

MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
Huntsville, Alabama Chapter
General Membership Meeting Minutes
30 April 2014

President Bruce Robinson opened the meeting at 1132 at the Summit Club.

Opening Prayer: Bert Wiggers **Pledge of Allegiance:** Bruce Robinson

Welcomes: President Robinson welcomed everyone, especially Guests and new Members:

- 48 members and guests were present
- Special Guests:

Col William Marks	Amelia Flannigan	Skip Vaughn
LTC Johnnie Richardson, AAMU ROTC PMS	Claudette Grant	Maurita Hughes

Reports:

- Secretary's Report: Don Kimminau presented the General Membership Meeting minutes for March which were approved as written.
- Treasurer's Report: Rick West presented the March Treasurer's Report which was approved as written.

	Opening Balance	Closing Balance
March 2014	\$15725.42	\$15265.94

- Significant sources of income included individual dues, LMT share payment of Fidelity Bond, and member payments for March Membership Meeting Dinner.
- Significant expenditures included Fidelity Bond (upgrade payment), Sentinel hard copy, and payment for March Membership Meeting Dinner.
- Branch Concerns: none presented by membership-at-large
 - Army: Arno Hoerle, None.
 - USAF: Ed Uher, None.
 - USN/USMC: Louis Kubik, None.
- Legislative: Jerry Haynes, Not Present.
- Auxiliary and Hospitality: Mrs. Carrie Hightower reminded the membership to make reservations for the Summer Party as soon as possible. She also thanked all who attended this month's breakfast.

Reports from VPs:

- Council of Chapters report – CAPT West informed the membership of items discussed at the recent CoC meeting including the upcoming state convention, treasurer's report, Stormin' the Hill visit, and recruiting among others.

President's Comments:

- Donation to Butler HS JROTC program. Members donated \$1200 allowing 11 students to attend the Leadership FTX - a requirement to become an AFJROTC cadet officer.
- Carrie Hightower received a Certificate of Appreciation from GEN Via at the Redstone Arsenal Volunteer Luncheon.
- Vacant positions – Sentinel Editor, Programs and a temporary PX/Commissary Liaison.
- Local HS JROTC awards are continuing.
- MOAA State Convention – April 2015 in Montgomery – soliciting advertisers.

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- Upcoming Events:
 - Next Board meeting: 8 May
 - Next Membership meeting: 28 May
 - Next breakfast: 31 May
 - Memorial Day Wreath Ceremony – Maple Hill Cemetery - 26 May
 - Tut Fann BBQ – 14 June
 - Summer Party – 21 June – “Western” theme – AMC Band requested – flyer in The Sentinel
 - Golf Tournament planned for 29 August – need volunteers & players
 - MOAA Leaders Conference – Jacksonville, FL – 4-6 September

New business:

- John Inman won the 50/50 drawing - \$20 for him and \$19 for the Chapter.
- As of the end of the calendar year, the chapter will no longer be producing and distributing hard copy versions of the *Sentinel*. The print copy is costing the Chapter in excess of \$2000 above that collected for subscriptions. Current hard copy subscribers are encouraged to get internet access. Some members have volunteered to “sponsor” those who absolutely cannot by personally printing and delivering.
- HCMOAA presented 3 previously announced Communications Awards from MOAA National. Congratulations to:
 - Jerry Haynes: Legislative Report in Sentinel – 1st place
 - Phil Crocker - Website – 2nd place (2nd year in a row)
 - Bruce Robinson: Newsletter – 2nd place

Comments from Membership

- John Inman, Golf Committee Chair, put out a request for volunteers and announced the Letter for soliciting donations should be ready by next week.

Gold Bar Ceremony:

- Nine ROTC seniors from Alabama A&M University and University of Alabama, Huntsville were presented new LT bars, a Certificate, and a copy of the US Constitution. Two additional cadets were not able to attend the meeting and will be presented their honors by LTC Richardson.

Guest Speaker:

- Col William Marks, Garrison Commander, Redstone Arsenal, inspired the cadets and audience in his presentation focusing on Leadership and Service. He also encouraged the future officers to join professional military associations like MOAA.

Closing Prayer / Adjournment: Bert Wiggers provided the closing prayer. Meeting was adjourned at 1225.

Respectfully submitted by Don Kimminau