

Military Officers Association of America
El Paso Chapter



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
September 2017

A meeting of the El Paso Chapter of the Military Officers Association (MOAA) was held on 23 September 2017 at the Candlewood Suites, El Paso Texas.

Attendance:

President: COL (RET) Forrest Smith (via phone)
Secretary: Col (RET) Steve Barrett
Treasurer: Ms. Elma Smith
Immediate Past President/Legislative Liaison: COL (RET) Lennie Enzel (via phone)
Programs: Col (RET) Bob Pitt
Publications/Newsletter Editor: LTC (RET) Bill Moore
Public Relations/Door Prizes: LTC (RET) Martha Caldwell
El Paso Chapter Outreach Foundation: BG (RET) Jack Kotter

1. Administrative: The meeting was called to order at 0807.
2. President's Remarks: COL (RET) Forrest Smith welcomed everyone and reminded all the September Outreach Foundation meeting will commence immediately after the conclusion of this meeting.
3. Old Business:
 - A. Secretary: Col (RET) Steve Barrett provided a copy of the August 2017 BOD minutes which were approved as submitted.
 - B. Treasurer: Ms. Elma Smith provided a review of the August 2017 Balance Sheet and Profit/Loss statement.
 1. The August 2017 net profit was \$259.68 which improved our Year to Date Net Income to \$1,233.04. Income was primarily from luncheon and RAD payments; primary expenses were for luncheon payments, and printing & copying.
 2. As a follow on to last month's discussion, merchant fees were noticeably lower this month.
 - C. Immediate Past President: COL (RET) Lennie Enzel had a great trip to New York.
 - D. Membership: NSTR; CPT (RET) Steve Mendoza was absent.
 - E. Programs:
 1. Col (RET) Bob Pitt provided another review of the 12 August 2017 luncheon.
 2. Col (RET) Pitt reviewed the upcoming schedule for the Pre-Retiree Appreciation Day Reception/Dinner to be held at the Underwood Golf Course on Friday September 29, 2017.
 - i. 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.

ii. Brooke Goldberg, MOAA Director of Military Family Policy/Spouse Programs

3. The December Brunch will now be held at the MonteVista at Coronado on 2 December 2017; previous reservations at the Centennial Club on 9 December 2017 have been cancelled.

- i. LTC (RET) Bill Moore brought up the idea of a gift exchange vice a guest speaker. After much discussion, both pro and con, the decision was made to ask members at the RAD dinner to gauge interest on the proposal.

F. Legislative Liaison: COL (RET) Lennie Enzel will share a recap of multiple topics including the Blended Retirement System, Health Care and VA in the upcoming Border Bulletin article.

G. Publications/Webmaster: LTC (RET) Bill Moore indicated the deadline to submit December Border Bulletin inputs will be 31 October 2017.

H. Public Relations: NSTR, LTC (RET) Martha Caldwell reported announcements for the RAD have been distributed to the standard outlets (EP Times, EP Inc., and The Bugle)

I. JROTC/ROTC: NSTR, LTC (RET) Dave Powell was absent. COL (RET) Smith reported Dave will be assuming the role of President of the West Point Society.

J. Auxiliary/Surviving Spouse Liaison: Ms. Connie Sullivan indicated she was actively recruiting members from her church.

K. Door Prizes: COL (RET) Enzel provided LTC (RET) Caldwell with quite a few gifts for the Door Prize table. The Smiths will also be donating multiple gift baskets.

4. New Business:

A. RAD Reception: Will be held 29 September 2017 at the Underwood Golf Course.

- a. COL (RET) Enzel will chair the events.
- b. MG (RET) Greer will introduce guest speaker Brooke Goldberg and a couple of special presentations will also be made.
- c. LTC (RET) Moore made a donation request to Albertsons to provide 15 cases of water and 1,000 cookies; Albertsons agreed to donate 7 cases of water. A motion was made and unanimously passed to purchase the cookies and additional water (estimated cost \$250).
- d. Donations of \$500 have been received from USAA, AUSA and Candlewood Suites.
- e. LTC (RET) Moore will contact Ms. Goldberg to ensure her hotel and travel coordination has been completed. He verified A/V support will be required on Saturday but not Friday.

B. TCC Meeting: The 4th Quarter meeting and Texas MOAA Members Annual Meeting will be held 6-7 October 2017 in Dallas, TX. Meetings will be held from 3-5 PM Friday followed by a dinner with Saturday meetings scheduled for 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

- a. COL (RET) Enzel is tentatively planning to represent the Chapter.
- b. MOAA President LT GEN Dana Atkins will attend as the North Dallas Chapter celebrates their 50th anniversary.

C. MOAA Annual Meeting: Will be held 23 October 2017 in Alexandria, VA via dial-in only. LTC (RET) Moore will plan to dial in to represent the Chapter.

D. MOAA South Central Leadership Workshop: Will be held 3-4 November 2017 in Oklahoma City, OK. Registration suspense is 29 September 2017. Col (RET) Barrett will research the events website and tentatively volunteered himself and Mrs. Barrett to attend.

- E. JTF-North / Outreach Foundation / BOD Focus Session: COL (RET) Smith gave a brief update ref this strategic planning initiative and asked members if they preferred evenings or Saturdays as potential meeting days for the event. Saturday mornings were favored by a slight majority.
- F. 2018 BOD Slate: Volunteers and nominations are still needed for next year's BOD. To initiate progress, Col (RET) Barrett asked if all in attendance were willing to continue serving in their current positions for another year—all in attendance indicated a willingness to do so if no new volunteers are identified.

5. The meeting was adjourned at 0853.

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

FORREST SMITH
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MOAA President, El Paso Chapter