

Military Officers Association of America
El Paso Chapter



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
September 2018

A meeting of the El Paso Chapter of the Military Officers Association (MOAA) was held on 22 September 2018 at the Candlewood Suites, El Paso Texas.

Attendance:

President: COL (RET) Forrest Smith
Secretary: Col (RET) Steve Barrett
Treasurer: Ms. Elma Smith
Programs: Col (RET) Bob Pitt
Publications/Newsletter Editor: LTC (RET) Bill Moore
ROTC/JROTC Activities: LTC (Ret) Dave Powell
Auxiliary Liaison: Ms. Connie Sullivan

1. Administrative: The meeting was called to order at 0806.
2. Invocation: Ms. Connie Sullivan provided the invocation.
3. President's Remarks: COL (RET) Forrest Smith had no remarks.
4. Old Business:
 - A. Secretary: Col (RET) Steve Barrett provided a copy of the August 2018 BOD minutes which were approved as submitted.
 - B. Treasurer: Ms. Elma Smith provided a review of the August 2018 Balance Sheet and Profit/Loss statement. The Profit/Loss Sheet reflects a net loss of \$458.25 for the month. Primary sources of income were luncheon payments, membership dues and door prizes; expenses were limited to postage/mailing as well as luncheon payments to include \$400 for the upcoming October Membership Appreciation Luncheon.
 - C. Immediate Past President: No report, COL (RET) Lennie Enzel was absent.
 - D. Membership: No report, CPT (RET) Steve Mendoza was absent.
 - E. Programs: Col (RET) Pitt shared the following report:
 1. The Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD) reception dinner is all set for the Underwood Golf Course on Friday 28 Sep. Tickets are \$25.00 each and the deadline to RSVP is 24 Sep. Social hour begins at 5:30 P.M followed by opening ceremonies at 6:00 P.M. with dinner (chicken cordon bleu) to immediately follow. Guest speaker Mark E. Overberg, Director of Army Retirement Services, is scheduled to speak at 7:00 P.M.
 2. TCC President Larry Petrash has reversed his previous acceptance and pulled out as the guest speaker for our upcoming 1 Dec luncheon. The BoD acknowledged this disappointing news and most agreed it should be a consideration factor for future similar requests. In lieu of Mr. Petrash's declination, the majority supported Col (RET) Pitt's proposal to invite CPT Roger

Nichols to be the guest speaker for the luncheon. COL (RET) & Mrs. Smith offered to bring gift baskets and the MOAA cake.

F. Legislative Liaison: No report, COL (RET) Enzel was absent.

G. Publications/Webmaster: LTC (RET) Bill Moore reported the award-winning Border Bulletin was distributed this week.

H. Public Relations: LTC (RET) Martha Caldwell was absent however she sent in a report advising articles had been submitted announcing the upcoming reception and luncheon.

I. JROTC/ROTC: LTC (RET) Dave Powell shared inputs on multiple topics:

1. LTC (RET) Powell reached out to local JROTC leaders again to encourage them to join the Chapter. Additionally, he introduced a request from the EPISD JROTC Director's Staff for our Chapter to sponsor a new annual award to be presented to the EPISD JROTC Cadet of the Year. The BoD voted unanimously to support the request and provide a trophy or plaque and a \$100 gift certificate. The request will be passed on to the Outreach Foundation for their consideration.
2. LTC (RET) Powell highlighted the upcoming Army/Navy game and asked if the Chapter would consider providing support as previously done. The BoD voted to provide \$300 and ask the Outreach Foundation to support the approved request.
3. The MOAA Scholarship window will open approximately 1 Nov 18 with an expected deadline of 31 Mar 2019.

J. Auxiliary/Surviving Spouse Liaison: Ms. Sullivan had nothing significant to report.

K. Door Prizes: LTC (RET) Caldwell was absent; topic was addressed during Programs discussion.

5. New Business:

A. Building 452: The Dallas office requested an update to the MWR private organization application LTC (RET) Moore previously submitted. MWR specifically wanted to know which rooms in the building we occupy. LTC (RET) Moore provided the requested data and with the updated submission, we should anticipate at least another six to eight-week approval process.

B. Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD): Col (RET) Pitt and COL (RET) & Mrs. Smith will cover the MOAA table with setup anticipated to start at 0800 this coming Saturday. The event will run from 0900-1300.

C. October Picnic at Biggs Park: LTC (RET) Powell reported planning is complete for this 13 Oct event. Moz' BBQ will cater this Membership Appreciation Luncheon to be held at Biggs Park. The gathering will be a football-themed event with all attendees encouraged to wear jerseys of their favorite teams. An idea to have a D.J. play music during the luncheon was dismissed by the BoD.

D. MOAA National Annual Meeting: Significant discussion was held regarding potential Chapter attendance at this scheduled 1-2 Nov 18 meeting in Phoenix, AZ. Attendance is a challenge given our current budget status and fact that the meetings are being held on a Thursday & Friday (which would cause many BoD members to have to take Annual Leave from their current jobs), After much discussion, the decision was made to not send a representative this year.

E. Veterans Transition Living Center Ribbon Cutting Ceremony: LTC (RET) Moore purchased all the computer items; chairs and tables still need to be procured. Times for this 11 Nov 18 event have yet to be released.

F. December Luncheon Guest Speaker: Discussed during Programs discussion previously cited.

G. Chapter Shirts: Discussion was held about purchasing new MOAA Chapter shirts. Ms. Smith will get an estimate and share at an upcoming meeting.

6. Ms. Sullivan provided the Benediction and the meeting was adjourned at 0906.

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

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