

MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
Huntsville, Alabama Chapter
General Membership Meeting Minutes
28 Aug 2013

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

Opening Prayer: Bert Wiggers

Pledge of Allegiance: Bruce Robinson

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

- Special Guests:

Mr. William Webb, Guest Speaker	Wilda Szermi
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- New Members and First-Timers

Lt Col William Love (USAF, Ret)	Maj Grant Heinrichs (USMC, Ret)
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Reports:

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

	Opening Balance	Closing Balance
Jul 2013	\$8,911.46	\$7,935.97

- July's major income sources were Sentinel advertising, Fund Raisers, and Dues. Major Expenses were Admin (ALCOC Dues, NAVFOC Annual Dues), Communications (newsletter) and the Summer Social.
- Membership – Vacant: President Robinson provided a membership status update.
 - HCMOAA currently has 480 members, with 4 new members since our last meeting.
- Branch Concerns: none presented by membership-at-large
 - Army: Arno Hoerle, not present
 - USAF: Ed Uher, not present
 - USN/USMC: not present
- Legislative: Jerry Haynes provided the following notification (from Fleet Reserve Assn):
 - Effective October 1, 2013 Tricare will only reimburse VA 20% of allowable charge, vice the past practice of paying 80% for non-service connected care received in the VA, for Tricare for Life (TFL) beneficiaries rated at less than 50% disabled. While this is not a new law, it has not been enforced. The rationale that supports this change follows:
 - Although VA Facilities are Tricare-authorized, they are not Medicare-certified.
 - Medicare, by statute, cannot reimburse for care provided by a Government facility.
 - Simply put, VA can't bill Medicare and Medicare can't reimburse VA for care.
 - Since VA can't be Medicare-certified, it presents as an opt-out Medicare provider.
 - Therefore, Tricare reimburses VA what it would have paid if Medicare had been primary, which is 20% leaving you with a bill for the remaining 80%.
 - The solution: For less than 50% VA rated, use your TFL benefit in the community for non-service connected TFL care to prevent being billed for 80% of the allowable charge.
- Hospitality: Carrie Hightower gave a special invite to our new members for the June and December Member Socials.

President's Comments:

- HCMOAA received the 5-Star Level of Excellence Award for the second year in a row. President Robinson will be attending the MOAA Annual meeting to accept.
- Discussed Alabama State MOAA Convention, April 2015, and requested ideas for making

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participation worthwhile for HCMOAA members.

- Upcoming Events:
 - Golf Tournament: 13 September
 - Redstone Retiree Appreciation Day: 18-19 October
 - MOAA Annual Meeting: 15-16 November, Colorado Springs
 - Next board meeting: 12 September
 - Next membership meeting: 25 September
 - NOTE: The November 20th membership meeting will be at the Overlook vice at the Summit Club due to scheduling conflicts
 - Next breakfast: 31 August, 28 September
 - Christmas Party: 14 December, already have AMC Band Ensemble reserved for event

New business:

- None presented

Guest Speaker: Mr. William Webb, and co-founder President of Still Serving Veterans (SSV), a service organization proactively committed to helping wounded Veterans and their families reintegrate into post-military careers and optimized new lives. SSV has assisted over 5,000 local wounded warriors and veterans to gain employment salaries and benefits of over \$78M since beginning operations in 2006.

Mr. Webb presented SSV's mission, as well as their early activities, centered around veteran counseling and advocacy. He also described SSV's new focus on expansion beyond Huntsville and integrating local veteran's support organizations, including building a partnership with HCMOAA.

Closing Prayer / Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1230.
Respectfully submitted by Don Kimminau