

Military Officers Association of America
El Paso Chapter



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
August 2018

A meeting of the El Paso Chapter of the Military Officers Association (MOAA) was held on 25 August 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
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.
2. Invocation: Ms. Connie Sullivan provided the invocation.
3. President's Remarks: COL (RET) Forrest Smith welcomed all in attendance and urged all to rapidly move thru the agenda in order to transition to the Outreach meeting on time.
4. Old Business:
 - A. Secretary: Col (RET) Steve Barrett provided a copy of the July 2018 BOD minutes which were approved as submitted.
 - B. Treasurer: Ms. Elma Smith provided a review of the July 2018 Balance Sheet and Profit/Loss statement. The Balance Sheet reflects a net loss of \$3,042.48 for the month however it is important to note that total includes a \$3,750.00 transfer to the Outreach Foundation which will use the funds to support the Veterans Transition Living Center computer setup.
 - C. Immediate Past President: COL (RET) Lennie Enzel reported she received positive feedback regarding the 22 Aug Chihuahua's game at which the Chapter was introduced in conjunction with the El Paso Chihuahua's continuing non-profit organization recognition program. Ms. Smith will forward a picture from the game for inclusion in the next Border Bulletin.
 - D. Membership: No report, CPT (RET) Steve Mendoza was absent.
 - E. Programs: Col (RET) Pitt reported the 11 Aug luncheon and door prize sales yielded a net profit of \$253.00. He also reported tickets for the 28 Sep Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD) reception are \$25.00 each. Social hour for the event will begin at 5:30 P.M followed by the opening ceremony at

6:00 P.M. and guest speaker Mark E. Overberg, Director of Army Retirement Services, is scheduled to speak at 7:00 P.M.

- F. Legislative Liaison: COL (RET) Enzel reported she is working on finishing her article for the upcoming Border Bulletin.
- G. Publications/Webmaster: LTC (RET) Bill Moore reminded everyone that inputs for the October Border Bulletin were due yesterday. COL (RET) Enzel acknowledged that reminder was likely intended for her; the gathering acknowledged her admission and shared some humorous encouragement urging her rapid article submission.
- H. Public Relations: LTC (RET) Martha Caldwell had nothing to report.
- I. JROTC/ROTC: LTC (RET) Dave Powell held meetings with the El Paso and Ysleta Independent School District JROTC leaders. He shared scholarship information with the groups and encouraged the leaders to become Chapter members. Discussion was also held about submitting MOAA-scholarship information for publication in The Bugle during the month of November.
- J. Auxiliary/Surviving Spouse Liaison: Ms. Sullivan reported she continues to try and keep in touch with Chapter members who are ill and/or feeling under the weather.
- K. Door Prizes: LTC (RET) Martha Caldwell reported door prizes are needed.

5. New Business:

- 1) Five-Star Level of Excellence (LOE): The Chapter earned Five-Star LOE recognition for the 18 year in a row! The BoD thanked LTC (RET) Moore for his continued dedicated efforts which continue to play a major role in the Chapter earning this continuing recognition.
- 2) Building 452: LTC (RET) Moore submitted the COE occupancy and Ft Bliss MWR private organization applications; anticipate a six to eight-week approval process.
- 3) Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD): LTC (RET) Moore reported there have been no recent meetings and he will attempt to reach out to Mr. Joe Hernandez with hopes of obtaining additional event information. LTC (RET) Moore is also planning to personally distribute information to other local Veterans Service Organizations.
- 4) October Picnic at Biggs Park: LTC (RET) Powell led a discussion of the best mechanism to distribute picnic information to all Chapter members since not all members have email; all agreed the combination of email and an article in the Border Bulletin was likely the best approach. A 5 Oct RSVP will be requested for this membership appreciation gathering which will be a football-themed event; all are encouraged to wear jerseys of their favorite teams. COL (RET) Smith will provide remarks and all agreed our Chapter flags and banner should be proudly displayed.
- 5) MOAA National Annual Meeting: Still scheduled to be held in Phoenix, AZ on 1-2 Nov 18.
- 6) 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. Significant discussion was held regarding the ceremony and planned media coverage along with the desire to ensure photos are provided for inclusion in our after-action report.
- 7) December Luncheon Guest Speaker: TCC President Larry Petrash will be the guest speaker and LTC (RET) Moore will host a dinner at his residence the night before if Mr. Petrash concurs.

6. Ms. Sullivan provided the Benediction and the meeting was adjourned at 0903.

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

FORREST SMITH
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