

Military Officers Association of America
El Paso Chapter



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
August 2012

A meeting of the Military Officers' Association of America (MOAA), El Paso Chapter, for August 2012 was held on 27 August 2012 at 5:30 PM in building 452, Fort Bliss, TX.

Attendance: COL(R) Lennie Enzel, President Elect
COL Steve Barrett, 3rd Vice President
COL(R) Bob Pitt, Programs
CH(COL) Pete Baktis, Chaplain
LTC (R) Bill Moore, Editor/Webmaster
LTC(R) Joe Gollasch, Secretary
MAJ(R) Ed Stone, Legislative
Ms Janet Rasmussen, 2nd Vice President
Ms Elma Smith, Treasurer
Ms Judy Stone, Public Relations

1. Administrative

The meeting was called to order at 5:45 PM.

2. Old Business

- A. Secretary: The minutes from the July 2012 meeting were reviewed and approved.
- B. Treasurer: Ms Elma Rodriguez-Smith presented the profit/loss statements and the reports were reviewed and approved as submitted. She stated that the chapter received \$380 from the Give-Me-Ten national recruitment program.
- C. Recruiting/Membership: LTC(R) Joe Gollasch reported that the Give-me-Ten recruiting program will be ending soon. MOAA National is considering a new program but details have not been released yet. We have received a list of ten new National members and a letter will be sent inviting these members to join the local chapter.
- D. Programs: (1) COL(R) Bob Pitt announced that the August luncheon went well and reviewed the menu for the October luncheon which will be held at the Ft Bliss gulf course banquet hall. MAJ(R) Ed and Judy Stone will arrange for a cake and COL Steve Barrett will procure dessert plates and forks. Ms Kay Green from the VA will be the guest speaker. Ms Elma Smith stated that BG Mark Stammer, CDR JTFN will be the guest speaker for our December brunch. COL(R) Bob Pitt reported that door prizes have been procured enough for the next few functions.
- E. Legislative: MAJ(R) Ed Stone stated that there is no expectation for legislative action on sequester until the lame duck session of Congress. He indicated that MOAA is supporting the House version of Tricare fee increases vs the Senate proposal. MAJ(R) Stone asked Chapter members to send Congressional leaders letters when MOAA puts out a call for action.

- F. Editor/Webmaster: (1) LTC(R) Bill Moore reminded everyone that the deadline for the October Border Bulletin is 03 September 2012. (2) Retiree Appreciation Day activities are being finalized and MOAA will have a display table manned by LTC(R) Moore, LTC(R) Gollasch, MAJ(R) Ed and Judy Stone. (3) LTC(R) Moore reminded the board that his term as Publication/Editor is ending and a replacement is needed. The board, reluctantly, agreed to look for a replacement. COL(R) Lennie Enzel suggested that we consider splitting the Editor and Advertisement duties. LTC(R) Moore will put an email message out seeking volunteers for the position.
- G. Public Relations: Ms Judy Stone reported that announcements have been submitted and published in the El Paso Times and Monitor.
- H. JROTC/ROTC: No report.
- I. Outreach Foundation: LTC(R) Joe Gollasch stated that the application process is moving forward and he will submit applications for the Employee Identification Number(EIN), Corporate status, State tax exemption and the IRS 501(c)(3) status within the next few weeks. MAJ(R) Ed Stone suggested that we consider a paid position for marketing and advertisement functions. He will ask TCC, Jim Cunningham to provide information on how TCC has filled the requirements for this position.

3. New Business

LTC(R) Joe Gollasch provided a handout on the MOAA Community Blueprint initiative and asked if the Chapter was still interested in pursuing involvement. He suggested that this could be a consideration while we are still developing the Outreach Foundation. More discussion will follow.

- 4. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1905.

Respectfully submitted by:
LTC(R) Joe Gollasch, Secretary

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MOAA President, El Paso Chapter