

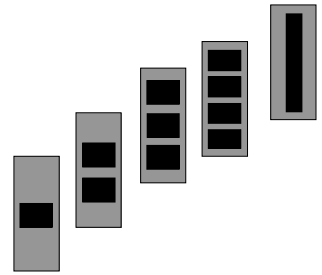


United States Army Warrant Officers Association Redstone Arsenal Chapter

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USAWOA Chapter # 0507

8 September 2010

Subject: Minutes of the Monthly Meeting, 8 September 2010

1. CALL TO ORDER: A regular meeting of the Redstone Arsenal Chapter # 0507 was called to order at the Redstone Officers & Civilians Club by the Chapter President, Mr. Max Bennett at 1147. Members and guests were welcomed. Max Bennett led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chapter Secretary, Johnie Keeter determined that a quorum was present with members and proxies.

The following members and guests were present (sign-in roster attached):

CW4 (Ret) Johnie Keeter	CW4 (Ret) Max Bennett	CW5 Michael Weist
CW5 (Ret) Michael Long	CW3 (Ret) Lee Samuelson	CW4 (Ret) Richard Christian
CW2 (Ret) Michael Schubert	CIV Veronique Couverchel (MWR)	CIV Boyce Allen (MWR)
CW3 (Ret) Al Reed	CIV Ray Spivey (State)	CIV Lori Connors (MWR)

Bold indicates active USAWOA members.

2. READ MINUTES: The August 2010 Meeting Minutes were distributed through email to the membership. Minutes were read and accepted as published by the members.

3. READ TREASURER'S REPORT: The Chapter August/September 2010 Finance Report was presented by the Chapter Treasurer. Chapter Checking Account Balance is \$1,906.65 as of 7 September 2010. Report was approved by the members, subject to audit. Report will be distributed to all required recipients.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. Patriot Day
11 September 2010
Check for events/details in the Huntsville Times/Redstone Rocket.
- b. North Alabama Veterans Fraternal Organizations Coalition (NAVFOC) Meeting
1900, 15 September 2010, American Legion Post 237, Drake Ave., HSV, AL
Chapter President/Secretary to attend. All are invited and encouraged to attend.
- c. CASA Wheelchair Ramp Build
0700, 18 September 2010, Location TBA
We will meet at Cracker Barrel, Drake Ave., HSV, AL for Breakfast.
Plans, Photos and Direction will be emailed to the members.

- d. Veterans Day Parade IPR # 4
0800-0900, 21 September 2010, Café 401, Lockheed-Martin, Bradford Ave., HSVL, AL
Chapter President/Secretary will attend.
- e. RSA AVCAC Meeting
1300, 28 September 2010, ACS Bldg, RSA, AL
Chapter Secretary scheduled to attend.
- f. RSA Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD)
1-2 October 2010, ROCC and Sparkman Center, RSA, AL
See Retiree Bulletin for details and schedule/location of events.
- g. RSA Sports Complex Clean-Up
1000-1200, 2 October 2010, Goss Road Sport Fields, RSA, AL
Volunteers needed with trash bags.
- h. Southeast Region Meeting
1000-1300, 9 October 2010, Embassy Suites, HSVL, AL
Chapter President to host. Pre-AMM visit.
- i. Next Chapter Meeting
1130-1300, 13 October 2010, ROCC, The Loft Room, RSA, AL
Check the Chapter website and your email for changes.

5. OFFICERS REPORT:

a. **President's Report: (Mr. Max Bennett)**

(1) No report.

b. **Vice President's (Active Duty) Report: (Mr. Tony Caudle) (Not Present.)**

(1) No report.

c. **Vice President's (Retiree Affairs) Report: (Mr. Joe Shiver) (Not Present.)**

(1) No report.

d. **Secretary's Report: (Mr. Johnie Keeter)**

(1) Chapter Monthly Volunteer Hours Report:

- August 2010 Volunteer Statistics:
 - Event(s): (2) Craft Shop Frame / Pen Projects. (Aug)
 - Volunteers: (8) Members
 - Volunteer Hours: (27) Hrs

(2) Chapter Memorabilia Status:

- WO Mouse Pads:
 - Sold: 0
 - On Hand: 15
- WO License Plates:
 - Sold: 1
 - On Hand: 13

- Warrant Officer Emblem Caps
 - Sold: 1
 - On Hand: 2
- Chapter Polo Shirts:
 - Sold: 0
 - On Hand: 2 (SM)
- Chapter T-Shirts:
 - Sold: 0
 - On Hand: 26 (XL, LG, MD, SM)
- WO Rank Decals: (W1-W5)
 - Sold: 2
 - On Hand (W1-W5): 187

(3) Mr. Keeter thanked all that volunteered for the RSA MWR (Miranda Lambert/Blake Shelton/Colt Ford) Concert on 3 September 2010. With the exception of 2 brief rain showers and minor logistics problems, all went well. Our Contraband Collection point raised \$700.00 for the Chapter.

