

Military Officers Association of America
El Paso Chapter



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
November 2016

A meeting of the El Paso Chapter of the Military Officers Association (MOAA) was held on 19 Nov 2016 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
Publications/Newsletter Editor: LTC (RET) Bill Moore
Programs: Col (RET) Bob Pitt
Public Relations/Door Prizes: LTC (RET) Martha Caldwell
Member at Large: LTC (RET) Dave Powell

1. Administrative: The meeting was called to order at 0820 and Col (RET) Steve Barrett provided the invocation.
2. President's Remarks: COL (RET) Forrest Smith opened the meeting following a lengthy pre-meeting group conversation on the VA.
3. Old Business:
 - A. Secretary: LTC (RET) Bill Moore will provide a copy of the minutes for the 29 Oct 2016 BOD meeting at the December BOD meeting.
 - B. Treasurer: Ms. Elma Smith provided a review of the Oct 2016 Balance Sheet and Profit/Loss statement.
 1. The Oct 2016 net loss was \$1,956.39. Primary sources of income were luncheon payments and membership dues; primary expenses were for luncheon meal costs, the new annual website costs and printing/postage.
 2. Ms. Smith reviewed the balance sheet and also provided a summary of the Jan-Oct totals which reflected a net loss of \$2,655.11 for the first 10 months of the year.
 3. Although overall total assets remain strong, the continuing trend of monthly net losses is a concern that needs to be addressed.
 - C. Membership: NSTR.
 - D. Programs: Col (RET) Pitt shared a summary of the October luncheon and an update of the upcoming luncheon on 3 Dec 2016. The luncheon will be held at the Centennial Club on Ft. Bliss and the buffet style menu will include Schnitzel and home fries. The new 2017 slate of Officers, Directors and Committee Chairs will be sworn in during this meeting, which is being held one week earlier than normal due to many scheduling conflicts.

E. Legislative Liaison: The upcoming Border Bulletin will have articles on Social Security, SBP-DIC, Veteran Issues, Defense Funding, Active Duty Pay and the Hazelwood Act.

F. Publications/Webmaster:

1. LTC (RET) Bill Moore reported the upgraded engine for the Chapter website is now online. The upgraded features include simplified lunch reservations and membership sign up as well as the ability to make online donations.
2. The December issue of the Border Bulletin should be mailed next week.
3. Inputs for the February 2017 Border Bulletin are due 3 Jan 2017.

G. Public Relations: LTC (RET) Martha Caldwell reported announcements for the upcoming December luncheon were distributed to the El Paso Times, the Bugle and El Paso Inc.

H. JROTC/ROTC:

1. Col (R) Barrett brought up the recent announcement that MOAA National will no longer support the MOAA ROTC/JROTC awards program. Expressing strong disappointment with this decision, Col (R) Barrett made a strong pitch for the Chapter to continue supporting this very worthwhile effort. The group expressed unanimous support and will discuss the funding and coordination process at upcoming meetings.

I. Door Prizes: LTC (RET) Martha Caldwell advised additional door prizes are needed.

4. New Business:

- A. Army/Navy Game: The annual game will be held on 10 Dec 2016. LTC (RET) Powell will volunteered to sit at the MOAA table at the Centennial Club during the annual “viewing” event at the Centennial Club.
- B. 2017 BoD Slate: The 2017 Officers, Directors and Committees slate was discussed. LTC (Ret) Powell is a new nominee to serve as the Chairman of ROTC/JROTC activities.
- C. 2017 Day at the Races: This annual event has been confirmed with Sunland Park officials and will be held 11 March 2017.
- D. NAUS: NAUS National will officially disband in 2017; discussion was held on potentially recruiting local members for increased MOAA participation.
- E. 2017 Advertising Prices: A very lengthy discussion was held on potential pricing adjustments. General consensus was additional details were needed before any motion to adjust or maintain prices should be introduced.
- F. TCC Meeting: LTC (RET) Moore provided a summation of the meeting which included news on the JROTC Awards decision and the desire for local chapters to visit local elected representatives to discuss the importance of the Hazelwood Act.
- G. Portable Solar Power Biz: This new sponsor has a new ad on the Chapter website; the Chapter will receive a 10% commission for any sales generated from the advertisement.
- H. Outreach Foundation: President LTC (RET) BJ Jackson is stepping down and her replacement needs to be identified.

5. Meeting was adjourned at 1015.

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

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