

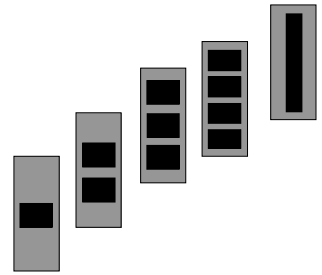


United States Army Warrant Officers Association Redstone Arsenal Chapter

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USAWOA Chapter # 0507

14 October 2010

Subject: Minutes of the Monthly Meeting, 13 October 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 Vice-President (Retired Affairs), Mr. Joe Shiver at 1145. Members and guests were welcomed. Johnie Keeter 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	CW3 (Ret) Joe Shiver	CW4 (Ret) Steve Seamen
CW4 (Ret) Johnnie Walters	CW5 Michael Weist	CW5 (Ret) Michael Long
CW4 (Ret) Jeff Sumners	CW3 (Ret) Al Reed	CW5 (Ret) Harold DeBerry
CW4 (Ret) Jim Booth	CW4 (Ret) Charles Gully	CW3 (Ret) Vinita Hughes

Bold indicates active USAWOA members.

2. READ MINUTES: The September 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 September 2010 Finance Report was presented by the Chapter Secretary. Chapter Checking Account Balance is \$3,552.65 as of 30 September 2010. Report was approved by the members, subject to audit. Report will be distributed to all required recipients.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

a. Chapter Officer Elections Today

b. Huntsville Police Citizen's Foundation Auction & BBQ
Benefit for Huntsville Police Fallen Officers' memorial
1800-finished, 15 October 2010, Jaycee's Building, Airport Rd., HSVL, AL
Meal: \$15.00 advance, \$18.00 day of event. (BBQ or Chicken)
Flyer email to the members.

c. CASA Wheelchair Ramp Build
0700, 23 October 2010, Location TBA. Details/Directions will be emailed.
We will meet at Cracker Barrel, Drake Ave., HSVL, AL for Breakfast.

- d. Veterans Day Parade IPR # 8, 9
0800, 2 & 9 November 2010, Café 401, Lockheed-Martin Bldg., Bradford Ave., HSVL, AL
Chapter President/Secretary will attend.
- e. 2010 USAWOA AMM and Awards Ball
1-5 November 2010, Embassy Suites, HSVL, AL
Chapter to host. Check website for details and sing-up.
- f. North Alabama Veterans Fraternal Organizations Coalition (NAVFOC) Meeting
1730-1900, 3 November 2010, American Legion Post 237, Drake Ave., HSVL, AL
Chapter President/Secretary to attend. All are invited and encouraged to attend.
NEW DATE AND TIME FOR ALL NAVFOC MEETINGS. First Wednesday of the month at 1730,
locations rotate.
- g. Next Chapter Meeting
1130-1300, 10 November 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)** (Not Present.)

- (1) Mr. Shiver provided an overview of the 6 October NAVFOC Meeting. Agenda attach.

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)**

- (1) Thanked all that assisted and attending the 1-2 October Redstone Arsenal Retiree Appreciation Days. Events was worthwhile and a success.

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

(1) Chapter Monthly Volunteer Hours Report:

- September 2010 Volunteer Statistics:
 - Event(s): (2) RSA MWR Concert. (3 Sep)
Craft Shop Frame / Pen Projects. (Sep)
 - Volunteers: (55) Members, Civilians, Youth
 - Volunteer Hours: (367) Hrs

(2) Chapter Memorabilia Status:

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

- Warrant Officer Emblem Caps
 - Sold: 0
 - On Hand: 2 (1-has bad lettering)
- 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 provided an update status on Judy Storie (wife of former Chapter President Richard Storie). Judy, diagnosed with lung and bone cancer has started treatment and doing well thus far.

(5) A Get Well Card was mailed to Mr. Boyce Allen after his recent fall from a ladder. Mr. Allen is in charge of the woodworking area of the craft shop and was instrumental in assisting the Chapter accomplishing its frames volunteer's events.

e. **Treasurer's Report: (Mr. Rich Christian)** (Not Present.)

(1) No report.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a. **Community Affairs: (Mr. Joe Shiver)**

(1) Mr. Shiver stated our CASA Project (Ramp Build) scheduled for 18 September was cancelled because of Mr. Shiver's (Project Foreman) surgery recovery and TDY to Ft. Hood, TX.

(2) Mr. Shiver stated our next CASA Project (Ramp Build) scheduled for 23 October 2010 was still scheduled. Details will be announced by email.

b. **Entertainment: (Mr. Max Bennett)** (Not Present.)

(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.
- ✓ Southeast Region Meeting held at the Embassy Suites on 9 October 2010. Meeting included site(s) Suites and VBCC tour, visit to location the Ball band Relayer was playing and review final details for the upcoming AMM and Ball.

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.
- ✓ Mr. Joe Shiver nominated Mr. Johnnie Walters for President of the Chapter. Mr. Walters stated that he would accept the nomination.
- ✓ Nominations for the 2010 were closed by a motion from Mr. Keeter, seconded by Mr. Al Reed. A vote was taken and the motion approved.
- ✓ Mr. Johnnie L. Walters' name was added to the pre-printed ballot. Ballots were distributed to the members for voting.
- ✓ Ballots were returned to Mr. Keeter for counting. Votes were counted and the winners were announced. They are; Chapter President – CW4R Johnnie L. Walters, Chapter Vice-President (Active Duty) – CW5 Michael E. Weist, and Chapter Vice-President (Retired Affairs) – CW3R Vinita Hughes. Mr. Walters asked both the Chapter Treasurer (CW4R Richard E. Christian) and Chapter Secretary (CW4R Johnnie M. Keeter Sr.) if they would continue in their current positions, both agreed.
- ✓ The Officer Swearing In ceremony will be held on 5 November 2010, 1300 hrs, during the 2010 USAWOA AMM at the Embassy Suites. All were encouraged to attend.

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 received from finishing. Mr. Steve Seamen is the POC for Craft Shop activities for adding glass and matting. 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.

- Members attended the Casing of the Colors ceremony followed by a reception. This is a closed action.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. No new business.

9. 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