

MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
Huntsville, Alabama Chapter
General Membership Meeting Minutes
 29 May 2013

1st Vice President Norb Patla opened the meeting at 1130 hours at the Summit Club.

Opening Prayer: Bert Wiggers **Pledge of Allegiance:** Norb Patla

Welcomes: Vice President Patla welcomed everyone, especially Guests and new Members:

- Special Guests:

Mr. Eric Jackson, Guest Speaker		
Kristin Armitage	Elaine Miner	Wilda Szeremi

- New Members and First-Timers

CWO Jim Armitage (USA, Ret)	Maj David White (USMC)	Maj Clifton Miller (USA, Ret)
Col Tommy Brazie (USAF, Ret)	Col Mel McLemore (USA, Ret)	

Reports:

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

	Opening Balance	Closing Balance
Apr 2013	\$9907.09	\$9910.68

- March’s major incomes were Sentinel advertising (\$840) and Dues (\$440), and major expenditures were Communications (\$1008) and Administrative (\$290).
- CAPT West also encouraged the membership at large to actively recruit sponsors for the monthly newsletter.
- Membership – Vacant: Vice President Patla provided a membership status update.
 - HCMOAA currently has ~~46480~~ members, with ~~1633~~ new and/or renewing members since our last meeting. ~~—Are these numbers accurate? I believe I wrote them down correctly, but they do not match the #s in the Agenda.~~
 - We are continuing our campaign to encourage local personnel to become active members.
- Branch Concerns:
 - Army: Arno Hoerle, not present
 - USAF: Ed Uher, not present
 - USN/USMC: Harold Swanson, not present
- Legislative: Jerry Haynes was not present
- Hospitality: Carrie Hightower presented status of 22 June “Pre-July 4th Picnic” at Redstone Arsenal's Overlook with the AMC Band providing a music ensemble. Ms. Hightower encouraged attendance and reminded members of the 13 June sign-up deadline and stressed the importance of sending in reservations as early as possible, to assist in ordering the proper amount of food.

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1st VP's Comments:

- 1st VP Patla provided a synopsis of the recent scholarship presentation hosted by the Redstone Wives’ Club, with Gen Bia presenting the awards. Ms. Yvonne Chodaba earned our \$1500 scholarship, which she will use at Auburn University in her pursuit of a Biophysics degree.
- Informed attendees about the Memorial Day Wreath Ceremony and Pocket Constitutions that were made available during this meeting.
- Upcoming Events:

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- Executive Committee meeting: 13 June, 1130 at the Summit
- Tut Fann BBQ – 8 June, 11 AM to 1 PM – come out and visit the veterans
- Pershing Welcome Center Dedication – 13 June at 10 AM – chapter invited to attend
- Breakfast: 29 June, 0900 at Steak & Shake
- No June Membership Meeting: See you at the Summer Social: 22 Jun, at the Overlook
- Golf Tournament: 13 Sep, Links at Redstone

New business:

- 50/50 drawing of \$23 was won by Glen Williams, who donated the winnings back to the chapter.
- Tom Jones won a \$25 Home Depot Gift Card donated by Mr. Jackson in a second chance raffle.
- Upcoming Community Events: Soldiers Show, Von Braun Center in July, more inform from President Robinson, and Stand Down for Homeless Vets, Oct will be looking for volunteers.
- 1st VP Patla fielded a question about the commissary's new Tuesday closing Policy and will inquire about getting a DECA representative to come to a future meeting to provide more details.

Guest Speaker: Mr. Eric Jackson of Genworth Financial (and long-time Sentinel advertiser)

Mr. Jackson was born and raised in Huntsville and has 23 years of experience in financial advising, specializing in the long-term care planning area. He provided a wealth of information and encouraged everyone to conduct a review of our individual and spouse's life insurance plans and beneficiaries. He emphasized the importance of starting a plan while we are still reasonably healthy and the value of educating our children about the need for early planning. He discussed the effects of the Pension Protection Act and the Alabama Long-Term Care Partnership Law and reasons for recent (and future) premium increases. His topic generated numerous questions from the members.

Mr. Jackson also provided all attendees a packet with long-term care planning, as well as legal and medical information and local contacts.

Closing Prayer / Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1245.
Respectfully submitted by Don Kimminau