

Military Officers Association of America
El Paso Chapter



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
May 2017

A meeting of the El Paso Chapter of the Military Officers Association (MOAA) was held on 20 May 2017 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
Programs: Col (RET) Bob Pitt
Public Relations: LTC (RET) Martha Caldwell
ROTC/JROTC Activities: LTC (RET) Dave Powell
Auxiliary Liaison: Ms. Connie Sullivan

1. Administrative: The meeting was called to order at 0820 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 was absent from the April BOD meeting; LTC (RET) Bill Moore will provide a copy of the April minutes at the June BOD meeting.
 - B. Treasurer: Ms. Elma Smith provided a review of the April 2017 Balance Sheet and Profit/Loss statement.
 1. The Apr 2017 net profit was \$310.81. Primary income was membership dues, luncheon payments and a donation from NAUS. Expenses were for postage/mailing and merchant fees.
 2. As a follow-up to the BOD's recent in-depth merchant fees discussion, Ms. Smith highlighted the significant decrease in merchant fees. The fees reflect an approximate 67% savings compared to previous monthly fees; this reduced amount should be the new norm moving forward. The BOD extended kudos to Ms. Smith and LTC (RET) Moore for their efforts.
 3. Ms. Smith reported that the required payment was submitted to the IRS to reinstate the MOAA Outreach Foundation's 501(c)3 status. A similar re-filing and payment is required to the State of Texas once the IRS formally reestablishes the Foundation's official 501(c)3 status.
 - C. Membership: NSTR.
 - D. Programs: Col (RET) Bob Pitts provided a brief recap of the April luncheon and then reviewed the upcoming 10 June 2017 luncheon which be held at the Underwood Golf Course. A representative from the Veteran's Benefit Administration will provide a detailed brief on veteran's benefits with specific focus on Aid & Attendance. The BOD requested Col (RET) Pitt seek an "entertainment" guest speaker for the August luncheon.

- E. Legislative Liaison: COL (RET) Lennie Enzel gave a brief recap of current legislative topics; no significant changes have been identified over the past month.
- F. Publications/Webmaster: NSTR.
- G. Public Relations: LTC (RET) Martha Caldwell reported the publicity articles for the June membership luncheon were submitted to El Paso Inc., the El Paso Times and the Bugle.
- H. JROTC/ROTC: LTC (RET) Dave Powell reported MOAA medals and certificates were presented to cadets at 22 area high school JROTC ceremonies; all but one was covered in person. LTC (RET) Powell presented the awards at most of the ceremonies; COL (RET) Enzel and LTC (RET) Moore also provided Chapter representation.
- I. Auxiliary Liaison: Ms. Sullivan will send a condolence card to Ms. Kay Martinez, surviving spouse of Chapter Staff Emeritus CW4 Manny Martinez.
- J. Door Prizes: LTC (RET) Caldwell indicated donations were needed for the door prize inventory.

4. New Business:

- A. June TCC Meeting: COL (RET) Smith reported the next TCC meeting will be held 2-3 June 2017 in Waco, TX. COL (RET) Smith is unable to attend and asked for a volunteer to attend the event; if no one can attend in person, a BOD member will dial in to the session.
- B. 2017 RAD: The Chapter will sponsor the 2017 RAD Reception which will be held Friday 29 Sep 2017 at the Centennial Club on Ft Bliss. A request to MOAA national has been submitted seeking a representative to attend this event;

5. The meeting was adjourned at 0906.

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

FORREST SMITH
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