

Military Officers Association of America  
El Paso Chapter



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
March 2012

A meeting of the Military Officers' Association of America (MOAA), El Paso Chapter, for March 2012 was held on 31 Mar 2012 at 10:00 AM in building 452, Fort Bliss, TX.

Attendance: COL Forrest Smith, 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  
Ms Elma Rodriguez-Smith, Treasurer  
Ms Jan Rasmussen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

1. Administrative

The meeting was called to order by COL Smith at 10:00 AM. CH(COL) Peter Baktis provided the Invocation. COL Smith made opening remarks. COL Smith stated that MG Pittard has agreed to be the guest speaker at our 9 June 12 luncheon. He stated that REP Reyes is all set and online for the April luncheon. COL Smith reviewed the Day at the Races and discussed potential changes for next year event. Further discussion will follow prior to planning the next event. The board discussed the need to develop a budget and event forecast for the year. It was agreed that this will be a requirement for effective budget and event staffing. COL Smith and COL Barrett will develop a calendar and present to the board when complete.

2. Old Business

- A. Secretary: The minutes from the February 2012 meeting were reviewed and approved.
- B. Treasurer: Ms Elma Rodriguez-Smith presented and reviewed the profit/loss statements for February. She stated that she is beginning to compile a comparison of two years tracking of the financial reports for budget forecasting. Ms Jan Rasmussen will begin the review of our records and financial statements in April. The financial reports were approved without question.
- C. Recruiting/Membership: The MOAA pilot program assigning new national members to chapters has been reviewed and letters sent to prospective new chapter members has yielded no response. LTC(R) Joe Gollasch stated that he has to schedule a membership committee meeting after April and welcomes any suggestions and ideas for membership initiatives.
- D. Programs: (1) COL(R) Bob Pitt detailed the room layout for the April luncheon and stated that all preparations have been made. (2) He said the Centennial Club is reserved for the June luncheon and reviewed possible menu items. (3) COL(R) Bob Pitt reported that Ms Julie Pitt and the door prizes prepared for the next luncheon and will work on further door prizes.
- E. Legislative: No report.

F. Editor/Webmaster: LTC(R) Bill Moore presented the layout for the new membership directory. He will also develop a thermometer scale indicating contributions to the 1stAD scholarship fund which will be included in the next Border Bulletin. LTC(R) Bill Moore also provided an update on the advertisement payments and stated that the 5 star award application will be submitted. He reminded everyone that the deadline for items submitted for the June Border Bulletin is due by 03 May 2012.

G. Public Relations: No report.

H. JROTC/ROTC: No report. LTC(R) Rafael Garcia relayed a request that the board approve funding for the Armed Forces Meet Trophies (\$70) and for the Sunbelt Youth Leadership Conference (\$300). It was discussed that additional briefing and notice be provided in the future. The board voted and approved \$370 be allocated for these programs.

### 3. New Business

A. COL(R) Lennie Enzel reported that she will serve as escort for General Gamble while he is here for Retiree Appreciation Day ceremonies. She will also contact a speaker for the Bulldog brigade memorial project to present at the April luncheon.

B. LTC(R) Joe Gollasch asked that the board review the proposed bylaws for the MOAA Outreach Foundation, which have been electronically distributed, and provide feedback and/or questions. He suggested that the board start strategic planning of implementation, initiatives and considerations for Foundation Board membership. COL Smith will set up an initial planning meeting.

4. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1118.

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

FORREST E. SMITH  
COL, USA  
MOAA President, El Paso Chapter