

Military Officers Association of America  
El Paso Chapter



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
July 2017

A meeting of the El Paso Chapter of the Military Officers Association (MOAA) was held on 29 July 2017 via conference call.

Attendance:

President: COL (RET) Forrest Smith  
Secretary: Col (RET) Steve Barrett  
Treasurer: Ms. Elma Smith  
Chaplain/Auxiliary/Surviving Spouse Liaison: Ms. Connie Sullivan  
Immediate Past President/Legislative Liaison: COL (RET) Lennie Enzel  
Programs: Col (RET) Bob Pitt  
Publications/Newsletter Editor: LTC (RET) Bill Moore  
Public Relations: LTC (RET) Martha Caldwell

1. Administrative: The meeting was called to order at 0806; Ms. Connie Sullivan provided the invocation.
2. President's Remarks: COL (RET) Forrest Smith welcomed everyone in attendance and recommended we move straight to the agenda.
3. Old Business:
  - A. Secretary: Col (RET) Steve Barrett provided a copy of the June 2017 BOD minutes which were approved with one correction to properly identify The Centennial Club as the location for the August luncheon.
  - B. Treasurer: Ms. Elma Smith provided a review of the June 2017 Balance Sheet and Profit/Loss statement.
    1. The June 2017 net loss was -\$1,257.88 which reduced our Year to Date Net Income to \$1,566.99. Primary income in May was from luncheon payments and door prizes; expenses this month were luncheon payment as well as printing and copying.
    2. Ms. Smith reported the IRS has reinstated the Chapter's 501(c)3 status and she has submitted required documents to reinstate similar status in Texas.
  - C. Immediate Past President: COL (RET) Lennie Enzel will bring the MOAA cake to the luncheon.
  - D. Membership: NSTR, CPT (RET) Mendoza was absent.
  - E. Programs:
    1. Col (RET) Bob Pitt provided a matching summary of the June luncheon that Ms. Smith reported last month.

2. The next luncheon will be held at the Underwood Golf Course on 12 August 2017. Ms. Patricia Kiddney from the Concordia Heritage Association will be the guest speaker and the menu will be buffet style including Bar-B-Que brisket.
3. The Pre-Retiree Appreciation Day Reception/Dinner will be held at the Underwood Golf Course on Friday September 29, 2017. Social hour begins at 6 PM with the formal program beginning at 7:15 PM. The menu will include Chicken Cordon Bleu, Green Bean Almandine, Roasted New Potatoes, Tossed Salad, Dinner Rolls, Coffee Tea and Water.
4. The December Brunch is currently booked at The Centennial Club on 9 December 2017; discussion was held to move the event to the MonteVista on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. LTC (RET) Bill Moore will meet with MonteVista POCs this week and report back at the next BOD meeting.

F. Legislative Liaison: COL (RET) Lennie Enzel reported information regarding TRICARE, the VA and Veterans' Choice are included in her upcoming Border Bulletin article.

G. Publications/Webmaster:

1. LTC (RET) Moore indicated the National Level of Excellence Awards should be announced in the very near future.
2. Input for the September/October Border Bulletin is due no later than 22 August to ensure the Bulletin is published and distributed before the 2017 Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD).
3. LTC (RET) Moore submitted a RAD donation request to USAA and confirmed the RAD Guest Speaker will be Brooke Goldberg, Deputy Director, MOAA Government Relations Department.

H. Public Relations: LTC (RET) Martha Caldwell reported publicity notices have been submitted for the August luncheon.

I. JROTC/ROTC: NSTR, LTC (RET) Dave Powell was absent.

J. Auxiliary/Surviving Spouse Liaison: LTC (RET) Caldwell will be out of town 30 Aug – 14 Sep.

K. Door Prizes: LTC (RET) Caldwell indicated donations were needed for the door prize inventory.

4. New Business:

- A. Proposed Bylaws Change: Following recent extensive discussions at multiple BOD meetings, LTC (RET) Moore has drafted a new "Friends of Chapter (FOC)" membership category that will be emailed to all members. This new category would include surviving widows and enlisted personnel among others. An official membership vote will be held at the upcoming luncheon.
- B. RAD Reception: Will be held 29 September 2017 at the Underwood Golf Course and Brooke Goldberg, Deputy Director, MOAA Government Relations Department will be the guest speaker. The Chapter is still awaiting feedback from the Ft Bliss Retiree Council on this event.
- C. TCC Meeting: The next TCC meeting will be held 4-5 August 2017. Anticipated topics include updating the bylaws and coordinating a "Texas" meeting for all Texas members in the next year. TCC leadership has requested membership and legislative POCs participate in the meetings. COL (RET) Smith and COL (RET) Enzel are unable to attend; LTC (RET) Moore will dial in and represent the Chapter.
- D. 2018 BOD Slate: Members were encouraged to begin thinking about nominations to fill next year's BOD. There has been minimal turnover on the BOD for multiple years other than position changes and a clear consensus was articulated on the need to canvass new BOD members from the Chapter's

membership. A blank sheet will be distributed at the next two luncheons in an effort to increase awareness and solicit nominations.

5. The meeting was adjourned at 0852.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Col (RET) Steve Barrett, Secretary

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