

Military Officers Association of America  
El Paso Chapter



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
December 2018

A meeting of the El Paso Chapter of the Military Officers Association (MOAA) was held 29 December 2018 via conference call.

Attendance:

President: COL (RET) Forrest Smith  
Secretary: Col (RET) Steve Barrett  
Treasurer: Ms. Elma Smith  
Immediate Past President: COL (RET) Lennie Enzel  
Programs: Col (RET) Bob Pitt  
Publications/Newsletter Editor: LTC (RET) Bill Moore  
Auxiliary Liaison: Ms. Connie Sullivan  
MOAA Outreach Foundation President: BG (RET) Jack Kotter

1. Administrative: The meeting was called to order at 0803.
2. President's Remarks: COL (RET) Forrest Smith welcomed all on the call and indicated he would talk about the Veteran's Summit later in the call as depicted in the agenda.
3. Old Business:
  - A. Secretary: Col (RET) Steve Barrett, who was absent from the November meeting, provided a copy of the October 2018 BOD minutes which were approved as submitted.
  - B. Treasurer: Ms. Elma Smith provided a review of the November 2018 Balance Sheet and Profit/Loss statement. The Profit/Loss Sheet reflects a net gain of \$747.22 for the month. Primary sources of income were luncheon payments and membership dues while the only expenses were for merchant fees. Additionally, donations totaling \$830 were received and transferred to the El Paso MOAA 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.
  - E. Programs: Col (RET) Pitt shared the following reports:
    1. The December luncheon was a total success; chapter member Captain Roger Nichols provided a great presentation sharing personal insights into the documented stories of his parents' experience at Wheeler AFB surrounding the infamous attack on Pearl Harbor. The luncheon also yielded a profit of over \$180;
    2. The February luncheon is set for the Underwood Golf Course on 9 Feb 2019 with Steak Tampiqueña as the main course. COL Michael Hester from Joint Task Force North will be the guest speaker;
    3. Col (RET) Pitt joined BG (RET) Jack Kotter in attendance at the Veteran's Treatment Court graduation; it was a great event and he encouraged all to try and attend a future graduation.

F. Legislative Liaison: No report, CWO (RET) Dave Garcia was absent.

G. Publications/Webmaster: LTC (RET) Bill Moore provided the following inputs:

1. Inputs for the next Border Bulletin are due no later than 3 Jan 2019;
2. The 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter TCC report has been submitted;
3. LTC (RET) Moore sent in a grant request to MOAA National for potential USAA funding; and,
4. He delivered donation checks to the Ft Bliss Junior Enlisted Food Bank.

H. Public Relations: No report, LTC (RET) Martha Caldwell was absent.

I. JROTC/ROTC: No report, LTC (RET) Dave Powell was absent.

J. Auxiliary/Surviving Spouse Liaison: No report, Ms. Sullivan was absent.

K. Door Prizes: No report, LTC (RET) Caldwell was absent.

4. New Business:

A. Veterans Summit in El Paso: COL (RET) Enzel shared initial info she has received indicating this Summit would be held Saturday 19 January 2019 from 0800-1530 in the EPCC auditorium at 9050 Viscount. The invitation stated this is an "El Paso County" initiative however no one on the BoD is aware of who the organizing group members are. COL (RET) Enzel will reach out seeking additional information as she believes the VA has a significant amount of data readily available to address some of the very simple questions listed on the agenda.

B. Veterans Transition Living Center Rehab: The current projection to complete the renovations is approximately 8 weeks and the Chapter remains on call to provide a warm dinner one evening during the renovation for approximately 20 residents. It was also confirmed that a new partnership with American University (AU) has been initiated and AU has already provided some computer equipment to support the Center—look for additional details in the next Border Bulletin.

C. Texas Veterans Commission: LTC (RET) Moore reported this group provides grants to Veteran Support Organizations who in turn utilize those grants to support veterans in need. LTC (RET) Moore indicated the Chapter needs to register with the Commission to be eligible to apply for and receive grants; he has already filed the required application to get a DUNS number which is required to apply for the grant monies.

D. Sponsors Needed: Need to get out and seek additional sponsors and advertisers.

5. The meeting was adjourned at 0837.

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

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