(4) Mr. Keeter stated that Joe Shiver (Chapter VP (Retired Affairs)) surgery went well. He continues to heal while TDY to Ft. Hood, TX.

(5) Mr. Keeter stated Ed Banville's wife (Carol) is doing better and continues to recover.

(6) Mr. Keeter provided an update status on Judy Storie (wife of former Chapter President Richard Storie). Judy was diagnosed with lung and bone cancer has started treatment and doing well thus far.

e. Treasurer's Report: (Mr. Rich Christian)

(1) No report.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a. Community Affairs: (Mr. Joe Shiver) (Not Present.)

(1) Mr. Keeter stated our CASA Project (Ramp Build) scheduled for 21 August was cancelled because of Mr. Shiver's (Project Foreman) surgery and Mr. Keeter being out of town.

(2) Mr. Keeter stated our next CASA Project (Ramp Build) scheduled for 18 September 2010 may be sketches because of Mr. Shiver's TDY to Ft. Hood, TX. Details will be announced by email.

b. Entertainment: (Mr. Max Bennett)

(1) No report.

c. Membership: (Mr. Johnie Keeter)

(1) USAWOA Membership renewal/overdue renewal reminder emails are being sent by the Chapter Secretary.

(2) Those desiring to join USAWOA, or renew their membership, can do so by calling USAWOA National at 1-800-587-2962.

d. 2010 USAWOA AMM: (1-5 November 2010): (Mr. Max Bennett)

(1) The decision was made by the members for the Chapter to host the 2010 USAWOA AMM, Mr. Bennett passed to the members that Committees would be established to start the process of hosting the AMM. Updates are as follows.

✓ Mr. Bennett, Mr. Shiver and Mr. Keeter visited the Huntsville Visitors Center for available information. Center will provide packets, banners for Mr. Keeter to take to the April Southeast Region Meeting.

✓ Mr. Keeter received the items from the Huntsville Visitors Center for the 19 April 2008 briefing to the Southeast Region Meeting attendees.

✓ Mr. Bennett has requested and obtained videos clips from the Huntsville Visitors Bureau, Huntsville Mayor, and Redstone Arsenal Commander. Video clips will be consolidated into 1 short presentation for Mr. Bennett's presentation at the October 2008 USAWOA AMM.

✓ Mr. Bennett attended the 2008 USAWOA AMM and presented a video and slide presentation to those present on our Chapter hosting the 2010 USAWOA AMM. The USAWOA BOD voted and the 2010 AMM was awarded to our Chapter. Planning and committee appointments will continue.

✓ Mr. Bennett provided a rough-draft proposed Agenda for review.

✓ Mr. Bennett stated he was donating monthly to the 2010 AMM Escrow Fund and encouraged others who could do so, to contribute also.

✓ Mr. Bennett and Mr. Keeter discussed the 2010 AMM with USAWOA National Vice-President, Mr. Pete Hill during his visit to Huntsville on 3 March 2009.

✓ Mr. Bennett and Mr. Keeter held a meeting with Ms. Carolyn Robinson, of the Marriott Hotel on 6 March to discuss details of the AMM and to obtain a cost estimate for holding the AMM there.

✓ Mr. Alan Ruzicka stated he will join Mr. Bennett in a monthly donation (allotment) to the Chapter for the 2010 AMM.

✓ Mr. Bennett and Mr. Keeter held a meeting with Ms. Patricia Hurston, of the Holiday Inn on 13 March 2009 to discuss details of the AMM and to obtain a cost estimate for holding the AMM there. Cost estimate was provided for consideration.

✓ Mr. Bennett held a meeting with Ms. B' Lisa King, of the Embassy Suites on 21 March 2009 to discuss details of the AMM and to obtain a cost estimate for holding the AMM there. Cost estimate was provided for consideration. Requested dates for the 2010 AMM will conflict with another agency at the Embassy Suites. Details are being worked.

