

El Paso Chapter

Military Officers Association of America Board of Directors Meeting Minutes June 2011



A meeting of the Military Officers' Association of America (MOAA), El Paso Chapter, for June 2011 was held on 25 June 2011 at 10:00 AM in building 452, Fort Bliss, Texas.

Attendance: COL Forrest Smith, President
COL Steve Barrett, 3rd VP
COL(R) Bob Pitt, Programs
LTC (R) Bill Moore, Editor/Webmaster
CH(COL) Peter Baktis, Chaplain
MAJ(R) Ed Stone, Legislative/TCC President
Ms Elma Rodriguez, Treasurer
Ms Judy Stone, Public Relations
Mrs. Janet Rasmussen, 2d VP

1. Administration:

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

COL Smith provided opening remarks and CH(LTC) Peter Baktis provided the invocation.

2. Old Business:

- A. Secretary: The minutes from April 2011 were reviewed. COL Steve Barrett made motion that the May minutes be approved; CH Peter Baktis seconded the motion and the motion passed.
- B. Mrs. Jan Rasmussen: Jan provided a review of the financial report. There were no discrepancies noted. There was a question regarding credit card charges. LTC(R) Bill Moore stated he would provide the percentage and transaction charges at the July meeting.
- C. Treasurer: Ms Elma Rodriguez reviewed the Profit/Loss summary for May and the board approved the summary without question. She stated that she shall provide to Mrs. Jan Rasmussen the June books for review.
- D. Colonel(R) Steve Barrett: Colonel(R) Steve Barrett presented a question to the board regarding the MOAA Midwestern Region – Chapter Presidents' Symposium in Kansas City, MO. LTC(R) Bill Moore stated he would provide Colonel Barrett with the necessary registration forms. The board voted and

approved to pay travel expenses for three board members to attend the conference. Board members attending the conference will be COL(R) Lennie Enzel, Colonel(R) Steven Barrett, and LTC(R) Bill Moore.

- E. Programs: COL(R) Bob Pitt discussed the August Luncheon. The 13 August luncheon will be held at the Wyndham El Paso Airport Hotel and the guest speaker will be Colonel David A. Krumm, Commander, Holloman Air Force Base, NM. Bob read a letter from Mrs. Schulte regarding the selection of guest speakers at future meetings. Her concern focused on the variety of speakers selected. LTC(R) Bill Moore indicated he would ask Ms. Carmen Navar (<http://www.carmalitanavar.com>) to be the guest speaker in October. Ms. Navar specializes in “art as therapy.” Colonel(R) Bob Pitt also spoke for Mrs. Julie Pitt regarding door prizes and a list of donated items
- F. Legislative: MAJ(R) Ed Stone provided legislative up-dates. He indicated that the pay increase and TriCare adjustments are being proposed. It does not appear that the SBP issues will move up on the agenda. States legislators passed the property tax exemption for surviving spouses.
- G. Editor/Webmaster: LTC(R) Bill Moore presented the new membership and renewals, mass e-mail, and scheduled calendar of events reviews. LTC(R) Moore indicated that the June newsletter was out to the membership.
- H. Public Relations: Ms Judy Stone indicated the advertisement continues in the El Paso Times and Ft Bliss Monitor of MOAA events.
- I. Committees: (Door Prizes) See comments under Programs above.

3. New Business

None

4. There being no further business, COL Smith provided closing remarks, CH Baktis gave the benediction, and the meeting was adjourned at 1145.

Respectfully submitted by:
LTC(R) Bill Moore, For the Secretary

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MOAA President, El Paso Chapter