies were most delicious as always. Thank you Jan!

Announcements: The next chapter meeting will be held on 16 January 2019, at 1700hr at the conference room of the Ft. Belvoir Golf Club.

Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn by CW5(R) Markle and seconded by CW4(R) Chayt and the meeting was adjourned at 1755 hours.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Alana M. Kolcun
CW5, USAR
Secretary

Jon J. Huntington
CW5, USA
Chapter President

Members Present:

CW5 Jon Huntington (dial-in)
CW5 Alana Kolcun
CW5(R) Richard "Dick" Markle
CW5(R) Ron McLendon
CW5(R) Eddie Mallard
CW4(R) Jan Chayt

LFSC Calendar:

15 Dec 18 (Sat) – Wreaths Across America

December – No Meeting – Happy Holidays

16 Jan 19 (Wed) – Chapter Meeting 1700hr

09 Feb 19 (Sat) – Breakfast Chapter Meeting (CW5 Kolcun to plan location)

23 Feb 19 (Sat) – Adopt-a-Highway 0900hr

17 Nov 18 Adopt-A-Highway cleanup: CW5(R) Dick Markle (left) and CW3(R) Donnie Halsing (right).

