

## 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 May 2011 was held on 04 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  
LTC(R) Joe Gollasch, Secretary  
CH(LTC) Peter Baktis, Chaplain  
LTC(R) Rafael Garcia, JROTC/ROTC  
MAJ Patrick Hogeboom, Membership  
MAJ(R) Ed Stone, Legislative/TCC President  
Ms Elma Rodriguez, Treasurer  
Ms Judy Stone, Public Relations  
Ms Julie Pitt, Door Prizes

#### 1. Administrative

The meeting was called to order by President COL Forrest Smith 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 and approved. LTC(R) Gollasch reviewed the pending issues from the previous meeting and asked for updates. The proposed bylaws changes have been distributed by LTC(R) Moore and will be voted on by the general membership during the June Luncheon/meeting. The discrepancy involving the Monte Vista check is being investigated and will be reported on once the findings are completed. The on-line membership application process can not be altered and mass membership drives will be completed by hard copy.
- B. Treasurer: Ms Elma Rodriguez reviewed the Profit/Loss summary for April and the report was accepted by the board without question (see enclosure 1). She stated that Ms Jan Rasmussen has concluded the audit review and the report would be presented at the next meeting. The audit will be done on a quarterly basis so that the annual review will not be as complicated and easier to complete.

Ms Rodriguez indicated that all requirements needed for the 501(c) (3) account have been received and the account application is being completed.

C. Recruiting/Membership: MAJ Hogeboom discussed future events where MOAA membership and recruiting may take place. Events include:

1. Under 50 mixers
2. Let Freedom Sing Summer Concert series (dates pending)
3. El Paso downtown street festival (2,3 July)
4. Rock the Fort at Biggs Field (15 July)
5. BOSS Bash (16 Sep)

Further information will be distributed once a decision is made on which events to attend. There was some discussion on just how MOAA would recruit at these functions. Volunteers will be needed for the events. LTC(R) Gollasch stated that he would like to join MAJ Hogeboom and Ms Garcia to plan membership and recruiting strategies. MAJ Hogeboom will notify LTC(R) Gollasch when a meeting is set with Ms Garcia. COL Smith mentioned that he would like to present during the 1<sup>st</sup> AD senior leadership conference and announce the scholarship being offered. COL Smith also stated that he would like to increase MOAA visibility and explore ideas to increase membership.

D. Programs: COL(R) Bob Pitt said that the June MOAA luncheon will be held at the DoubleTree Hotel in downtown El Paso on 11 June 2011. BG Michael Bill, CG, JTF-N will be the guest speaker. The 13 August luncheon will be held at the Wyndham Hotel and the guest speaker will be the Holloman AFB Commander. There was discussion and concern over the potential low attendance for the June luncheon. It was felt that the downtown location could be a factor. Further discussion and brainstorming will need to be done for future locations. Ms Julie Pitt displayed some of the proposed door prizes and the idea of baskets. She was unable to contact MS Emily Garcia to discuss availability of special grand prize items. COL Smith indicated that we should limit the number of prizes to five. Ms Pitt will contact Ms Garcia and continue to explore different possibilities.

E. Legislative: MAJ(R) Ed Stone provided legislative up-dates and a report from the annual MOAA 'Storming the Hill' activities in Washington, DC via e-mails. 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. The property tax exemption for surviving spouses has been passed by the States legislators. The Midwestern Region Chapter Presidents Symposium will be held on 8 September 2011. Informative discussion was held on the legislative process and issues, more to follow.

F. Editor/Webmaster: LTC(R) Bill Moore presented the new membership and renewals, mass e-mail, and scheduled calendar of events reviews (see enclosure 2). LTC(R) Moore indicated that the proposed by-law changes have been sent to

the board members for review and will be voted on by the general membership at the June luncheon.

G. Public Relations: Ms Judy Stone indicated the advertisement continues in the El Paso Times and Ft Bliss Monitor of MOAA events.

H. JROTC/ROTC: LTC(R) Rafael Garcia the JROTC medal and certificate presentations for the end of 2011 school year has been completed. He indicated that 27 schools participated and provided a listing of the schools by district (see enclosure 3).

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) Joe Gollasch, Secretary

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MOAA President, El Paso Chapter