



**MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA**  
**Huntsville, Alabama Chapter**  
**General Membership Meeting Minutes**  
30 Jan 2013

• Secretary: Don Kimminau	• Army Rep: Arno Hoerle
• Navy Rep: Hal Swanson	• Air Force Rep: Ed Uher

- Rick West presented and the membership approved 2013's proposed Budget

**Guest Speaker:** Dr. Harry Hobbs, Communications Relations Officer, Huntsville Police Department  
Dr. Harry Hobbs is the Communications Relations Officer for the Huntsville Police Department. In this role, Dr Hobbs is responsible for "educating the community, building relationships and marketing the Huntsville Police Department through external communications with the media and the community, and is presentations as a guest speaker at special community events among other activities. He implements Crime Awareness Campaigns and directs the annual Community Awareness of Youth (CAFY), teaches leadership courses for Redstone Arsenal and Leadership Huntsville and is a key instructor for cultural diversity, conflict resolution, fitness/nutrition, ethics & leadership and stress management at the Huntsville Police Academy.

Following a nearly 30 year career in the US Army, Dr Hobbs retired as a Chief Warrant Officer 5 and became a Professor of Military Science JROTC Columbia High School in Huntsville. He was selected as HPD's Communications Relations Officer in 2010. Among the many accolades Dr Hobbs has received , are 2011Mentor of the Year for the City of Huntsville, 2012 Veteran of the Year for the City of Madison, and 2012Man of Distinction Award. Additionally, Dr Hobbs was nominated for induction into the e U.S. Army Ordnance Corps Hall of Fame.

Dr Hobbs is a graduate of John C. Calhoun State College, Troy State University, and Murray State University and received his Doctorate Degree from Pacific Western University, Honolulu, Hawaii.

Dr Hobbs:

- Opened his remarks by calling up Glen Williams, Membership, and immediately joining MOAA.
- Provided background facts on the Huntsville Police Department, including: 500 personnel, including 400 Police Officers, responsible for law enforcement activities serving over 200,000 residents throughout the 200 square miles encompassing the city of Huntsville. He emphasized the department's focus on transparency to the community.
- Presented information, and invited the HCMOAA members, to participate on a number of community relation and education programs including Neighborhood Watch, "Ride-Alongs", the Senior Crime Prevention Academy, and the Citizen's Police Academy.
- Gave the audience a number of tips (for example, how to deal with door-to-door solicitors and phone solicitors) and encouraged the audience to review the HPD's website ([www.hsvpolice.com](http://www.hsvpolice.com)) to gain detailed information on safety/security tips, city ordinances, and HPD community programs.

**Closing Prayer / Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 1250.  
Respectfully submitted by Don Kimminau