



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

1. The Vice President (CW5R Bradley Teitelbaum) welcomed members and called the meeting of the Tampa Bay Chapter to order at 1735 hours, 19 July 2012. President Elect CW4 Rodney Ferguson cracked the gavel and led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance. A quorum was present. The vice president and group acknowledge that the Interim Chapter President CW4R Cesar Blanco not present due to medical reasons. He is with us in spirit.

2. Roll Call: 8 members & 3 guest present:

CW5R Teitelbaum, Bradley CW5R Fagin, Mark* CW5R Wimberly, Robert CW5 Pitts, Robert CW4 Ferguson, Rodney CW4 Cook, Loren CW4 Martinez, Carlos * CW3R Rich, Wayne CW2 Roman, Andrea CW2R Wimberly, Andria CW2 Crosby, John * * Guest

3. Secretary's Report () – Not Given

4. Treasurer's Report () – Not Given

5. President's Report – Not Given

6. Vice president's Report – Not Given

7. Historian's Report: Not Given

8. Committee Reports – No Comities Formed

9. Old Business:

a. Minutes were not available. CW5 Pitts motioned that he would record the minutes of this meeting and ensure they were submitted to national. b. Chapter Gideon: CW5R Wimberley informed the group that the official presentation of the flag will be in August. c. USO Update: CW3R Rich informed the group that more sponsors are coming forward to support the Tampa USO to include some of the professional sports teams. He stated that he opening will be delayed due to conflicting priorities associated with the Republican National Convention. He will keep us posted on developments as the Tampa Bay Chapter is a plank holder. Once it opens, CW3R Rich stated we should evaluate an opportunity for purchasing a miniature chapter flag to place on the wall if possible. The USO will provide a volunteer opportunity and CW5 Pitts pointed out that it might be something that the dependants of chapter members could do to gain required hours for the Florida Bright Futures scholarship program. d. Swearing in of the Chapter President: Decision was made to execute it at the end of the meeting.

10. New Business:

a. Member Drive / Fundraising: CW4 Ferguson opened discussion about a Warrant Officer golf outing being organized by members of the JCSE on MacDill AFB. While this event is not sponsored by the chapter it could potentially be used as a forum to advertise the Tampa Bay Chapter. The consensus is that CW5 Venkus, CW5 Pitts, and CW4 Ferguson should engage CW5 Dibias and CW2 Morales to find ways to both support the event and advertise. A follow up memo to the Chapter Membership is required to disseminate the details and scope of this event. The goal for this event should be membership drive and if possible chapter fundraising. A bake sale was suggested. b. Publicity / Community Support: Along the same lines of golf tournaments, fund raising and community support, CW2 Roman provided information on a Golf Tournament to be held 30 August 2012 at the MacDill Golf Course. This tournament is in support of the AVON Breast Cancer Society. Any members wishing to contribute to this cause can contact Chief Roman at breasts4ever@gmail.com or 813-417-6056. If the Chapter can get a "Warrant Officer Team" it would be good press for the chapter. c. Chapter Appointed Offices and Committees: CW5R Mark Fagin stated that the chapter needs to get some fundraising actions on the table. CW4 Ferguson stated that we need to appoint committees for fundraising, membership drive, and public affairs. CW3R Rich suggested we look into utilization of the USSOCOM Pavilion to BBQ and solicit donations for Hamburgers and Bratwurst targeting Warrant Officers on MacDill. CW5R Teitlebaum stated that we need to look into the information published on the USAWOA website and find out what legitimate committees are needed. Various ideas were discussed and the issue was tabled until the next meeting to allow for review of the USAWOA Chapter Guide. Notable publicity ideas...Chapter advertisement in the base news letter and the bulletin board out front of the BX. CW5 Pitts was tasked to establish a Facebook Presence for the Chapter. Notable fundraising idea is the design and presale of a chapter T-Shirt. d. Community Support: CW4 Cook "Boomer" suggested that the chapter find a way to conduct some volunteer maintenance and upkeep around the American Legion post as thanks for hosting our monthly meetings. CW3R Rich recounted other organizations efforts to do some painting a few years ago. Overall Boomer's idea is well received and the chapter president will engage the Post leadership at first opportunity. The issue is tabled. e. Official swearing-in: CW4 Ferguson was sworn in as the Tampa Bay Chapter President by the Vice President. 10. Adjourn: CW4 Ferguson ask for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was made by CW2R Wimberly and seconded CW4 Cook. CW4 Ferguson hit the gavel and the meeting adjourned at 1855 hours.

11. The next meeting is scheduled for 16 August 2012 at 1730hrs.

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Chapter President