

Military Officers Association of America  
El Paso Chapter



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
January 2012

A meeting of the Military Officers' Association of America (MOAA), El Paso Chapter, for January 2012 was held on 28 Jan 2012 at 10:00 AM in building 452, Fort Bliss, TX.

Attendance: COL Forrest Smith, President  
BG(R) Morgan Jellett, Past President  
CH(COL) Peter Baktis, Chaplain  
COL(R) Lennie Enzel, President Elect  
COL(R) Bob Pitt, Programs  
LTC (R) Bill Moore, Editor/Webmaster  
LTC(R) Joe Gollasch, Secretary  
MAJ(R) Ed Stone, Legislative Rep  
Ms Elma Rodriguez-Smith, Treasurer  
Ms Judy Stone, Public Relations

1. Administrative

The meeting was called to order by COL Smith at 10:00 AM. CH(COL) Baktis provided the Invocation. COL Smith made opening remarks.

2. Old Business

- A. Secretary: The minutes from the December 2011 were reviewed and approved. LTC(R) Joe Gollasch stated that he will resume providing an issue action log to track open issues before the Board.
- B. Treasurer: Ms Elma Rodriguez-Smith presented and reviewed the profit/loss statements for December and the last quarter of 2011. She stated that there were significant payments received from membership dues. She also indicated that there are trends of membership dues, advertisement fees affecting the cyclical revenue indicators of our balance sheets. BG Morgan Jellett and COL Smith stated that it would be useful to review a year cycle review of the indicators. Ms Rodriguez-Smith will develop this type of revenue tracking. There was discussion of the cost associated with providing the UTEP JROTC cadets with epaulets upon graduation. The Board decided that the chapter will provide epaulets for cadets who chose to become members of the Chapter and gold bars to the remaining cadets. The cost of the gold bars will be covered by MOAA National. COL Smith will notify the UTEP JROTC advisor of the decision.
- C. Recruiting/Membership: The MOAA pilot program assigning new national members to chapters has provided few new members to-date. There was only one potential new member on the last listing from national. The intent is to encourage new national members to join the local chapter. When the list is received they are contacted and asked to join the chapter. We had one new member. The chapter receives \$10 from national for each new local membership. It was discussed that we will encourage full chapter membership but will offer a one year complimentary membership to include the electronic version of the Border Bulletin with no Directory. Other membership initiatives are being planned.

- D. Programs: (1) COL(R) Bob Pitt stated that the February luncheon is confirmed to be held at the Great American Land and Cattle Company located on Gateway North on 11 February 2012. The guest speaker is going to be Mr. John Harris. He stated that audio-visual aids will be required. LTC(R) Bill Moore and COL Smith will follow up on this requirement. He reported that the door prizes for the February luncheon have been secured and thanked those who had contributed and donated prizes. (2) The El Paso-MOAA Day at the Races will be held at Sunland Park Racetrack & Casino on 10 March 2012. LTC(R) Bill Moore provided registration forms and coordination for this event. (3) The speaker for the April luncheon, to be held at the Centennial Club, is being coordinated by COL Smith and COL(R) Bob Pitt. They are awaiting response from Congressman Reyes. (4) The Bataan Memorial Death March is scheduled for 25 March 2012. MOAA will sponsor two units again this year. It was noted that the registration fee had increased this year and there may only be one unit from JTF-N. COL Smith will assist with organizing MOAA presence and support at this event. (5) BG Morgan Jellett will contact MG Greer and Mr Hernandez for guidance for planning the Retiree Appreciation Day scheduled for September. Mr Hernandez will also be asked to provide the approximate number of attendee's expected. MAJ(R) Ed Stone will obtain and provide the contact information for the Admiral serving as the head of Tri-care, as a potential keynote speaker. Further discussion at future meetings.
- E. Legislative: MAJ(R) Ed Stone reported that Legislative issues and updates are being sent via e-mail to members. He reminded everyone how important it is to contact our national and local Representatives on pending issues before Congress voicing our concerns. He stated that our letters and e-mail have an impact on legislation and how our representatives vote. MAJ(R) Ed Stone recommended that we provide a table during our luncheons where members can send an e-mail supporting the "Take Action" issues recommended from MOAA. LTC(R) Bill Moore recommended that we provide preprinted letters that members could sign and send to their representatives. Discussion followed and the Board agreed that this would be beneficial to try at our February luncheon. There will be computers to send electronic messages and hard copy letters for members to 'take action'. If this proves to be successful it will become part of our routine luncheon events.
- F. Editor/Webmaster: LTC(R) Bill Moore presented the board with a listing of contributors to the scholarship fund. We will continue seeking donations and adding to the fund. He also presented an update on advertising accounts for the 2012 Border Bulletin. LTC(R) Bill Moore will attend the TCC quarterly meeting on 17-18 February 2012 representing our chapter.
- G. Public Relations: Ms Judy Stone reported that articles have been published in the El Paso Times and the Fort Bliss Monitor. She is pursuing to have the Monitor publish information on the 1AD Scholarship registration process, policy, and past recipients.
- H. JROTC/ROTC: No report.

### 3. New Business

COL(R) Lennie Enzel suggested that the Chapter may be interested in supporting the Kiwanis Club in their Flags across America campaign. She does not have specific requests or details on the campaign but thought the board would be interested in seeking further information. Ms Elma Rodriguez-Smith said that she had heard of this project also and may be able to obtain more information. We will discuss this at future meetings when more details are available.

4. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1145.

Respectfully submitted by:

LTC(R) Joe Gollasch, Secretary

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