

36TH USAWOA ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

MINUTES OF 21 OCT 2008, DAY ONE

OPENING REMARKS:

0900 - President CW4 (Ret) Roy Valiant welcomed all present to day one of the Annual Meeting of Members.

0907 - President CW4 (Ret) Roy Valiant opened the start of business and led the Body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CW3 Patrick Morris requested a moment of silence for our Fallen Comrades.

CW4 (Ret) Don Hess gave an invocation.

CW4 (Ret) Pete Hill made administrative announcements.

Chapter representatives from the following states read Proclamations from the respective Governors Office proclaiming USAWOA Week:

- Delaware
- Pennsylvania
- Virginia
- New Jersey
- Maryland

CW4 (Ret) Roy Valiant asked that all attendees introduce themselves.

CW4 (Ret) Roy Valiant asked that CW4 (Ret) Bob Scott, Parliamentarian, to report on General Rules and Procedures of the Meeting.

CW4 (Ret) Roy Valiant reported that we have not reached the required 15% of representation of our membership in order to conduct Official Business and any voting would be done at the end of the week when we hopefully achieve the required 15%.

The following officials gave their reports:

President CW4 (Ret) Roy Valiant

- Vice President CW5 Gary Nisker
- CW2 Natasha Veillard, National Treasurer
- CW5 Anthony Rotti, European Region President
- CW3 (Ret) Gene Perrino, Southeastern Region Director
- CW4 (Ret) Harry Wilson, Western Region Director
- CW5 Phil Tackett, Mid-Northern Region Director
- CW4 (Ret) Pete Hill, Northeastern Region Director
- Mid-Southern Region – No representative/Report

CW4 (Ret) Roy Valiant announced one of the AMM sponsors, Stanley Vidmar, has a table set up in the hall and for all to stop by to visit them throughout the AMM.

Mr. Ken Krasley, Vidmar Sales Engineer, briefed on Vidmar products.

CW4 (Ret) Bob Scott announced that Grantham University has flyers on a table in the back of the room. He explained how Grantham's scholarship program works.

CW4 (Ret) Bob Scott announced they are getting ready to launch a new benefit credit card by having a PFCU Platinum VISA card that pays back:

- 5% on all gas purchase
- 2% on all Groceries purchase
- 1.25% on all other purchases

1130 – 1300 Lunch

The following officials gave their reports in order:

- CW4 Janie Diamond, Assistant Vice President for Reserve Affairs
- CW4 (Ret) Roy Valiant for CW4 (Ret) Percy Butler, Assistant Vice President for Veterans Affairs
- CW5 (Ret) Dave Welsh, Warrant Officers Heritage Foundation Update
- CW4 (Ret) Robert Scott, USAWOA Scholarship Foundation Update

President CW4 (Ret) Roy Valiant reported on actions arising from 2007.

CW2 Donna Hardcastle presented a slide show and reported on the 2009 AMM; everything is on schedule for 2 – 6 Nov.

President CW4 (Ret) Roy Valiant asked for any nominations for the 2010 host. CW3 (Ret) Gene Perrino Southeastern Region Director reported that the Redstone Arsenal Chapter would like to host the 2010 AMM and introduced CW4 (Ret) Max Bennett, Chapter President. CW4 (Ret) Max Bennett presented a slide show and briefed on the chapters proposal.

There were no other nominations at this time.

CW4 (Ret) Valiant broke the Body down into four Focus Groups to study the following topics:

1. 10 year verses 6 year retirement requirement!
2. Should Warrant Officers be required to attend military education level prior to pinning?
3. SGM are managed by the Enlisted Personnel Management Division, GO's by GOMO, should CW5's be centrally managed?
4. Protocol procedures for senior WO's.

1530 – CW4 (Ret) Pete Hill reported that everyone would be carpooling to the Professional Development activities at the Ball Conference Center and will be meeting in front of the hotel at 0820 tomorrow.

