

Military Officers Association of America
El Paso Chapter



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
July 2011

A meeting of the Military Officers' Association of America (MOAA), El Paso Chapter, for July 2011 was held on 30 July 2011 at 10:00 AM in building 452, Fort Bliss, Texas.

Attendance: COL Forrest Smith, President
COL(R) Bob Pitt, Programs
LTC (R) Bill Moore, Editor/Webmaster
LTC(R) Joe Gollasch, Secretary
CH(LTC) Peter Baktis, Chaplain
LTC(R) Rafael Garcia, JROTC/ROTC
Ms Janet Rasmussen, 2nd VP

1. Administrative

The meeting was called to order by President COL Forrest Smith at 10:00 AM.

CH(LTC) Peter Baktis provided the invocation.

COL Smith presented opening remarks and updated the board on the status of the 501(c) 3 account application. Ms Emily Garcia has resigned as the chairman of the membership committee and from drafting our 501(c)3 application. LTC(R) Gollasch will begin drafting the application and present an update at our next meeting. COL Smith stated that Mr. Luke Lowenfeld, attorney from Casa Automobile, is willing to assist with the process. COL Smith will coordinate a meeting with Mr Lowenfeld and LTC(R) Gollasch once the groundwork is completed.

COL Smith announced that Casa Automobile has contributed a \$5,000 donation for the 1st Armor Div scholarship fund. The 1AD will hold a dedication ceremony on 10 August 2011. COL Smith is coordinating for the \$25,000 scholarship to be announced during the ceremony. The board approved \$50 to have LTC(R) Bill Moore have a check facsimile made for the presentation. COL Smith will be out of town on the date of the presentation and requested MAJ(R) Ed Stone and LTC(R) Bill Moore to make the scholarship presentation. Additional available board members are requested to be present. LTC(R) Moore will notify board members of the time and further details.

COL Smith stated that a replacement to serve as the membership committee chairman is being pursued. MAJ Pat Hogeboom will continue to be a member of the committee. LTC(R) Gollasch voiced desire to serve on the committee.

2. Old Business

A. Secretary: The minutes from the June 2011 were reviewed and approved pending a correction that the minutes were submitted by LTC(R) Bill Moore in the absence of LTC(R) Gollasch.

B. Treasurer: No report submitted. LTC(R) Moore reported that the Monte Vista check discrepancy continues to be investigated by Monte Vista.

C. Recruiting/Membership: See comments and issues from COL Smith above.

D. Programs: COL(R) Bob Pitt stated that there was a change in the guest speaker for the August luncheon. COL Johnson, Holloman AFB, will be the new guest speaker and his bio has been submitted. The guest speaker and details for the October luncheon are being finalized. COL(R) Pitt presented a detailed review of various hotels which were considered for future consideration. Further consideration and decisions will be made from this supporting dialog and review. COL(R) Pitt reported that door prizes for the August luncheon were secured.

E. Legislative: No report available. COL Smith stated that there were a number of legislative issues being considered at the National level and that further review and discussion would be beneficial.

F. Editor/Webmaster: LTC(R) Bill Moore presented the new membership and renewals, mass e-mail, and scheduled calendar of events reviews (see enclosure 1). LTC(R) Moore indicated that the TCC teleconference will be held on 20 September 2011. Further information to follow for those interested in attending.

G. Public Relations: No Report available.

H. JROTC/ROTC: LTC(R) Rafael Garcia reports that the JROTC units supported by MOAA is 26 schools. Frankland H.S. is seeking a retired AF officer to serve on their faculty. Further information can be obtained by contacting LTC(R) Garcia.

I. Committees: (Door Prizes) See comments under Programs above.

3. New Business
None

4. There being no further business, COL Smith provided closing remarks and the meeting was adjourned at 1130.

Respectfully submitted by:
LTC(R) Joe Gollasch, Secretary

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MOAA President, El Paso Chapter