



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

16 January 2019

Call to Order: President CW5 Jon Huntington presided over the meeting and called it to order at 1704 hours on 16 January 2019, at the Ft. Belvoir Golf Club. A quorum was confirmed as being present or represented by proxy.

President: CW5 Jon Huntington

Vice-President: CW5(R) Eddie Mallard (excused)

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 28 November 2018 meeting was reviewed by each of the members present. It was motioned by CW5(R) Dick Markle and seconded by CW5(R) Ron McLendon 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 14 January 2019 Treasurer’s Report was reported to the members present. CW5(R) Markle reported income from holiday donations and 3rd Qtr USAWOA rebate, Christmas expenditures. He also noted that the \$300 obligation for Holiday Giving was not needed due to overwhelming support/donations from Chapter members and friends of the Chapter. A detailed breakdown of 2018 Holiday Giving is on the backside of the Treasurer’s report. There are no other obligations. CW5(R) Markle noted that the check sent this past summer to AFRH for Casino Night was not cashed. We’ll let the check ride on our books as opposed to canceling which would cost the Chapter money. CW5 Alana Kolcun made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s report subject to audit. The motion was seconded by CW5(R) McLendon. The motion was carried and the report passed on to record.

President’s Report: CW5 Huntington mentioned that by the February Chapter meeting he will be retired and able to focus more on the Chapter. For 2019 he expects that we’ll;

- 1) Do more of the same this year in our Chapter
- 2) Work w/other Chapters especially near the NCR
- 3) Keep up the good work and Keep Recruiting

Lastly, he encouraged everyone to Keep up the good work! and to Keep recruiting! On a side note he mentioned that on March 9th there would be the 38th Annual Fredericksburg Relic Hunter Association Civil War Relic Show should anyone be interested.

<https://www.fredericksburgrelicshow.com/>

Vice President's Report: N/A

Committee Reports:

1. **Adopt-a-Highway:** CW5(R) Markle, Project Coordinator. The next Adopt-a-Highway cleanup is scheduled for 23 February 2019 at 0900hr (weather permitting).
2. **Ways and Means:** CW5(R) McLendon, Committee Chairman. The next car wash will be in March or April 2019 (weather dependent). CW5 Huntington will coordinate the car wash with the National Guard.
3. **Rebuilding Together Alexandria:** CW5(R) Markle Committee Chairman reported that the next Rebuilding Together Alexandria event will be 27 April 2019. CW5(R) Markle has submitted our application to participate. He'll know more in March as to our assigned project.
4. **Quarterly Spotlight Article:** CW5(R) Ron McLendon reported that he had not received BIOs for either CW5(R) Dave Welch or CW5(R) John Scott in order to accomplish a January Spotlight Article. Due to lack of submissions the quarterly Spotlight article is on hold.

Old/Unfinished Business:

1. Amazon Smiles: Online fundraising option. CW5(R) Markle continued to look in to how the Chapter can become a Non-Profit Organization (501c3). CW5(R) Markle reported that a key difference between the a 501c3 and a 501c4 is that a 501c4 (Not for Profit) can actively lobby Congress whereas the 501c3 cannot lobby to the same extent. The mission of the USWOA is advocate for WO issues so converting to a 501c3 would go contra to this mission. For this reason we will remain as a 501c4 and not pursue participating in Amazon Smiles. CW5(R) Markle will however research other Chapters that are participating and how they are doing such.
2. Holiday season of giving: CW5(R) Markle reported a successful season of holiday giving. A detailed recap of holiday donations received and given by the Chapter was provided on the back of the Treasurer's report. Donations amounted to \$1,590.
3. Survey Current Chapter Membership: A component of the Chapter Awareness campaign is 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 reported that the Chapter had reached out to 33% of Chapter members. Lists were still to be turned in. Of the 82 members contacted, 17% had a bad or no #; 20% a message was left with no returned call; 7% lived in Maryland. The results thus far do not indicate that the Chapter should change its events/activities. Survey will be readdressed in February when remaining Chapter members are contacted. CW5 Huntington mentioned that members most likely did not answer his call due to his phone number not having a prefix that was common to this area.

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

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. **NTR**

6. Oath of Office: CW5(R) Eddie Mallard, Chapter VP. Postponed until February.

New Business:

1. Thank you to CW4 (Ret) Jeff Turner for joining our Chapter meeting. He is from the Ft Rucker Chapter and just happened to be in the area and decided to stop by and join us. We received good feedback from him about his chapter and their activities. Facebook has been a successful communication tool for their Chapter. Sales of WO memorabilia work well for their Chapter due to proximity to the WO schoolhouse.

2. CW5(R) Markle motioned that the Chapter donate \$300 to Rebuilding Together Alexandria. The motion was seconded by CW5(R) McLendon and carried by all.

Announcements: The next chapter meeting will be held on 16 February 2019, at 1000hr at the American Legion Post 176, Springfield, VA.

Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn by CW5(R) Markle and seconded by CW5(R) McLendon and the meeting was adjourned at 1833 hours.

Respectfully submitted:

Alana M. Kolcun
CW5, USAR
Secretary

Approved:

Jon J. Huntington
CW5, USA
Chapter President

Members Present:

CW5 Jon Huntington
CW5 Alana Kolcun
CW5(R) Richard "Dick" Markle
CW5(R) Ron McLendon
CW5 Ed Clayton
CW4(R) Jeff Turner
CW3(R) Helen Pennington

LFSC Calendar:

16 Feb 19 (Sat) – 0930 Breakfast / 1000 Chapter Meeting - American Legion Post 176
23 Feb 19 (Sat) – Adopt-a-Highway 0900hr
20 Mar 19 (Wed) – Chapter Meeting 1700hr
27 Apr 19 (Sat) – Rebuilding Together Alexandria (RTA)
April meeting - TBD

December 2018: USO and Ft Meyer ACS Holiday deliveries by CW5(R) Dick Markle.

