

MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
Huntsville, Alabama Chapter
General Membership Meeting Minutes
 20 Nov 2013

President Bruce Robinson opened the meeting at ~~11360~~ hours at the Summit Club.

Opening Prayer: ~~MOAA Hsv Chapter Chaplain Wiggersin~~ **Pledge of Allegiance:** Bruce Robinson

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

• **Special Guests:**

Steve Olney	Rep Howard Sanderford	Linda Burtram
Renate Hoerle	Nancy Robinson AL A&M and UAH ROTC Cadets and staff.	AL A&M and UAH ROTC Cadets and staff.
Linda Burtram		

• **New Members and First-Timers:**

None	

Reports:

- Secretary's Report: ~~Secretary not present. Select items covered by Mr. President~~ Robinson ~~presented the General Membership Meeting minutes for October~~ ~~September~~ which were approved as written.
- Treasurer's Report: Rick West presented the ~~October~~ ~~September~~ Treasurer's Report which was approved as written. ~~Additionally, some 2014 Budget issues were discussed and inputs from the General Membership were solicited.~~

	Opening Balance	Closing Balance
Oct 2013	\$9515.25	\$10075.99

- ~~October~~ ~~September~~'s major income sources were Sentinel advertising and [USAA Golf Sponsorship](#). Major Expenses were Communications (newsletter); and ~~travel to AL CoC.~~
- Membership – ~~Chair~~ Vacant: President Robinson provided a membership status update.
 - HCMOAA currently has ~~485~~ members; with ~~2~~ Renew -members.
- Branch Concerns: none presented by membership-at-large
 - Army: Arno Hoerle; ~~No issues other than long time member Al Castellialee being hospitalized~~ for recurring illness.
 - USAF: Ed Uher; ~~No issues.~~
 - USN/USMC: Vacant
- Legislative: ~~President Robinson presented select items from Jerry Haynes (unable to attend). Items included 1.5% COLA, the Continuing Resolution, SBP annuity changes, and Active Duty pay raise. presented information on COLA 1.5% Issue of CR issue again by 1/15/2014.~~

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- Auxiliary and Hospitality: Carrie Hightower reminded all of the upcoming HC MOAA Christmas Social - 14 December at The Summit club.
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President's Comments:

- HCMOAA was represented at the Huntsville Veteran's Day breakfast, dinner and parade.
- The Chapter President attended the MOAA National Conference. Highlights included:
 - Community Heroes award banquet (honored local heroes in the Colorado area)
 - Congressional breakfast. Primary topic was impact of sequestration.
 - MOAA Connect workshop
 - Annual meeting. There are 380,000 members of MOAA and 409 chapters. Only 59,000 are members of local chapters.
 - Chairman's Luncheon (guest speaker was Superintendent of USAF Academy)
 - LOE awards. HCMOAA was presented with the 2013 5 Star award - our second in a row. to receive 2013 MOAA 5 Star Chapter of excellence award for 2nd year in row.
- Members were reminded that Annual Dues are coming up. Participate in Huntsville's Veterans Day Parade. High success only one vehicle participated.
- Board vacancies still exist for Membership Chairman and Navy/Marine Branch Representative. Remember Xmas party, 14 Dec. AMC Band to provide musical entertainment.
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- Upcoming Events:
 - Next board meeting: 12 December
 - No membership meeting in December due to party. Next Membership meeting 29 January days
 - Next breakfast(s): 23 November
 - Christmas Party: 14 December, AMC Band Ensemble reserved for event
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New business:

- None

Guest Speaker: President Robinson introduced Major General Tim Crosby, PEO Aviation. General Crosby presented 2nd Lt. gold Gold Bars to December graduate and commissioning from Alabama A&M ROTC. General Crosby then gave a short speech and took questions from the audience.

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Closing Prayer / Adjournment: Chaplain Wiggers provided the closing prayer. Meeting was adjourned at 1235.

The meeting adjourned at 1200hrs.

Respectfully submitted by Don Kimminau

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