✓ Cost Estimates for the Holiday Inn were provided to the Regional Director, Gene Perrino for discussion at the April BOD meeting.

✓ Because of the availability of the Embassy Suites, a request to USAWOA was submitted by the Chapter President to change the dates for the 2010 AMM from 18-22 October 2010 to 25-29 October 2010. Request was approved.

✓ Negotiations continue with Embassy Suites on hosting the 2010 AMM. A signed contract should be available in a couple of weeks.

✓ Mr. Bennett attended the 25 July 2009, Southeast Region Meeting and provided an update on the planning for the 2010 AMM.

✓ Visits to the Embassy Suites, Bridge Street Towne Center and city locations provided to the Southeast Region Director (Gene Perrino) and wife Kathy during their 5-6 September 2009 visit to Huntsville.

✓ Request for support/donation (possible \$4,000.00) has been sent to Lockheed-Martin for the 2010 USAWOA AMM.

✓ Mr. Bennett will contact the area Reserve Centers about the AMM and their participation.

✓ Mr. Bennett provided an update to the 2009 USAWOA AMM at Salt Lake City, UT.

✓ Notification from USAWOA National that the days for the 2010 AMM were changed from 25-09 October 2010 to 1-5 November 2010.

✓ Members emailed to join the 2010 AMM Email List and pledge their support for the event.

✓ Embassy Suites Contract signed by the Chapter President.

✓ Page and link added to the Chapter website for those interested in sponsorship of the 2010 AMM.

- ✓ Mr. Bennett attended the SE Region meeting on 30 January 2010 and provided an update presentation.
- ✓ Efforts continue by Mr. Ruzicka to obtain a small bus for use during the AMM. Final decision between small bus or large vans will be made at the July meeting.
- ✓ AMM DRAFT Business/Events Calendars forwarded to National/Region for review/comments. Comments received and are being reviewed/incorporated.
- ✓ AMM website being prepared by conferencesbysigma.com. Website will be fully functional by 1 June 2010.
- ✓ Chapter President presented a detailed brief at the Southeast Region meeting on 22 May 2010.
- ✓ AMM Information/Registration website www.redstonewarrants.webeasysite.us/ on-line as of 25 May 2010.
- ✓ A sponsorship check for \$1,000.00 was received from LogiCore "Readiness Accelerated". Chapter member, CW3 (Ret) Vinita Hughes is an employee of LogiCore and assisted with obtaining this sponsorship. A thank you letter will be sent from the Chapter President.
- ✓ Thank You Letter sent to LogiCore on 24 July.
- ✓ AMM Ball flyer (attached) sent to Ft. Campbell, KY. Flyer being sent to other post(s); Ft. Knox, KY, Ft. Benning, GA, Ft. Gilliam, GA, Ft. Gordon, GA, Ft. Stewart, GA, and Ft. Jackson, SC.
 - Volunteers are needed to AMM Committee's requirement. Committee Sheets will be emailed for review and to solicit volunteers for positions.
 - Mr. Al Reed, Golf Event Chairperson gave an update. Things are progressing well. Announcement/link has been placed on the AMM Registration site. Flyer with sign-up will be emailed.

e. Chapter Election: (Mr. Johnnie Keeter)

- ✓ Chapter Elections will be in October with installation of Officers at the November AMM. Nominations for Chapter Officers; President, Vice-President (Active Duty), and Vice-President (Retired Affairs) are officially open. Chapter Secretary will accept nominations until election date (13 October). Chapter members may nominate them self. Persons nominating other Chapter members should ensure nominated individual will accept the nomination before they nominate them.
- ✓ Chapter member, CW3 (Ret) Vinita Hughes has nominated herself for the position of Vice-President (Retired Affairs).
- ✓ Chapter member, CW4 (Ret) Johnnie Walters nominated CW5 Michael Weist for the position of Vice-President (Active Duty). Mr. Weist has accepted the nomination.
 - Nominations are still needed for the Chapter President. Nominations are still open for all positions.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. Mr. James Joyner, a member of the Alabama National Cemetery burial team informed the members that a part of the burial is to provide a framed certificate with coin to the family of the person being buried at the Alabama National Cemetery. These are provided by the State of Alabama, but because of funding cuts the frame will no longer be provided. Mr. Joyner asked if the Chapter could provide monetary assistance with purchasing the frames. Each frame has a cost of approximately \$15.00. A discussion was held and information provided by Mr. Bob Borden that he would discuss this with a Redstone Craft Shop person (retired warrant officer) to see if the frame could be made there and if so, at what cost.
- ✓ Mr. Joyner provided a photo of the framed certificate and medal. This action was deferred until our next meeting at which time; Mr. Borden will provide an update.
 - ✓ Mr. Borden stated that the Redstone Arsenal MWR Craft Shop (Boyce Allen) wants to help. Monetary, materials, manpower will be needed.
 - ✓ Mr. Borden states the MWR Craft Shop has the example frame. He will build the frame and hopes coordination will allow producing the frame at no cost for materials.
 - ✓ Mr. Borden briefed the members. Materials for the frames will be donated. Frames will be built at the MWR Craft Shop. Members (6 minimum) are needed to take certification classes for the use of

