

Military Officers Association of America
El Paso Chapter



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
August 2011

A meeting of the Military Officers' Association of America (MOAA), El Paso Chapter, for August 2011 was held on 27 Aug 2011 at 10:00 AM in building 452, Fort Bliss, TX.

Attendance: COL Forrest Smith, President
COL(R) Bob Pitt, Programs
COL(R) Lennie Enzel, 1st VP
LTC (R) Bill Moore, Editor/Webmaster
LTC(R) Joe Gollasch, Secretary
CH(COL) Peter Baktis, Chaplain
MAJ(R) Ed Stone, Legislative
Ms Janet Rasmussen, 2nd VP
Ms Elma Rodriguez, Treasurer
Ms Judy Stone, Public Relations

1. Administrative

The meeting was called to order by President COL Forrest Smith at 10:00 AM.

CH(COL) Peter Baktis provided the invocation.

COL Smith presented opening remarks and welcome.

2. Old Business

A. Secretary: The minutes from July 2011 were reviewed and approved. COL Smith stated that a separate organization was to be formed for the tax exempt charity 501(c)(3) initiative. This will require forming a board of directors and writing new bylaws for the organization. COL Smith suggested naming the organization "El Paso Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) Outreach". LTC(R) Gollasch and COL(R) Enzel have begun looking at the requirements and forms required to start the organization and apply for tax exempt charity status. LTC(R) Gollasch will email the working group the requirements and continue to work the process. The working group will consist of COL Smith, COL(R) Enzel, COL(R) Pitt, LTC(R) Moore, LTC(R) Gollasch, and Ms Rodriguez. CH(COL) Baktis volunteered to contact COL King and attempt to gain JAG support in this endeavor. Further discussion and update at our next meeting.

B. Treasurer: MS Elma Rodriguez presented and reviewed the profit/loss statements. Motion to approve the June and July statements were made and statements were approved by the board. COL Smith indicated that the chapter

was losing money and/or just breaking even on the general meeting luncheons. The idea of increasing the price of the luncheons was discussed and the board agreed to increase the profit margin and charge up to \$22 for the event starting in December 2011. Ms Rodriguez and LTC(R) Moore stated that the missing \$675 Monte Vista donation check had been reissued and the discrepancy issue closed. Ms Rasmussen stated that she had audited the statements from January through June and found the records to be complete and accurate. The board also approved to increase the money allocated for the 1AD scholarship check facsimile to \$100.

- C. Recruiting/Membership: The committee has not been active for several months and Ms Emily Garcia has resigned as chairperson. LTC(R) Gollasch agreed to chair this committee. CH(COL) Baktis, COL(R) Enzel, and MAJ Pat Hogeboom will serve and the committee.
- D. Programs: COL(R) Bob Pitt stated that the October luncheon is confirmed. The guest speaker and details for the December luncheon are being worked. COL Smith reminded everyone that the scheduled date in December was the same date of the Army/Navy football game. There was a discussion of choosing an alternate date or holding the luncheon as planned. The board agreed to hold the event on the planned but to change the time to 1030 – 1230 and call it brunch. It was believed that this should avoid any conflicts with the football game. COL(R) Pitt reported that door prizes for the October luncheon have been secured.
- E. Legislative: MAJ(R) Ed Stone reported that the retirement benefits package is gaining support in Congress. Commissary benefit changes are being considered by Congress and he encouraged continued support to have members contact their legislative representatives.
- F. Editor/Webmaster: LTC(R) Bill Moore presented the new membership and renewals, mass e-mail, and scheduled calendar of events reviews. He indicated that 01 September would be the deadline for items submitted for the October printing of the Boarder Bulletin. The 2012 Slate for Board of Directors and Officers was reviewed and was discussed that there should be a change in the chapter bylaws to change the name of the 1st Vice President to President Elect. The duties and responsibilities would remain unchanged. LTC(R) Moore will initiate the change in the bylaws. COL(R) Enzel, LTC(R) Moore and LTC(R) Gollasch will attend the regional MOAA conference in Kansas City, 08-10 Sept 2011.
- G. Public Relations: Ms Judy Stone reported that the scholarship award winners were printed in the Monitor and the El Paso Times published our announcements.
- H. JROTC/ROTC: LTC(R) Garcia submitted that all is going well with the JROTC.
- I. Committees: (Door Prizes) See comments under Programs above.

3. New Business

None

4. There being no further business, COL Smith provided closing remarks and the meeting was adjourned at 1230.

Respectfully submitted by:

LTC(R) Joe Gollasch, Secretary

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MOAA President, El Paso Chapter