

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 1745 hours, 16 May 2013. Chief Ferguson cracked the gavel and led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance. CW4(R) Blanco led the opening prayer. A quorum was present.

2. CW5 Pitts took Roll Call: 13 members present:

a. Members: CW5 Pitts, CW2 Vreeland, CW2 Roman, CW5R Wimberly, CW2R Wimberly, CW4 Ferguson, CW4 Martinez, CW4(R) Blanco (Past President), CW5(R) Teitelbaum (Proxy), CW3(R) Rich (Proxy), CW3 Peters (Proxy), CW4(R) Peters (Proxy), CW2(R) Wimberly (Proxy).

b. Guest: None

3. Secretary's Report (CW5 Pitts): 40 active members within the Chapter with six memberships set to expire within the next 90 days.

4. Treasurer's Report (CW2 Roman): Report indicated the Chapter now has \$280 in the Chapter bank account.

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: Position vacant, no report.

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.

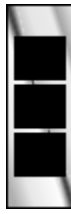
9. Old Business:

a. Appointment of Officers and Committee Members:

(1) Vice President: CW5 Venckus has volunteered to fill the position vacated by CW5(R) Teitelbaum. The members present discussed the way ahead and decided to put it to a vote. The vote was unanimous electing CW5 Venckus to the position of Vice President. He will be sworn in at the next meeting.

(2) Historian: CW4(R) Blanco nominated CW5(R) Wimberly as the historian and he accepted. CW4(R) Martinez seconded the motion and the motion passed.

b. Chapter Gideon: Tabled until the next meeting. CW5 Wimberly stated that Mr. McCloud needs advanced notification for the presentation as he lives in Odessa, FL.



c. USO Update: Tabled until next meeting.

d. Community Support: CW2(R) Vreeland suggested we adopt a highway. CW5(R) Wimberly stated that the Adopt A Highway program was terminated. CW2 Roman will continue to monitor the requirements of the American Legion for opportunities to support.

e. Shirt Development: Tabled.

f. Tampa Bay Chapter organizing a Golf Tournament for fundraising. CW4 Ferguson is in talks with the Hispanic American Golf Association President who states they are willing to help. CW4 Ferguson will follow up.

g. Non-Profit Status: CW4(R) Blanco says the Chapter has to identify three Officers and three Directors as well as a registered agent to form a Board of Directors (BOD). CW4(R) Blanco, CW5(R) Wimberly, CW3(R) Rich and CW3(R) Grant Johnson were named as potential member of the BOD. At the direction of the Chapter President, further discussion on the BOD will take place at the next meeting.

h. Credit Card Machine (CCM): CW5 Pitts motioned that the CCM be taken off the table until the Chapter memorabilia and Non-Profit Status is better organized. Discussion included CW4(R) Blanco voicing that the machine is low cost. CW2 Roman stated that she would like to have it as treasurer to facilitate and automate cash receipts. Nobody would second the motion so the motion was not passed. CW2 Roman will move forward with procurement of a CCM.

i. Raffle Tickets: A motion carried in a previous meeting to have a 50/50 raffle to raise funds in Chapter meetings. The first 50/50 raffle was conducted at conclusion of the meeting and the Treasurer will report the proceeds in the next Treasurer's Report.

10. New Business:

a. Warrant Officer Luncheon: CW4 Ferguson motioned that we conduct an informal Warrant Officer Luncheon at Sea Scapes. Support for such a function is positive and will be discussed prior to next meeting by the Chapter leadership.

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

12. The next meeting is scheduled for 20 June 2013 at 1730hrs.

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Chapter Secretary

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CW4, QM
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