1545 – CW4 (Ret) Valiant recessed the AMM until Wednesday, 22 OCT 08 at 0820. He also reported that he wanted the USAWOA Board of Directors to stay behind for a closed session.

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR 22 OCT 2008, DAY TWO

0900 – 1600 Professional Development Presentations - Ball Conference Center, APG, MD

Speakers:

- BG Lynn Collyar – Ordnance Center and School Commander
 - CW5 Art Dahl – OD Regimental Chief Warrant Officer
 - COL Mark Jones – Commandant, Warrant Officer Career College
 - CW5 Thomas O'Sullivan – Command Chief Warrant Officer Army National Guard
 - CW5 (Ret) Robert Huffman- Warrant Officer Net Facilitator
 - CW5 Phil Tackett – Senior Warrant Officer Advisory Council
 - CW4 (Ret) Don Hess – U. S. Army Warrant Officer Association
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36TH USAWOA ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS
MINUTES OF 23 OCT 2008, DAY THREE

OPENING REMARKS:

0900 - President CW4 (Ret) Roy Valiant welcomed all present to day three of the Annual Meeting of Members.

0907 - President CW4 (Ret) Roy Valiant reconvened the business and led the Body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CW4 (Ret) Don Hess gave an invocation.

CW4 (Ret) Pete Hill made administrative announcements.

CW4 (Ret) Ron Whalen announced that the Warrant Officers Heritage Foundation is raffling off a History book.

CW4 (Ret) Harry Wilson announced that he has information on a shuttle bus service to the airport and if anyone is interested to see him.

CW4 (Ret) Roy Valiant asked that CW4 (Ret) Bob Scott, Parliamentarian, report on General Rules and Procedures of the Meeting.

CW5 Vickie Vachon, Credentials Committee reported that there are 622 proxies on the floor and 57 members present for a total of 679 votes. There were 25 invalid proxies turned in and 36 Mid-Southern proxies lost and the 1 vote of the Mid-Southern Region Director due to no representation.

CW4 (Ret) Roy Valiant announced that we do have a quorum.

CW2 (Ret) Gerry Wentworth read the Day 1 minutes and received a few minor changes. CW4 Artavia Edwards motioned to accept the Day 1 minutes with changes, seconded by CW5 Tony Rotti; motion passed unanimously.

CW5 (Ret) Dave Welsh motioned to reverse the voting procedures to where the Nay votes were asked for first, seconded by CW4 (Ret) Greg Gouty; motion passed unanimously.

0930 – CW4 (Ret) Roy Valiant recessed the group to allow the Focus Groups to complete and prepare to present their reports. He stated to reconvene at 1100 hours.

1100 – CW4 (Ret) Roy Valiant reconvened the meeting.

CW4 (Ret) Pete Hill made administrative announcements.

Focus Groups reported they would be ready after lunch.

CW4 (Ret) Roy Valiant recessed until 1300 hours.

1115 – 1300 Lunch

CW4 (Ret) Roy Valiant reconvened the meeting.

CW4 (Ret) Bob Scott, Parliamentarian, announced the voting process and how members are to address the Assembled Members.

Credential Committee reported that there are a total of 674 votes on the floor.

The following Focus Group officials gave their reports:

- Group 1 – CW3 (Ret) Laurie Shamblin
- Group 2 – CW5 Mike Gillis
- Group 3 – CW2 Jim McDaniel
- Group 4 – CW4 Hal Griffin

CW4 (Ret) Roy Valiant called for voting on each Focus Group’s recommendation with the following vote response:

- Group 1 – passed unanimously
- Group 2 – passed unanimously
- Group 3 – Did not pass (14 members no/389 proxy’s no)
- CW3 Jack Du Teil motioned to send Focus Group 3 to the BOD for further study, seconded by CW3 (Ret) Gene Perrino; motion passed unanimously.
- Group 4 – Did not pass (36 members no/530 proxy’s no; 1 member abstained/2 proxy’s abstained). CW5 Paul Merchant motioned to amend Focus Group 4’s recommendation to reflect CW5 rank be moved to Colonel level and all others up one, seconded by CW4 (Ret) Max Bennett. Motion passed with 5 members voting Nay and 10 proxy’s voting Nay.

