

Military Officers Association of America  
El Paso Chapter



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
October 2017

A meeting of the El Paso Chapter of the Military Officers Association (MOAA) was held on 28 October 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  
Publications/Newsletter Editor: LTC (RET) Bill Moore  
Membership: CPT (RET) Steve Mendoza  
El Paso Chapter Outreach Foundation: BG (RET) Jack Kotter

1. Administrative: The meeting was called to order at 0802. Col (Ret) Steve Barrett provided the invocation.
2. President's Remarks: COL (RET) Forrest Smith welcomed everyone and reminded everyone the October Outreach Foundation meeting will commence immediately after the conclusion of this meeting.
3. Old Business:
  - A. Secretary: Col (RET) Barrett provided a copy of the September 2017 BOD minutes which were approved as submitted.
  - B. Treasurer: Ms. Elma Smith provided a review of the September 2017 Balance Sheet and Profit/Loss statement.
    1. The September 2017 net profit was \$301.41 which increased our Year to Date Net Income to \$1,534.45. Income was primarily from RAD payments and membership dues; primary expenses were for the RAD payment and the annual website fee.
    2. Ms. Smith also highlighted the receipt of \$2,000 in donations this month.
  - C. Immediate Past President: COL (RET) Lennie Enzel attended retiree day events and reported the sessions were well attended with valuable information shared. She specifically highlighted Brooke Goldberg's presentation during Saturday's events.
  - D. Membership: NSTR; CPT (RET) Steve Mendoza reported he is actively recruiting ANG members for chapter membership.
  - E. Programs: Col (RET) Bob Pitt was absent; Ms. Smith provided a recap on his behalf.
    1. The RAD Reception/Dinner was a success; all in attendance appeared to enjoy the gathering.
    2. Net income from the dinner was \$243.81 with another \$159 raised at the door prize table.
    3. The Chapter still owes Dan Schulte reimbursement for the coffee purchase.

- F. Legislative Liaison: COL (RET) Lennie Enzel attended Congressman O'Rourke's Town Hall yesterday at Del Valle High School. The Congressman reported he voted against the NDAA due to health care cost cuts. The next Town Hall is scheduled for 4 November 2017. COL (RET) Enzel will recap the NDAA in her next Border Bulletin article.
- G. Publications/Webmaster: LTC (RET) Bill Moore indicated the revised deadline to submit December Border Bulletin inputs is now 1 November 2017.
- H. Public Relations: NSTR, LTC (RET) Martha Caldwell was absent; luncheon announcements 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 JTF-North Commanding General Yeager will attend the UTEP ROTC commissioning ceremony on 14 Dec 2017.
- J. Auxiliary/Surviving Spouse Liaison: Ms. Connie Sullivan was absent.
- K. Door Prizes: LTC (RET) Caldwell was absent but did report door prizes will be available for the next luncheon. The RAD door prize table received many compliments.

4. New Business:

- A. Chapter Support to JROTC Units: Discussion was held regarding a recent JROTC donation request. All agreed on the desire to continue supporting local JROTC units; donations will be limited to \$50 each and JROTC cadre will be strongly encouraged to become MOAA members.
- B. Proposed Scholarship to first year ROTC students: Deferred to next meeting pending LTC (RET) Powell's presentation.
- C. MOAA South Central Leadership Workshop: Col (RET) Barrett reported the scheduled gathering on 3-4 November 2017 in Oklahoma City, OK actually involves only 3 scheduled meeting on Saturday morning. After consulting with national representatives, Col (RET) Barrett shared his assessment that attending the workshop would not be a cost-effective use of the Chapter's funds and recommended the Chapter skip attendance this year.
- D. December Luncheon: The December Brunch will now be held at the MonteVista at Coronado on 2 December 2017. A gift exchange will be held; wrapped gifts should be \$20 or less and there will be a maximum of 2 exchanges for each selected gift.
- E. Army-Navy Game: Annual rivalry game will be held on 9 Dec 2017 (with Army seeking its first 2 game winning streak in the series since their 1992-1996 5-game winning streak). The Chapter voted unanimously to donate \$300 to the annual gathering at the Centennial Club
- F. JTF-North / Outreach Foundation / BOD Focus Session: COL (RET) Smith reported the previously discussed sessions are currently in a TBD status due to JTF-N POC availability.
- G. 2018 BOD Slate: No additional volunteers have stepped forward; the 2018 BOD slate reflects the current 2017 lineup. The formal membership vote will be held at the 2 December 2107 luncheon.
- H. 2018 USAA/MOAA Council: When the Chapter Sponsor Application window opens, LTC (RET) Moore will submit the Chapter's request seeking the potential \$300 donation.

- I. MOAA Annual Meeting: Was held 23 October 2017 in Alexandria, VA however there was no dial in or video streaming available.
- J. TCC Meeting: The 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter meeting and Texas MOAA Members Annual Meeting was held 6-7 October 2017 in Dallas, TX; COL (RET) Smith and COL (RET) Enzel attended via phone and shared the following highlights:
  - a. New Initiative “Engage Program” was introduced; the Chapter will seek additional info.
  - b. TX05; knowing the organizational code is important.
  - c. The *Military Officer*, MOAA’s National Magazine will undergo a format change.
  - d. The MOAA website will be overhauled and updated
  - e. Significant discussion on charter and voting rules was held. Three substantial charter changes addressed/highlighted:
    - i. Administrative issues.
    - ii. Increased power to the President regarding scheduling of meetings—location and time of meeting will be up to the President.
    - iii. Regional Vice Presidents and Representatives will be appointed, likely based on size (Florida currently largest, Texas is second).
  - f. COL (RET) Smith’s Chapter remarks included comments on the Chapter sponsored scholarships, the dwindling VSO membership issue and the Chapter’s Outreach Foundation. He also shared a RAD meeting update with all attendees.

5. The meeting was adjourned at 0910.

Respectfully submitted by:  
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