



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

1. The President (CW4 Rodney Ferguson) welcomed members and called the meeting of the Tampa Bay Chapter to order at 1740 hours, 20 September 2012. .

2. Roll Call: 8 members & 1 guest present, 1 x Proxy:

CW4 Ferguson, Rodney	CW5 Venckus, Leo
CW5R Teitelbaum, Bradley	CW5 Pitts, Robert
CW4R Blanco, Cesar	CW4 Cook, Loren
CW4R Peters, James	CW3R Rich, Wayne
CW2R Wimberly, Andria (By Proxy)	CW2 Crosby, John *
* Guest	

3. Secretary's Report – Not Given: Secretary was not present. CW5 Pitts stated he brought a copy of the last minutes and that he would record minutes and function as assistant secretary.

4. Treasurer's Report - Not Given: Treasurer has not been appointed. CW4 Ferguson did mention that he has received a check for minutes rendered. Appointed officers and committee members will be covered in "Old Business".

5. President's Report – Report was given. CW5 Venckus motioned to accept. CW3R Rich Seconded and the motion to accept was carried.

6. Vice president's Report – Report was given. CW5 Pitts motioned to accept. CW4R Peters seconded and the motion to accept was carried.

7. Historian's Report: Not Given

8. Committee Reports – No Comities Formed

9. Old Business:

- a. Chapter Gideon: The floor recognized CW4 Ferguson to open discussion on the chapter flag. The president has the chapter flag provided by CW5R Wimberly. CW4 Ferguson informed the group that the official presentation of the flag will was to be in August. However, due to multiple members being unavailable in August the meeting did not happen as planned. He suggested that we reschedule to due to appropriate honors of presentation. CW4R Blanco motioned that the vice president contact CW5R Wimberly to see if the presentation could be rescheduled and provide an opportunity for photos. CW5 Venckus seconded the motion and the motion carried.

- b. USO Update: CW3R Rich informed the group that the USO at Tampa International is now open. However the wall space is very limited and the chapter should reconsider the donation of a chapter flag and consider a wall plaque instead. CW5 Venckus motioned that the old business of presenting the USO with a chapter flag be closed. CW4R Blanco seconded and the motion carried.
- c. Appointed Officers and Committee Members: CW5 Pitts was given the floor to open discussion on the topic. CW5 Pitts stated that he would assist the current secretary CW3R Grant Johnson as required to maintain minutes and provide some overlap. CW4R Blanco recommended that the president contact CW4R Guset and see if he would be willing to perform duties as Treasurer. The VP CW5R Teitelbaum agreed to serve as the membership committee chairperson and CW3R Rich, and CW4 Loren agreed to serve and a membership committee members.
- d. Publicity / 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. In the interest of time, CW4R Blanco recommended the issue be tabled until the next meeting. CW4R Peters seconded and the motion carried.
- e. All Other Old Business: All other old business was deemed no longer significant or after the fact.

10. New Business:

- a. National Elections: CW3R Rich opened the discussion on upcoming national elections at the Annual Meeting of the Members 29 Oct – 2 Nov. CW4R Blanco stated that he would be willing to attend the event for the two days of elections. CW3R Rich motioned that a reminder note be sent out to the membership reminding them that they could either cast their vote on the ballot received in the mail or appoint another member to vote with their Proxy. As far as CW4R Blanco plans to attend, he would be a logical choice to receive Proxy for the Tampa Bay members. CW5 Pitts agreed to send out a reminder with the minutes of this meeting.
- b. USO Plaque Donation: CW5 Venckus opened discussion on donation of a Plaque to the USO at Tampa International Airport. Discussion followed about the creation of a chapter logo for the plaque and potential Florida Bright Futures scholarship program volunteer opportunity at the USO. CW4 Ferguson has lead on the logo. CW5 Pitts will follow up on the Bright Futures volunteer criteria. CW5 Venckus motioned that the chapter agree to use chapter funds to purchase and present the USO a wall plaque once the logo is created. CW4R Blanco seconded and the motion carried.

11. Adjourn: CW4 Ferguson ask for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was made by CW5 Pitts. CW3R Rich seconded and the motion carried. CW4 Ferguson hit the gavel and the meeting adjourned at 1959 hours.

12. The next meeting is scheduled for 18 October 2012 at 1730hrs.

ROBERT C. PITTS III
CW5, OD
Chapter Member

RODNEY L. FERGUSON
CW4, QM
Chapter President