

Military Officers Association of America
El Paso Chapter



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
October 2012

A meeting of the Military Officers' Association of America (MOAA), El Paso Chapter, for October 2012 was held on 27 October 2012 at 10:00 in building 452, Fort Bliss, TX.

Attendance: COL Forrest Smith, President
COL(R) Lennie Enzel, President Elect
COL Steve Barrett, 3rd Vice President
COL(R) Bob Pitt, Programs
CH(COL) Pete Baktis, Chaplain
LTC (R) Bill Moore, Editor/Webmaster
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. CH(COL) Pete Baktis offered an invocation. COL Forrest Smith provided a welcome and opening remark.

2. Old Business

- A. Secretary: The minutes from the September 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 reported very positive feedback from the ROTC Cadets who attended the October luncheon and stated that they were interested in joining the Chapter and attending future events. 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 included Denver omelets. Discussion that the palates of some member not being compatible with peppers and onions, led to a change of menu to ham and cheese omelets. (2) COL(R) Pitt stated that he is working on the February luncheon location. The new Officer's Club may be open by then and consideration should be on supporting the Club, if available. He will report back at the next meeting.
- E. Legislative: MAJ(R) Ed Stone stated that there is no expectation for legislative actions until after the November 2012 election.

- F. Editor/Webmaster: (1) LTC(R) Bill Moore reminded everyone that the deadline for the December Border Bulletin is 03 November 2012. (2) The MOAA National convention is slated for 29-30 October in Virginia. Due to the impact of the Hurricane, we will not be attending the event. (3) LTC(R) Moore continues to work with COL Smith on the transition of the Boarder Bulletin. (4) He updated the board on advertisement plans for next year. (5) LTC(R) Moore discussed recognition of our sponsors during one of our events. Further discussion and plans will follow.
- G. Public Relations: Ms Judy Stone reported that announcements have been submitted and published in the El Paso Times and Monitor. The Monitor provided pictures and coverage of our October luncheon.
- H. JROTC/ROTC: No report. COL(R) Steve Barrett announced progress in the development of a JRTC 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. COL Smith will meet with LTC(R) Gollasch to discuss final details of the application.

3. New Business

- A. COL(R) Lennie Enzel shared an article on attracting younger membership in to a professional organization.
- B. COL Smith and COL(R) Barrett are working on the chapter events calendar. COL Smith said that they are developing the calendar via gmail to allow board members to access on their computers. Will follow-up at our next meeting.
- C. COL(R) Barrett spoke of possible additional community involvement project to be considered. Further discussion at the next meeting.

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

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

FORREST E. SMITH
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MOAA President, El Paso Chapter