

Military Officers Association of America
El Paso Chapter



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
August 2017

A meeting of the El Paso Chapter of the Military Officers Association (MOAA) was held on 26 August 2017 at the Candlewood Suites, El Paso Texas.

Attendance:

President: COL (RET) Forrest Smith
Secretary: Col (RET) Steve Barrett
Treasurer: Ms. Elma Smith
Immediate Past President/Legislative Liaison: COL (RET) Lennie Enzel
Programs: Col (RET) Bob Pitt
Publications/Newsletter Editor: LTC (RET) Bill Moore

1. Administrative: The meeting was called to order at 0805; Col (RET) Steve Barrett provided the invocation.
2. President's Remarks: COL (RET) Forrest Smith welcomed everyone and encouraged an expeditious meeting as the August Outreach Foundation meeting is scheduled to commence immediately after the conclusion of this meeting.
3. Old Business:
 - A. Secretary: Col (RET) Steve Barrett provided a copy of the July 2017 BOD minutes which were approved pending one correction.
 - B. Treasurer: Ms. Elma Smith provided a review of the July 2017 Balance Sheet and Profit/Loss statement.
 1. The July 2017 net loss was -\$623.23 which reduced our Year to Date Net Income to \$973.36. Income was from luncheon payments and a membership renewal; expenses were for printing, copying, postage/mailing and merchant fees.
 2. It was noted the merchant fees had returned to their previous higher totals; Ms. Smith will research and share findings at next month's meeting.
 3. Ms. Elma Smith also reported checks from the recent luncheon were lost; she will send a letter to all the check writers advising them to verify their checks were not cashed and ask them to send in a replacement payment.
 - C. Immediate Past President: COL (RET) Lennie Enzel had NSTR.
 - D. Membership: CPT (RET) Steve Mendoza requested and received clarification of the recently passed new "Friends of the Chapter" membership category.

E. Programs:

1. Col (RET) Bob Pitt provided a recap of the August luncheon held at the Underwood Golf Course on 12 August 2017.
2. All concurred the buffet meal was good and Ms. Patricia Kidney's presentation was outstanding.
3. Col (RET) Pitt also highlighted the planned schedule for the Pre-Retiree Appreciation Day Reception/Dinner to 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, currently booked at The Centennial Club on 9 December 2017, will be moved to 2 December. Discussion was again held regarding potentially moving the meeting to the MonteVista. LTC (RET) Bill Moore will meet with MonteVista POCs this week and advise the BOD of his findings.

F. Legislative Liaison: COL (RET) Lennie Enzel reported the National Defense Authorization Act was forwarded for a full Senate vote: she will share highlights in her upcoming Border Bulletin article.

G. Publications/Webmaster:

1. LTC (RET) Bill Moore reported the September/October Border Bulletin will be delivered to the printers by next Monday which should help enable the mass mailing prior to Labor Day.
2. LTC (RET) Moore will contact RAD Guest Speaker Brooke Goldberg to verify what support she will require for her visit and presentation.
3. LTC (RET) Moore will update the official Chapter bylaws for the 2018 Membership Directory.

H. Public Relations: NSTR, LTC (RET) Martha Caldwell was absent.

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

J. Auxiliary/Surviving Spouse Liaison: NSTR, LTC (RET) Caldwell was absent.

K. Door Prizes: Discussion was held regarding multiple attendees' feedback that we need to "spruce up" the door prize table and inventory. All agreed the return of gift baskets and "surprise" bags would likely meet the need.

4. New Business:

- A. TCC Meeting: The 4th Quarter meeting and Texas MOAA Members Annual Meeting will be held 6-7 October 2017 in Dallas, TX. MOAA President LT GEN Dana Atkins is expected to attend as the North Dallas Chapter celebrates their 50th anniversary.
- B. RAD Reception: As mentioned earlier, this event 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. COL (RET) and Ms. Smith will not be able to attend so COL (RET) Enzel will chair the events.
- C. MOAA Annual Meeting: Will be held 23 October 2017 in Alexandria, VA. The session will be a one day event this year; video streaming potential is still to be determined.

- D. Chapter Scholarship Winners: MOAA National advised that Isabella Barnett and Richard Sweeting were awarded Chapter sponsored scholarships; LTC (RET) Moore has requested a list of additional local recipients.
- E. JTF-North / Outreach Foundation / BOD Focus Session: COL (RET) Smith indicated JTF-N staff members were willing to do a “MOAA Design” session designed to help identify desired value proposition and lines of effort for the Chapter to focus on in the future. Based on experience, a successful partnership might require two planning sessions. All in attendance supported the concept which should help increase the organization’s effectiveness.
- F. 2018 BOD Slate: Volunteers and nominations are still needed for next year’s BOD.
- G. Chapter Staff Emeritus: Chapter Staff Emeritus Emilio Gorgas requested a current BOD member be considered for Chapter Staff Emeritus status; motion was unanimously approved and a public announcement will be made at an upcoming meeting.

5. The meeting was adjourned at 0859.

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

FORREST SMITH
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MOAA President, El Paso Chapter