

Military Officers Association of America
El Paso Chapter



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
March 2018

A meeting of the El Paso Chapter of the Military Officers Association (MOAA) was held on 31 March 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
Publications/Newsletter Editor: LTC (RET) Bill Moore
Auxiliary Liaison: Ms. Connie Sullivan
ROTC/JROTC Activities: LTC (RET) Dave Powell
MOAA Outreach Foundation President: BG (RET) Jack Kotter

1. Administrative: The meeting was called to order at 0920.
2. President's Remarks: COL (RET) Forrest Smith welcomed everyone and advised we will swap time with the Outreach Foundation next month and begin the BOD meeting at 0800. He also highlighted one of Congressman Rodriguez's staff was trying to initiate a Veteran's Coalition and were seeking POCs from local Veterans Service Organizations (VSOs). They have had a few meetings thus far however the meetings appear to be during the traditional work day so BG (RET) Jack Kotter offered to attend the next meeting.
3. Old Business:
 - A. Secretary: Col (RET) Steve Barrett provided a copy of the February 2018 BOD minutes which were approved as submitted.
 - B. Treasurer: Ms. Elma Smith provided a review of the January 2018 Balance Sheet and Profit/Loss statement. The Chapter had a net income of \$285.48 last month; primary sources of income were luncheon payments, door prizes and membership dues. Expenses for the month included luncheon costs, awards and grants, donations and merchant fees.
 - 1) Ms. Smith also reported she had received no feedback from the Post Office regarding our previously submitted complaint.
 - 2) LTC (RET) Bill Moore asked how many February luncheon check payments were still outstanding (because of the Post Office returned mailing issue) and Ms. Smith advised all 3 remaining payments had been received.
 - C. Immediate Past President: COL (RET) Lennie Enzel had NSTR.
 - D. Membership: NSTR; CPT (RET) Steve Mendoza was absent.
 - E. Programs: NSTR; Col (RET) Bob Pitt was absent.

F. Legislative Liaison: COL (RET) Lennie Enzel had NSTR.

G. Publications/Webmaster: LTC (RET) Bill Moore reported the April Border Bulletin was mailed last week and inputs for the June issue are due 3 May. LTC (RET) Moore also purchased thumb drives with the MOAA logo which will be available for sale at upcoming meetings.

H. Public Relations: LTC (RET) Caldwell was absent however she passed words that articles for the upcoming luncheon have been distributed.

I. JROTC/ROTC: LTC (RET) Powell reviewed the dates of all upcoming JROTC award ceremonies. LTC (RET) Powell will cover most of the ceremonies with other BOD members covering the remaining festivities as follows: LTC (RET) Moore will cover Canutillo on 3 May; Col (RET) Barrett will cover the EPISD ceremony on 4 May; BG (RET) Kotter will cover Americas on 10 May; COL (RET) Enzel will cover Socorro on 17 May; and Ms. Connie Sullivan will cover Pebble Hills on 17 May.

J. Auxiliary/Surviving Spouse Liaison: Ms. Connie Sullivan shared that she had sent a get-well card to CPT (RET) Steve Mendoza.

K. Door Prizes: COL (RET) Enzel has donated additional door prizes; more prizes are needed.

4. New Business:

1) TCC 2nd Quarter Meeting: LTC (RET) Moore indicated the meeting will be held 6-7 Apr and Chapter reports are due 3 Apr; LTC (RET) Moore will submit our inputs.

2) 2018 Membership Directory: Will be distributed at the end of April.

3) Levels of Excellence Awards: Submission deadline is 1 May 2018.

4) April/May picnic at Biggs Park: Significant discussion was held on the topic and the majority supported making the event a membership appreciation event with a tentative date of 13 Oct. A motion was made and approved to plan the event with up to a \$1,500 budget.

5) 2018 Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD): A brief discussion was held; despite frustration over the continued lack of strategic planning for this event, most understand the reality that the Chapter will likely need to host the event to ensure its continued success.

5. Ms. Sullivan provided a closing benediction and the meeting was adjourned at 1026.

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

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