



UNITED STATES ARMY
WARRANT OFFICERS ASSOCIATION
TAMPA BAY CHAPTER (0522 0612)

1. The Tampa Bay Chapter President (CW4 Rodney Ferguson) welcomed members and called the meeting to order at 1740 hours, 28 February 2013. Chief Ferguson cracked the gavel and led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance. A quorum was present.

2. CW5 Pitts took Roll Call: 9 members & 2 guest present:

Members: CW5 Pitts, CW4 Ferguson, CW4 Cook, CW2 Roman, CW2 Crosby, WO1 Slaughter, CW4R Blanco (Past President), CW3 Irlanda, CW5R Teitelbaum (Proxy).

Guest: Chief Warrant Officer Senecal, Chief Warrant Officer Brumfield.

3. Secretary's Report -Not Given

4. Treasurer's Report -Not Given

5. President's Report: CW4 Ferguson rendered a verbal report indicating that the he as well as many of the key active members had been consumed with Operational Support to OEF. He stated that the way ahead with regard to moving the chapter forward would be to appoint key officials and comities. He also emphasized fund raising though establishment of a chapter specific logo and memorabilia should be given a priority.

6. Vice president's Report -Not Given

7. Historian's Report: Not Given

8. Committee Reports:

Membership Committee: CW4 Cook (Committee Member) rendered a verbal report on efforts by the membership committee to get more participation at the monthly meetings. Coordination with the host American Legion post for appetizers was a good step forward and continuation of this approach is a positive step as perceived by the active members. The Chapter President and membership thank CW4 "Boomer" Cook for his leadership in this effort.

9. Old Business:

a. Minutes: CW5 Pitts reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting and made motion that they be accepted as written. The motion was seconded by CW4R Blanco and the motion carried.

b. Appointment of Officers and Committee Members:

Treasurer: The president opened discussion on potential candidates and CW2 Roman was proposed. CW2 Roman stated that she was willing to do it. CW4R Blanco motioned that she be appointed. WO1 Slaughter seconded the motion and the motion carried. Thanks to Ms. Roman for accepting the position. CW5 Pitts promised to provide CW2 Roman some tools to work with from his last Chapter Treasurer Duty. CW4 Ferguson passed \$100 Cash and a \$35 Check to Ms. Roman for deposit.

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Chapter Secretary: CW4 Ferguson opened discussion on appointment of a new chapter secretary. CW5 Pitts has been maintaining the minutes but says he lacks the time required to cover all of the secretaries required duties and responsibilities. CW4 Cook indicated his willingness to accept the responsibilities. CW5 Pitts said he would continue to compile the minutes as needed and this will allow CW4 Cook time to get a grip on the other requirements such as Proxy Maintenance, Membership Data collection, and membership communication plans in coordination with the committee leads. CW4R Blanco motioned that CW4 Cook be appointed as chapter secretary. CW2 Roman seconded the motion and the motion carried. Thanks to CW4 “Boomer” Cook for accepting the position.

Ways and Means Committee Chairperson: The president opened a discussion on the importance of having a ways and means committee to collaborate with the membership committee and promote the chapter. Memorabilia to promote the chapter and a logo were discussed as goals for revenue generation. WO1 Slaughter indicated that he has some ideas on a way ahead and stated that he is willing to give it some effort. CW4R Blanco commends his initiative and motioned that he be appointed Ways and Means Committee Chairperson. CW2 Roman seconded the motion and the motion carried. Thanks to WO1 Slaughter for accepting the position.

c. Chapter Gideon: CW4R Blanco refreshed everyone’s memory that CW5R Wimberly coordinated for the chapter flag. The flag was donated to the chapter and a gift of recognition and thanks is still pending. CW4 Ferguson stated that he would contact Mr. Wimberly and see if this recognition could take place at the next meeting on March 21, 2013. CW4 Ferguson wants to present a plaque with a miniature flag to the donor.

d. USO Update: Tampa Bay Chapter is a plank holder of the USO at Tampa International Airport. The chapter has committed to purchasing a miniature chapter flag to place on the wall. CW2 Brumfield has a potential source and will bring in a sample next meeting. The gift may be same as the one presented for the chapter flag. The issue was tabled for further discussion next meeting.

e. Community Support: The chapter still wants to do something for the American Legion post that hosts our meetings. Boomer suggested we could be road guard for some of their events. CW4 Ferguson has the lead on working with the Post Commander to identify opportunities to assist.

f. National Elections: Closed.

New Business:

a. T-Shirt Development: The members want a distinctive T-Shirt for the Chapter. CW5 Pitts motioned that CW2 Crosby lead the effort. CW3 Irlanda Seconded and the motion carried. CW2

Crosby mentioned that he would be considering a Chapter Mascot as part of the design. CW4 Ferguson will bring in sample logos for the next meeting.

b. JROTC Award Presentation in Tarpon Springs: As the webmaster, a JROTC program manager for a High School in Tarpon Springs Fl, contacted CW2 Crosby to solicit the Tampa Bay Chapter in presenting a scholarship for two students received from the National USAWOA. CW4 Ferguson will contact the professor of military science to get the 5Ws. Tampa Bay Chapter will present these awards.

c. New SOCCENT CG: CW4 Ferguson will try to get an office call with the new SOCCENT CG to let him know that the Tampa Bay Chapter exists and that the Chapter President is from his command.

10. Adjourn: CW4 Ferguson ask for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was made by CW4R Blanco and seconded CW4 Cook. CW4 Ferguson hit the gavel and the meeting adjourned at 1915hrs.

11. The next meeting is scheduled for 21 March 2013 at 1730hrs.

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CW5, OD
Chapter Member (Recorder)

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RODNEY L. FERGUSON
CW4, QM
Chapter President