

Military Officers Association of America
El Paso Chapter



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
November 2012

A meeting of the Military Officers' Association of America (MOAA) Board of Director's, El Paso Chapter, for November 2012 was held on 17 November 2012 at 10:00 in building 452, Fort Bliss, TX.

Attendance: COL Forrest Smith, President
COL(R) Steve Barrett, 3rd Vice President
COL(R) Bob Pitt, Programs
LTC(R) Joe Gollasch, Secretary
MAJ(R) Ed Stone, Legislative
Ms Janet Rasmussen, 2nd Vice President
Ms Elma Smith, Treasurer
Ms Judy Stone, Public Relations

1. Administrative

The meeting was called to order at 1000. COL Forrest Smith provided opening remarks.

2. Old Business

- A. Secretary: The minutes from the October 2012 meeting were reviewed and approved.
- B. Treasurer: Ms Elma Rodriguez-Smith presented the profit/loss statements and the reports were reviewed and approved as submitted.
- C. Recruiting/Membership: LTC(R) Joe Gollasch reported we are awaiting further information from MOAA national regarding details of the new chapter recruitment initiative. COL Smith also indicated that he was organizing Battalion level Officer Professional Development (OPD) events to attract new members.
- D. Programs: (1) COL(R) Bob Pitt announced that the 08 December brunch is set and door prizes have been obtained and selected. The menu includes Denver omelets. (2) COL(R) Pitt stated that he is working on the February luncheon location.
- E. Legislative: MAJ(R) Ed Stone stated that there is expectation for legislative action to increase retirement to 67 years of age. He discussed COLA changes being proposed and TriCare for life copay increases. MAJ(R) Stone reminded all that response to the call to action letters to our Congress is strongly encouraged and will have impact on voting.
- F. Editor/Webmaster: No report.
- G. Public Relations: Ms Judy Stone reported that announcements have been submitted and published in the El Paso Times and Monitor.

- H. JROTC/ROTC: No report. COL(R) Steve Barrett announced progress in the development of a JROTC events calendar. He will continue to coordinate and report at the next meeting.
- I. Outreach Foundation: LTC(R) Joe Gollasch stated that the application process is moving forward and he will submit applications for the Employee Identification Number(EIN), Corporate status, State tax exemption and the IRS 501(c)(3) status within the next few weeks.

3. New Business

- A. COL Forrest Smith informed the board that the additional cost of color printing of the Border Bulletin was being absorbed by LTC(R) Moore. The board agreed that LTC(R) Moore should be reimbursed for this cost and that color printing should continue. COL Smith will calculate the cost and inform the board at the next meeting.
- B. COL Smith discussed plans for the MOAA Day at the Races being planned for 16 March 13. It was decided that we will continue with the buffet luncheon and COL Smith will follow up with two door prize selections/donations. Follow-up at our next meeting.
- C. The awarding of shoulder boards for the new UTEP ROTC cadets was approved awaiting the branch specific listing.
- D. Active discussion on current events and affairs followed.

4. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1115.

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

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