

Military Officers Association of America
El Paso Chapter



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
June 2018

A meeting of the El Paso Chapter of the Military Officers Association (MOAA) was held on 30 June 2018 via telephone conference.

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
Publications/Newsletter Editor: LTC (RET) Bill Moore
Public Relations/Door Prizes: LTC (RET) Martha Caldwell
MOAA Outreach Foundation President: BG (RET) Jack Kotter

1. Administrative: The meeting was called to order at 0811.
2. President's Remarks: COL (RET) Forrest Smith welcomed all and shared some business rules up front asking everyone to put their phones on mute unless speaking and when speaking, please speak slowly so we don't step on each other. He asked LTC (RET) Bill Moore for an update on CPT (RE) Steve Mendoza; LTC (RET) Moore reported he spoke with Steve this week and Steve promised to provide a status after his return from his upcoming appointments. COL (RET) Smith also confirmed Border Bulletin inputs are due 3 July 2018 and he closed his comments by sharing that UTEP had a new Professor of Military Science and he was attempting to set up an initial meeting with him.
3. Old Business:
 - A. Secretary: Col (RET) Steve Barrett provided a copy of the May 2018 BOD minutes which were approved as submitted.
 - B. Treasurer: Ms. Elma Smith provided a review of the May 2018 Balance Sheet and Profit/Loss statement. The Chapter had a net loss of \$1,204.86 last month; there was virtually no income during the month and the two expenses were for printing & copying and merchant fee service charges.
 - 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) Bob Pitt provided:
 - 1) A recap of the 9 June 2018 luncheon held at the Underwood Golf Course. Ms. Mayre Sue Overstreet was the guest speaker and the luncheon and door prizes yielded a net profit of \$98.40. The cost of the expenses did not include the purchase of the traditional MOAA cake which was donated by COL (RET) & Mrs. Smith; and
 - 2) A preview of the 11 August 2018 luncheon also to be held at the Underwood Golf Course. The guest speaker will be El Paso VA Director Mr. Michael Amaral; the menu is still to be

determined. COL (RET) Enzel will order the MOAA cake for dessert and Col (RET) & Mrs. Barrett volunteered to pay for the cake this month.

- F. Legislative Liaison: COL (RET) Enzel shared that some bills were passed this week including multiple veteran related bills; she will include details in the upcoming Border Bulletin.
- G. Publications/Webmaster: LTC (RET) Bill Moore repeated the earlier comments that the deadline for inputs to the August Border Bulletin are due no later than 3 July 2018. He also reported the annual Directory was complete and should be mailed by early next week.
- H. Public Relations: LTC (RET) Martha Caldwell advised she will submit articles for the August luncheon as soon as she receives the menu information from Col (RET) Pitt.
- I. JROTC/ROTC: No report, LTC (RET) Dave Powell was absent.
- J. Auxiliary/Surviving Spouse Liaison: No report, Ms. Connie Sullivan was absent.
- K. Door Prizes: LTC (RET) Martha Caldwell reported we door prizes are needed. COL (RET) & Mrs. Smith committed to bring a basket and wine and COL (RET) Enzel will also provide some prizes.

4. New Business:

- 1) Building 452: LTC (RET) Moore requested Ms. Smith provide a copy of the Chapter's most recent financial audit letter so he could complete the newly required Ft Bliss MWR application that is required to maintain occupancy on Ft. Bliss
- 2) August Luncheon: LTC (RET) Moore indicated he was still waiting to receive the requested bio from Mr. Amaral. COL (RET) Enzel will remind him this week and she has also provided Mr. Amaral some slides for consideration to be included in his presentation. COL (RET) Enzel reported she will now be out of town and unable to attend the luncheon so Mr. Amaral will be "on his own."
- 3) El Paso Chihuahuas Baseball Game: The Chihuahua's provided the Chapter with 20 tickets to the 22 August 2018 game as part of the Chihuahua's outreach to non-profit organizations in the local area; game start time is 6:05 P.M. Col (RET) Pitt reported he is holding tickets for Ed Stone for the game; all other tickets have been distributed.
- 4) Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD): The new Garrison Commander has expressed many new ideas for this annual event including seeking corporate sponsors; he has promised to provide additional details to help expand the event to more of a week-long event, including a potential golf tourney, vice a single day event.
- 5) Chapter Flags: Col (RET) Pitt highlighted that COL (RET) Maureen Lofberg borrowed the Chapter flags and was going to return them to Ms. Smith at the Candlewood Suites. Ms. Smith indicated she had not received the flags so Col (RET) Pitt will follow up with COL (RET) Lofberg.
- 6) Veteran's Treatment Court Graduation: BG (RET) Jack Kotter shared that he and COL (RET) Enzel attended the most recent graduation ceremonies and it was "a great event". There were 9 graduates this session, the most ever. Each graduate spoke to the audience sharing heartfelt thanks for the support and mentorship they received while enrolled in the program. Event organizers recognized our Chapter during the ceremony and thanked us for our support. COL (RET) Enzel asked if the Chapter would consider giving a Chapter coin and/or gift card to future graduates. The idea was very well received and ensuing discussion indicated a preference to provide gift cards as they would likely be more useful to the graduates as they take their next steps following graduation.

Additionally, the BoD discussed the possibility of making a donation to assist with the graduation reception costs. Ms. Smith introduced the idea of using future luncheon door prize funds to support the effort and all agreed to discuss and vote on proposed support options at next month's BoD meeting.

- 7) El Paso Veterans Service Meeting: BG (RET) Kotter attended a recent meeting and reported there were many service organizations present and all indicated they were doing many things however there did not appear to be any collective integration or collaboration amongst the various organizations. The BoD agreed to put the topic on a future meeting agenda to discuss the possibility of our Chapter taking a potential leadership role to help try and develop a more collective unified and focused approach to support our local veterans. The need to identify who on the El Paso City Council could help influence positive change in veteran's support was also highlighted.

5. The meeting was adjourned at 0849.

Respectfully submitted by:
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