

Military Officers Association of America
El Paso Chapter



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
December 2011

A meeting of the Military Officers' Association of America (MOAA), El Paso Chapter, for December 2011 was held on 17 Dec 2011 at 10:00 AM in building 452, Fort Bliss, TX.

Attendance: COL Forrest Smith, President
BG(R) Morgan Jellett, Past President
CH(COL) Peter Baktis, Chaplain
COL(R) Bob Pitt, Programs
LTC (R) Bill Moore, Editor/Webmaster
LTC(R) Joe Gollasch, Secretary
Ms Janet Rasmussen, 2nd Vice President
Ms Elma Rodriguez, Treasurer

1. Administrative

The meeting was called to order by COL Smith at 10:00 AM. CH(COL) Baktis provided the Invocation. COL Smith made opening remarks. He stated that the December brunch went very well and there were 54 in attendance. The UTEP ROTC graduation was a success and there were 14 graduates. Most of the graduates have joined MOAA. It will be encouraged that all future classes join and support MOAA to receive complimentary military epilates.

2. Old Business

A. Secretary: The minutes from the November 2011 were reviewed and approved. LTC(R) Joe Gollasch stated that he met with COL(R) Chuck Wehmhoner and discussed the way forward with developing the El Paso MOAA Outreach foundation and applying for 501(c)(3) status. The process is lengthy and detailed. LTC(R) Gollasch stated he would devote more time and effort to accomplish this initiative. He will forward the proposed foundation by-laws to the Board of Directors for review after the holidays.

B. Treasurer: Ms Elma Rodriguez-Smith presented and reviewed the profit/loss statements. She stated that there were significant payments received from membership dues. She also indicated that the revenue from the December brunch raffle was positive and will be reflected/reported in next month's profit/loss statement. There were no questions and the reports were accepted and approved.

C. Recruiting/Membership: The membership committee is attempting to add new members and will meet following the holidays. A strategic plan, talking points and events calendar will be proposed for recruiting. LTC(R) Joe Gollasch will send an e-mail to potential members and solicit ideas and suggestions.

D. Programs: COL(R) Bob Pitt stated that the February luncheon will be confirmed to be held at the Great American Land and Cattle Company located on Gateway North on 11 February. The guest speaker is being confirmed and the Bio will be sent to LTC(R) Bill Moore ASAP. He reported that the door prizes for the February luncheon have been secured and thanked those who had contributed and donated prizes. COL Smith stated that the board needs to start coordinating the

traditional MOAA Day at the Races at Sunland Park. This event has been successful, well attended and usually held during the month of March. LTC(R) Bill Moore gracefully accepted to begin coordination of this event. The Bataan Memorial Death March is scheduled for 25 March 2012. MOAA will sponsor units again this year. COL Smith will report back to the board with specific requests and assist with organizing MOAA presence and support at this event. COL Smith will also begin discussion with MG(R) Greer on plans for MOAA sponsorship of the next Retiree Appreciation Day events. Discussion followed on possible speakers, panel presentation and dinner suggestions. Further discussion at future meetings.

- E. Legislative: No report, MAJ(R) Ed Stone is out of town.
- F. Editor/Webmaster: LTC(R) Bill Moore presented the board with a listing of current courtesy distribution of the Boarder Bulletin and noted that there has been very poor new membership or recruiting benefits from these locations. The board discussed alternative distribution locations and decided to alter the locations to The Centennial Club, WBAMC, Family Life Center, Dental clinic, ACS, FCCC, and JTF-N. Discussion followed on the potential of developing a MOAA site on Facebook. COL Smith noted that Mr. John Stahl would be able to assist with this and would ask him to attend our next meeting to explain how to accomplish this. LTC(R) Bill Moore stated that he had submitted all required paperwork and that the Chapter has been granted tax-exempt status from the State. Thank you, Bill! He also stated that 03 Jan 2012 is the deadline for articles to be submitted for the February Boarder Bulletin.
- G. Public Relations: Ms Judy Stone is out of town and will report next month.
- H. JROTC/ROTC: No report.

3. New Business

BG(R) Morgan Jellett stated that he was aware of enlisted soldiers having to seek financial and other assistance from NGO agencies and felt that this would be a special concern and issue for our Outreach Foundation, once established. Discussion followed and it was agreed upon that Soldier/Family support would be a top objective for the MOAA Outreach Foundation. Note: BG(R) Morgan Jellett had offered to preside over the MOAA Outreach Foundation. More on the Outreach Foundation will be presented during future meetings as this initiative progresses.

4. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1140.

Respectfully submitted by:

LTC(R) Joe Gollasch, Secretary

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MOAA President, El Paso Chapter