President Bruce Robinson opened the meeting at 1130at the Summit Club.

**Opening Prayer:** Danny Buttram **Pledge of Allegiance:** Bruce Robinson

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

* Special Guests:

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| Wilda Szermi |  |  |
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* New Members and First-Timers:

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| Gary Young | Rodney Faust |
| Sebastian Torcholo |  |
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**Reports:**

* Secretary’s Report: Don Kimminau presented the General Membership Meeting minutes for November which were approved as written. Note: no membership meeting was held in December due to Christmas Party.
* Treasurer’s Report: Rick West presented the end of 2013 Treasurer's Report which was approved as written.

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|  | Opening Balance | Closing Balance |
| Nov 2013 | $10075.99 | $10,743.19 |
| Dec 2013 | $10,743.19 | $9884.34 |

* + Significant sources of income were individual dues, Sentinel advertising, holiday social and the Christmas gift wrapping fund raiser.
  + Significant expenditures were newsletter, annual website renewal, and holiday party.
* Membership – John Inman provided a membership status update.
* Branch Concerns: none presented by membership-at-large
  + Army: Arno Hoerle, No issues
  + USAF: Ed Uher, Not present.
  + USN/USMC: Louis Kubik, No issues
* Legislative: Jerry Haynes, Not Present
* Auxiliary and Hospitality: Not Present.
* VP Clements discussed topics from the CoC Meeting he attended. The state convention is still scheduled for 15 Apr 2015 in Montgomery, although the national convention is projected to take place 6 months later, potentially also at Montgomery. The Council is challenging each chapter to raise $1500 in advertising to support the event. Our Treasurer added that $1500 is more than half our budgeted income from advertising in our own newsletter.

**President’s Comments:**

* PX Wrapping – generated nearly $200, thanks to all the volunteers
* Christmas Party a success – Carrie Hightower recognized as “member of the year”
* Hardcopy Sentinels – no more hard copies will be sent to members who are not current on their subscriptions.
* Reminder to annual members that they need to renew
* Evening membership meetings – our first evening meeting will be 26 March 2014 at the Overlook. Guest speaker will be COL BarryWright, the MOAA National Director of Council and Chapter Affairs,
* Board vacancies still exist for Programs, Sentinel Editor and Historian.
* Upcoming Events:
  + Next board meeting: 13 February
  + Next Membership meeting 26 February
  + Next breakfast: 22 February

**New business:**

* Rick West presented a detailed description of the proposed 2014 Budget, which was approved as written.
* Bri Chabotte won the 50/50 drawing and donated the winnings back to the chapter.

**Comments from Membership:**

* President Robinson was recognized by the membership for earning the MOAA Leadership Award from MOAA National. This award is for “council and chapter officers who have made an exceptional contribution to their chapter, council, or to MOAA.”
* Charles Clements notified and invited members to MOAA JROTC Award presentations: Austin HS, 5 Feb @ 1515, and Sparkman HS, 12 Feb @ 0900.
* John Inman presented information regarding the recent release of Religious Liberties guidance from DoD.

**Guest Speaker**: due to inclement weather in the Southeast US, our guest speaker, Mr. Lyndon Smith, was not able to make it to Huntsville for the meeting.

**Closing Prayer / Adjournment:** Danny Buttram provided the closing prayer. Meeting was adjourned at 1158.

Respectfully submitted by Don Kimminau