



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

1. The Tampa Bay Chapter President (CW4 Rodney Ferguson) welcomed members and called the meeting to order at 1730 hours, 20 June 2013. Chief Ferguson called the meeting to order and led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance. A quorum was present.
2. CW5 Pitts took Roll Call: 15 members present:
  - a. Members: CW5 Venckus, CW5 Pitts, CW5(R) Fagin, CW5(R) Peterman, CW2 Crosby, CW2 Vreeland, CW2 Roman, CW4 Ferguson, CW4 Martinez (Proxy), CW4(R) Blanco (Past President), CW3(R) Rich (Proxy), CW3 Peters (Proxy), CW4(R) Peters (Proxy), CW2(R) Wimberly (Proxy), CW5(R) Wimberly.
  - b. Guest: CW5 Dibias
3. Secretary's Report (CW5 Pitts): A verbal Secretary's report along with the written minutes from the previous meeting was rendered by CW5 Pitts. Chief Blanco motioned to accept the report as given. Chief Fagin seconded and the motion carried.
4. Treasurer's Report (CW2 Roman): Report indicated the Chapter now has \$312 in the Chapter bank account with no outstanding debts.
5. President's Report (CW4 Ferguson): Rendered a verbal report indicating that some photos from the USAWOA scholarship presentations were posted to the chapter website.
6. Vice President's Report: CW5 Venckus was sworn in as the new Chapter Vice President.
7. Historian's Report: Position vacant, no report.
8. Committee Reports:
  - a. Membership Committee (CW3R Rich): No report given.
  - b. Ways and Means Committee (WO1 Slaughter): No report given.
  - c. Website Committee (CW2 Crosby): CW2 Cosby reports that the website is up for annual renewal at a cost of \$54.05. The expiration date is 19 July. CW4 Ferguson highly recommends renewal as it is a good communication tool.
9. Old Business:
  - a. Chapter Gideon: CW5R Fagin stated that he is still working to get an estimate from Ft. Bragg. CW5 Venckus discussed making suspense. Leo stated that he will be traveling TDY to Ft. Lee and may be able to have something made for both the Gideon Donor. Leo will run with the effort and report back next meeting. He needs the full name of Mr. McCloud for the citation.

b. USO Update: With exception to the effort ongoing to procure some small wall plaque the USO support discussion will be tabled until next meeting.

c. Community Support: CW5 Venckus motioned that we focus community support efforts to the American Legion Post 138 until such time that the chapter has more resources (manpower and money) at its disposal. The motion was seconded by CW5R Fagin and the motion carried.

d. Non-Profit Status: CW4R Blanco reported that the Fl. State Incorporation as a non-profit is complete however the By-Laws must be updated to reflect the officers and the Board of Directors. A word copy of the By-Laws is on file with the Chapter Secretary and Cesar will provide a digital copy that can be updated to CW5 Pitts. He also informed the chapter that the second part of Non-Profit incorporation is the federal application which costs \$400. Caesar offered to front the funds for this filing until such time as the chapter has funds to reimburse him. CW5 Venckus motioned that the chapter accept the offer and make reimbursement of CW4R Blanco a priority bill. CW5R Fagin seconded the motion and the motion carried.

e. Chapter Shirts: Discussion about how to handle the purchase of the agreed upon T-Shirts was opened. General decision was made that the chapter should receive some portion of the proceeds from the sale of the shirts. This will result in the shirts being marked up from est. \$26 to an est. \$35. One option discussed was that CW2 Roman would purchase from the vendor and then resale to the chapter members. Other discussion was made about the ability to purchase directly from the vendor on-line or through the chapter web site. In the interest of time the issue was tabled for further discussion at the next meeting.

f. Warrant Officer Luncheon: This topic was tabled to the next meeting in the interest of time. There was some discussion about a membership drive. CW4 Ferguson had suggested this at the Chapter meeting in May and will be further discussed in July.

#### 10. New Business:

a. Chapter Website Renewal: Discussion yielded consensus that the website bill is a reoccurring bill that did not need a motion to pay. There was no motion to discontinue the website therefore CW2 Roman will pay the renewal bill to Go Daddy from chapter funds.

b. CW5 Venckus motioned that the chapter obtain a PO. Box to conduct official correspondence. The motion was seconded by CW4R Blanco. Discussion was that the chapter currently has official correspondence going to a PO. Box belonging to CW4R Blanco but the Box is being used for his private commercial business as well. CW5 Pitts expressed reservations about having time to keep the box checked. There was also some discussion about the cost of renting the box and the requirement to modify the articles of incorporation just filed with the state of Florida. The motion did not have votes to pass but could be discussed further at next meeting as the time was running over for adjournment.

11. Adjournment: CW4 Ferguson asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was made by CW5R Fagin and seconded CW5 Pitts. CW4 Ferguson hit the gavel and the meeting adjourned at 1910hrs.

12. The next meeting is scheduled for 18 July 2013 at 1730hrs.

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CW5, OD  
Chapter Secretary

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