

HAWKEYE CHAPTER UPDATE – MARCH 2010

Fellow “Hawkeye” members – The time has come for my final chapter update. As noted in the March meeting minutes we will be holding elections this coming Friday the 26th at the 1700 hour Warrant Officer Caucus. The positions to be voted on are President, Vice President and Secretary. Mr. Tew will remain our chapter Treasurer for another year. I hope everyone submitted their vote to CW2 Johnson for those who cannot make it to the caucus. All new officers will be sworn in after elections have been tallied.

Officer Recognition Dinner “Ice Breaker.” I hope everyone had an opportunity to dig out their beach wear! This should be a fun night and I am hoping to meet members that I have not had an opportunity in the past to do so. We will be having a WOA Chapter 319 booth set up for the evening. Volunteers will be needed to watch the booth for one hour increments which I do not see being a problem. The intent of the booth is for chapter awareness, participation and hopefully to boost membership to our organization. Applications will be present for new or renewing members.

The raffle is still a go for the Ice Breaker with CW5 Marv Peters overseeing the event. The decision was to raffle a beautiful farm scene print done by a local artist. If memory serves the print has an Iowa Hawkeye emblem on the mailbox and barn with children playing in the yard. For you ISU Cyclone fans that might become an option for next year’s raffle! The success of this raffle will be a determining factor on what is decided for next year’s fund raiser project. I encourage everyone to participate in this event so we as a chapter can support ourselves and the community. The chili feed was a huge success; I anticipate the same with the raffle.

Chapter Mascot Design/Logo – CW2 Gillette and I have been working on some ideas for our chapter trademark. CW2 Jim Russell has taken a particular interest in this project and has been working with a local graphic design artist who came up with the concept you see in the attachment. We have been careful to ensure this design does not violate any copyrights. If decided by the chapter this is what will represent our chapter once voted on by the members. If no decision is made we will continue to search out the logo that will represent us as the Hawkeye chapter. Additional ideas can still be forwarded tot to me at brian.cleven@us.army.mil or call 515-727-3551.

Family Picnic – Unfortunately no real headway was made on this particular topic with the April/May timeframe quick approaching. Some chapter members have suggested the picnic be held after the upcoming deployment as an opportunity for the chapter spouses to come together. The possibility also exists that the picnic could be held during the same timeframe as the annual Retiree Day. As noted in the last Chapter Update, the intent is to afford members who cannot make it to our monthly weekday meetings to be able to attend a semi-annual weekend meeting. As noted, the first proposed semi-annual meeting will probably be Retiree Day held during the August/September timeframe.

Our Chapter Website – Our link is: <http://www.iowahawkeyewoa.org/>.

The Final Word – As my short term comes to an end, I would like once again to thank everyone for this opportunity to serve as your chapter President. I see great things continuing to happen with the chapter as we continue to gain our identity. Membership growth and participation are critical to building the foundation necessary to support more ambitious initiatives in the future. I do intend on remaining a Hawkeye chapter member while stationed overseas. In the future I hope the opportunity will present itself to me to come back to Iowa and once again be an active member in this organization.

Respectfully submitted,
For the Corps!

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President