

Military Officers Association of America
El Paso Chapter



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
February 2017

A meeting of the El Paso Chapter of the Military Officers Association (MOAA) was held on 25 Feb 2017 at the Candlewood Suites, El Paso Texas.

Attendance:

President: COL (RET) Forrest Smith
Secretary: Col (RET) Steve Barrett
Treasurer: Ms. Elma Smith
Chaplain: Ms. Connie Sullivan
Immediate Past President/Legislative Liaison: COL (RET) Lennie Enzel
Publications/Newsletter Editor: LTC (RET) Bill Moore
Programs: Col (RET) Bob Pitt

1. Administrative: The meeting was called to order at 0810 and Ms. Connie Sullivan provided the invocation.
2. President's Remarks: COL (RET) Forrest Smith welcomed everyone in attendance.
3. Old Business:
 - A. Secretary: Col (RET) Steve Barrett provided a copy of the 28 Jan 2017 BOD minutes which were approved pending two identified corrections.
 - B. Treasurer: Ms. Elma Smith provided a review of the Jan 2017 Balance Sheet and Profit/Loss statement.
 1. The Jan 2017 net profit was \$675.60. Primary sources of income were luncheon payments, the USAA donation and membership dues; expenses were strictly for merchant fees this month.
 2. COL (RET) Smith requested a graph of monthly income and expenses for the past two years; the goal is to determine if there is any identifiable trend that can be factored into annual financial planning and spending decisions.
 - C. Membership: An associate membership concept was discussed; additional research required ref potential expansion of membership to surviving spouses of all ranks and all services.
 - D. Programs: Col (RET) Pitt relayed he has received great reviews for the February luncheon setup and program. Potential guest speakers were discussed for the June 10, 2017 luncheon to be held at the Underwood Golf Course.
 - E. Legislative Liaison: COL (RET) Lennie Enzel provided a short recap of the current topics she highlighted in the Border Bulletin.
 - F. Publications/Webmaster: LTC (RET) Bill Moore requested all inputs for the April 2017 Border Bulletin be submitted by 3 Mar 2017. LTC (R) Moore also reported he submitted the Levels of

Excellence nomination last night.

G. Public Relations: No report.

H. JROTC/ROTC: No report.

I. Auxiliary Liaison: Ms. Connie Sullivan reported she will be unable to attend the upcoming luncheon.

J. Door Prizes: The Feb luncheon raised \$220 in door prize ticket sales.

4. New Business:

- A. MOAA 2017 Day at the Races: LTC (RET) Moore provided a summary of the upcoming MOAA Day at the Races on 11 Mar 2017; cost will be \$27 per person for the buffet meal and all in attendance will receive a racing program and tip sheets. The program will commence at 1100 and a Sunland Park official will provide a briefing on how to read the program and racing charts.
- B. Massing of the Colors: Will be held at St. Rafael's church on 1 Apr 17. COL (RET) Smith will attend and bring the Chapter's U.S. and Chapter flags.
- C. April 2017 Meeting: LTC (R) Moore shared the proposed menu for the April luncheon which will be held at the MonteVista at Coronado Senior Living Facility. Cost will be \$20 per person and a tour of the facilities will be made available for attendees. LTC (RET) Moore highlighted close in parking could be an issue but there will be sufficient parking on site.
- D. Girl Scout Cookies: The BoD confirmed the email vote to make a \$50 donation.
- E. Outreach Foundation: A motion was made and approved for COL(R) Enzel to assume the position of Outreach President; she will replace previous President LTC (RET) BJ Jackson who recently stepped down from the position.
- F. UAVO Request: The BoD approved the UAVO request to store two boxes in Building 452.
- G. Open Discussion—Why Join MOAA at the Local Level? As a follow-up to last month's discussion and an email COL (RET) Smith sent to all BoD members, a lively discussion was held addressing what our narrative should be to encourage members to join our El Paso Chapter. Emphasis on the Outreach Foundation was encouraged along with our Chapter's widespread support of many programs including the enlisted food bank, UTEP ROTC, El Paso JROTC units and numerous local veteran's programs were highlighted as key talking points. The outstanding sharing of key legislative information at the national and state level was also highlighted as a strength to focus on.

5. Ms. Connie Sullivan provided the benediction and the meeting was adjourned at 1000.

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

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