

Military Officers Association of America
El Paso Chapter



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
September 2016

A meeting of the El Paso Chapter of the Military Officers Association (MOAA) was held on 17 Sep 2016 at Building 452 on Ft. Bliss, Texas.

Attendance:

President: COL (RET) Forrest Smith
Vice President: Ms. Jan Rasmussen
Secretary: Col (RET) Steve Barrett
Treasurer: Ms. Elma Smith
Chaplain: Ms. Connie Sullivan
Publications/Newsletter Editor: LTC (RET) Bill Moore
Programs: Col (RET) Bob Pitt
Public Relations/Door Prizes: LTC Martha Caldwell

1. Administrative: The meeting was called to order at 0804 and Col (RET) Steve Barrett provided the invocation.
2. President's Remarks: COL (RET) Forrest Smith, sporting West Point attire in support of that evenings Army-UTEP football game, welcomed all attendees.
3. Old Business:
 - A. Secretary: LTC (RET) Bill Moore provided a draft copy of the minutes for the 27 Aug 2016 BOD meeting. Minutes were approved as submitted.
 - B. Treasurer: Ms. Elma Smith provided a review of the Aug 2016 Balance Sheet and Profit/Loss statement.
 1. The Aug 2016 net loss was \$768.93. Primary sources of income were luncheon payments and membership dues; primary expenses were for luncheon meal costs, printing and postage.
 2. Ms. Smith reviewed the balance sheet and also provided a summary of the Jan-Jun totals which reflected a net loss of \$970.63 for the first 8 months of the year.
 - C. Membership: NSTR.
 - D. Programs: Col (RET) Pitt shared a summary of the August luncheon and an update of the upcoming luncheon on 8 Oct 2016. The luncheon will be held at the Underwood Golf Course and Representative Joe Moody (Texas State District 78) will be our guest speaker. Representative Moody has been asked to discuss the Hazelwood Act and provide an update on other legislative actions impacting the military. Many BoD members will be out of town and unable to attend.
 - E. Legislative Liaison: NSTR

- F. Publications/Webmaster: LTC (RET) Bill Moore reported the new engine for the Chapter website should be online on October 15th and will include a new home page. He also advised Northeast Printing was finalizing changes to the October newsletter and the Military Ball brochure. The newsletter should be mailed next week.
- G. Public Relations: LTC (RET) Martha Caldwell reported announcements for the upcoming luncheon were distributed to El Paso Times, the Bugle and El Paso Inc.

H. JROTC/ROTC:

1. Col (RET) Barrett shared a request from a local JROTC high school instructor asking for potential scholarship and financial aid options for a former cadet now enrolled in UTEP and attending ROTC courses at NMSU. Multiple members shared financial aid sites for both universities; Col (RET) Barrett will forward those sites along with the MOAA scholarship websites.
2. Additional discussion was held on potential support this school year for UTEP ROTC; once COL (RET) Smith returns from his upcoming trip, we will attempt to set up a lunch meeting with LTC (RET) Lee.
3. Members also discussed sending local Chapter congratulatory letters to local MOAA scholarship winners; COL (RET) Smith will send the letters once LTC (RET) provides the addresses for the recently announced winners.

- I. Auxiliary Liaison: COL (RET) Smith announced he had nominated Ms. Connie Sullivan for the Surviving Spouse Liaison of the Year Award.

- J. Door Prizes: LTC (RET) Martha Caldwell advised we need to restock our door prize inventory.

4. New Business:

- A. Army/UTEP Football Game: UTEP is hosting Army this evening at the Sun Bowl; tailgating will officially start around noon.
- B. Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD): The annual RAD will be held 24 Sep 17 at the Centennial Club.
1. Set up time will be 0800 with the event scheduled from 0900-1330.
 2. MG Greer has requested all tables be manned until the end of the formal events.
 3. WBAMC will be giving flu shots during the event.
 4. Ms. Elma Smith will bring chocolates for the MOAA table and additional snacks.
- C. MOAA National Meeting: Will be held 24-25 Oct in Arlington VA. Many BoD members have scheduling conflicts so an attending representative still needs to be identified.
- D. Ft Bliss Veterans Gala: Will be held 17 Nov; additional information forthcoming.
- E. TCC Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for 4-5 Nov; we will dial into the meeting.
- F. 2017 BoD Slate: The 2017 Officers, Directors and Committees slate was introduced and discussed. Nominees for many key positions still need to be identified.
- G. 2017 Day at the Races: Majority motion approved to reserve the second Saturday in March for this annual event.

H. Army/Navy Game: Unanimous motion approved to contribute to the West Point Society in support of the annual “viewing” event at the Centennial Club.

5. Meeting was adjourned at 0930.

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

FORREST SMITH
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MOAA President, El Paso Chapter