Note: Focus Group 4 references the protocol only for Warrant Officers.

CW4 (Ret) Roy Valiant thanked all Focus Groups for their participation.

1445 - CW4 (Ret) Roy Valiant asked for any other nominations for the 2010 AMM host – there were none.

CW3 (Ret) Gene Perrino Southeastern Region Director motioned to have the 2010 AMM at Redstone Arsenal, AL hosted by the Redstone Arsenal Chapter, seconded by CW4 (Ret) Pete Hill; motion passed unanimously.

CW4 (Ret) Pete Hill made administrative announcements.

1452 – CW4 (Ret) Valiant recessed the AMM until Friday, 24 OCT 08 at 0900

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36TH USAWOA ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS
DRAFT MINUTES OF 24 OCT 2008, DAY FOUR

OPENING REMARKS:

0900 - President CW4 (Ret) Roy Valiant reconvened the business and led the Body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CW4 (Ret) Don Hess gave an invocation.

CW4 (Ret) Pete Hill made administrative announcements.

CW4 (Ret) Harry Wilson announced that he has information on a shuttle bus service to the airport and if anyone is interested to see him.

CW5 Vickie Vachon, Credentials Committee reported that there are 587 proxies on the floor and 49 members present for a total of 636 votes.

CW4 (Ret) Roy Valiant announced that we do have a quorum.

CW2 (Ret) Gerry Wentworth read the Day 3 minutes and received a few minor changes. CW5 Tony Rotti motioned to accept the Day 3 minutes with changes, seconded by CW4 (Ret) Gene Perrino; motion passed unanimously.

CW4 (Ret) Roy Valiant read the Teller Committees report on the 2008 USAWOA election with the following results:

- USAWOA National President – CW5 Gary Nisker
- USAWOA National Vice President – CW4 (Ret) Pete Hill
- USAWOA National Secretary – CW4 David Rocha
- Region 2 Director – CW5 (Ret) Russ Brewer
- Region 3 Director – CW5 Phil Tackett
- Region 4 Director – CW3 James Davis
- Region 5 Director – CW4 (Ret) Gene Perrino
- Region 6 Director – CW4 (Ret) Greg Gouty

Elected officials were given the opportunity to speak.

CW4 (Ret) Gouty challenged the Board of Directors to make a \$100.00 donation to the Warrant Officers Heritage Foundation and the USAWOA Scholarship Foundation.

0930 - CW4 (Ret) Valiant called for a 10 minute break for members to get their raffle tickets and then we would have the raffle.

0940 – Conducted raffle

0945 - CW4 (Ret) Valiant presented the hotel staff with certificates of appreciation.

0950 - CW4 (Ret) Valiant and CW4 (Ret) Hill presented awards to individuals and chapters (see separate awards listing).

CW4 (Ret) Valiant presented the Board of Directors with an appreciation gift for their service during his administration.

1007 - CW4 (Ret) Valiant called for any other business:

- CW3 Stoeter suggested that possibly that Focus Groups be assigned early on to Regions or a Group so an in-depth study could be done.
- CW3 Stoeter also suggested that we might want to have a sponsorship program for any new attendees at an AMM.

1015 - CW4 (Ret) Valiant swore in the new Board of Directors. Group photos were taken.

1020 - CW4 (Ret) Valiant called for a credential report: 582 proxy's and 25 members present

NOTE: Credentials/Teller Committees gave written report to CW4 Rocha.

CW4 (Ret) Pete Hill made administrative announcements.

1022 – CW5 Nisker motioned to move all Unfinished Business to the Board of Directors, seconded by CW4 (Ret) Hill; motion passed unanimously.

1025 – CW5 Tackett motioned to adjourn the 36th Annual Meeting of the Members, seconded by CW4 (Ret) Taiji; motion passed unanimously.