

Military Officers Association of America
El Paso Chapter



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
July 2018

A meeting of the El Paso Chapter of the Military Officers Association (MOAA) was held on 28 July 2018 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 (via telephone)
Programs: Col (RET) Bob Pitt
Publications/Newsletter Editor: LTC (RET) Bill Moore
ROTC/JROTC Activities: LTC (Ret) Dave Powell
Public Relations/Door Prizes: LTC (RET) Martha Caldwell
Auxiliary Liaison: Ms. Connie Sullivan
MOAA Outreach Foundation President: BG (RET) Jack Kotter

1. Administrative: The meeting was called to order at 0803 and Ms. Connie Sullivan provided an opening prayer.
2. President's Remarks: COL (RET) Forrest Smith welcomed all in attendance.
3. Old Business:
 - A. Secretary: Col (RET) Steve Barrett provided a copy of the June 2018 BOD minutes which were approved with one correction.
 - B. Treasurer: Ms. Elma Smith provided a review of the June 2018 Balance Sheet and Profit/Loss statement. The Chapter received \$3,775.23 from MOAA National which will be used to support the Veterans Transition Living Center computer setup. Ms. Smith will transfer those funds to the Outreach Foundation.
 - C. Immediate Past President: COL (RET) Lennie Enzel had nothing significant to report (NSTR).
 - D. Membership: No report, CPT (RET) Steve Mendoza was absent. Col (RET) Bob Pitt talked to Steve this week and relayed positive words ref his recent procedures and prognosis.
 - E. Programs: Col (RET) Pitt provided a flyer highlighting the 6th Annual El Paso Veteran's Symposium to be held on Saturday 18 Aug 2018. All veterans and their families are invited to attend this event which will be held at the Armed Forces Reserve Center, 11701 Montana Ave.
 - F. Legislative Liaison: COL (RET) Enzel reported that the VA Mission Care Act was passed into law; see the upcoming Border Bulletin for additional details. COL (RET) Enzel also attended Sen Rodriguez's most recent health care meeting and his team is working on various pieces of legislation.

- G. Publications/Webmaster: LTC (RET) Bill Moore reminded everyone that inputs for the October Border Bulletin are due no later than 24 Aug 2018. He also shared that he sent out delinquency letters for overdue membership dues and those letters had generated over \$600 in payments thus far.
- H. Public Relations: LTC (RET) Martha Caldwell reported articles for the August luncheon have been distributed to the usual media entities.
- I. JROTC/ROTC: LTC (RET) Dave Powell requested inputs as he is scheduled to meet with JROTC coordinators later this month. LTC (RET) Moore will send MOAA scholarship information to present to the staffs and cadets. Col (RET) Barrett asked LTC (RET) Powell to restate our previous offer of “mentorship” visits to meet with the cadets at the various schools.
- J. Auxiliary/Surviving Spouse Liaison: MOAA National has directed this position will be renamed “Surviving Spouse Liaison”.
- K. Door Prizes: LTC (RET) Martha Caldwell reported door prizes are needed.

4. New Business:

- 1) Building 452: Ms. Smith will provide LTC (RET) Moore a copy of the Chapter’s most recent financial audit letter so the newly required FI Bliss MWR application can be submitted.
- 2) TCC Special Meeting: To be held 17-18 Aug 18 in Waco TX; the agenda has yet to be distributed.
- 3) El Paso Chihuahuas Baseball Game: Col (RET) Pitt reminded everyone about the Chihuahua’s game on 22 Aug and reported that Judge Barill and family would be attending as our guests.
- 4) Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD): LTC (RET) Moore reported he has not received many updates on the upcoming event and is still awaiting details from the new Garrison Commander about his desire to “expand” the RAD events. LTC (RET) Moore did submit a sponsorship request (for \$500) to USAA. Col (RET) Pitt will send LTC (RET) Moore the menu and prices later next week.
- 5) October Picnic at Biggs Park: LTC (RET) Powell reported Mo’s BBQ will provide the catering and until the Chapter receives on-base “recognition” via the MWR process, a fee of \$150 will be required to use the Biggs Park facility. The menu will include traditional BBQ fare including brisket, sausage, pulled pork, cole slaw, beans, rolls and ice tea. LTC (RET) Powell will speak about the picnic at the upcoming August Membership Luncheon.
- 6) MOAA National Annual Meeting: Now scheduled to be held in Phoenix, AZ on 1-2 Nov 18.
- 7) Veterans Transition Living Center Ribbon Cutting Ceremony: The Chapter has been invited to attend this event now scheduled to be held on Veteran’s Day (11 Nov 18) at the Myrtle St location. The Chapter sponsored computer room will have a special room and it has been confirmed we can utilize their Internet which will in turn yield a cost savings from original projections. Local press coverage is anticipated; this should provide a great opportunity to highlight multiple MOAA Outreach Foundation initiatives.
- 8) December Luncheon Guest Speaker: TCC President Larry Petrash has confirmed his planned attendance. LTC (RET) Moore will explore the possibility of hosting (at his residence) a BoD dinner/meeting with Mr. Petrash.

- 9) El Paso Veterans Service Organizations: COL (RET) Smith engaged with Congressman O'Rourke's military liaison to try and establish a collaborated VSO effort; the effort appears to be severely languishing at this point.

5. Ms. Sullivan provided the Benediction and the meeting was adjourned at 0858.

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

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