machines and building techniques. The Craft Shop will offer all three classes for a price of \$20.00. Classes dates and times will be provided by email. Several members signed up for the classes.

- ✓ Classes have started. Once certified to operate the machinery, those volunteers will start preparing the frames. Members have started making pen/pencils for the upcoming Pen-A-Thon. Actions are underway to schedule additional certification classes.

- ✓ Work has started on the "Commemorative Compassion" Alabama National Cemetery Certificate/Medal Frames project. Currently materials for 4-6 frames have been prepared.

- ✓ To-date, 8 frames are near completion and will be completed tonight, 12 May 2010. After completion, frames will be forwarded to the Alabama National Cemetery for use.

- ✓ Work continues on this project, 17 additional frames have been started.

- 8 completed certificate/medal frames presented/transferred to Mr. Ray Spivey, State Coordinator – Military Funeral Honors Program. Members (Lori Connors, Boyce Allen, and Veronique Couverchel) from the Redstone Arsenal MWR Craft Shop were present for the presentation. Presentation was made by Max Bennett and Al Reed. Photos were taken for the Chapter website.

- Work continues on the remaining 18 frames. They have been transported for finishing. Mr. Steve Seamen is the POC for Craft Shop activities for the Chapter. This action is on-going.

b. Mr. Ed Banville stated he had been contacted about a planned celebration for the 59th Ordnance Brigade's departure from Redstone Arsenal to Ft. Lee, Virginia in 2011. Mr. Banville was asked if the Chapter would be interested in helping with the celebration and possibly a golf tournament. It was agreed since most the Chapter members had been members of the Brigade and the Brigade was a big supporter of the Chapter, we as a chapter should be included in the planning and support the celebration as we can. Mr. Banville will inform the Planning Committee of our choice and continue to monitor this action. This will remain an open action on the Minutes with updates noted as they occur.

- ✓ Contact with Mr. William Kelly (59th Ord Bde S-3) pending by the Chapter President on the Brigade Departure Ceremony. 1 October has been set as the ceremony date. Chapter participation and details to follow after meeting.

- 1 October, 1500, Redstone Arsenal Parade Field (Patton Rd) will be the Brigade "Casing of the Colors" ceremony. Chapter President, Max Bennett will MC the event. Reunion Reception will follow the ceremony. Former and current Brigade members are welcome. This action is on-going.

c. Veterans Memorial Brick Paver. Mr. Johnie Keeter/Alan Ruzicka will inquire about locating individual purchased pavers with the Chapter paver.

- ✓ Mr. Ruzicka provided information that will be emailed to the members. All those want to purchase a paver and have it placed adjacent to the Chapter paver must do so by 1 September.

- ✓ Email sent to the members explaining the 1 September deadline for purchasing a paver to locate with the Chapter paver. An email link to the Veterans Memorial Foundation has been added to the Chapter website.

- A paver list was compiled and submitted to Alan Ruzicka for submission to the Veterans Memorial Foundation. Paver will be co-located with the Chapter paver when the memorial is built later this year. This action is closed.

d. Ms. Vinita Hughes stated that Huntsville Hospital has a brick paver program on-going. She will obtain and pass details/information to the Chapter Secretary. Discussion at our next meeting.

- Ms. Hughes was not present, no discussion at this meeting.

(2) NEW BUSINESS:

a. No new business.

(3) ADJOURNMENT: With our business concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 1230.

JOHNIE M. KEETER SR.
CW4 (Ret), USA
Chapter Secretary

/S/
MAX C. BENNETT
CW4 (Ret), USA
Chapter President