

**MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA**  
**Huntsville, Alabama Chapter**  
**General Membership Meeting Minutes**  
19 November 2014

2nd Vice-President Charles Clements opened the meeting at 1134 at the Summit Club.

**Opening Prayer:** Bert Wiggers

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Charles Clements

**Welcomes:** Vice-President Clements welcomed members and guests:

- Special Guests: MG Clark LeMasters Nancy Robinson Wilda Szeremi  
LtCol Smith - Professor of Military Science at AA&MU  
MSGT Ramos - Senior NCO at AA&MU  
Graduating Cadets from AA&MU

29 members and guests were in attendance.

**Reports:**

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

	Opening Balance	Closing Balance
Sep 2014	\$14523.64	\$13943.17

- Significant sources of income included Sentinel advertising and individual dues.
- Significant expenditures included donation to Tut Fann veterans' home, hard copy Sentinel, and travel to Council of Chapters meeting in Montgomery.
- Membership: John Inman. Briefed on membership recruiting emphasis for next few months..
- Golf: NTR
- Branch Concerns: none presented by membership-at-large
  - Army: Arno Hoerle: NTR
  - USAF: Ed Uher: NP
  - USN/USMC: Louis Kubik: NTR
- Legislative: Jerry Haynes: NP - John Inman did remind people to make use of the MOAA prepared letters to contact our congressmen.
- Auxiliary: Mrs. Jan Camp: NP
- Hospitality: Carrie Hightower: NP.

**President's Comments:**

- New room layout - no head table
- Results of Annual Meeting – presentation of 5-star streamer
- Veteran's Day – Bill Stevenson's wife and Rick West had vehicles in the parade with HCMOAA placards. Both were displayed prominently on live coverage of the parade. At the Veterans Day Dinner at the Von Braun center, member Arno Hoerle was inducted into the Madison County

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Military Heritage Commission Hall of Heroes and member Rick West was honored as the Madison County Veteran of the Year for 2014.

- Annual Members were reminded to renew prior to 1 January
- Hardcopy Sentinel – effective first of the year goes to quarterly issue

**Upcoming Events:**

- Next breakfast – 22 November
- PX Gift Wrapping: 28 November (all day)
- Next board meeting – 11 December
- Christmas Party – 13 December
- Alabama State Convention – April 2015

**New business:**

- Design of Chapter ad for State Convention. Initial design is being refined. Chapter will pay \$200 for the ad.
- Liability Insurance. Initial quote from Mercer (MOAA) received. Quote over \$1200 and doesn't fit in current budget. Treasurer working with JAG and reviewing AL Code to determine actual liability requirements.
- Joining Chamber of Commerce. Rick West discussed the Board's briefing by a Chamber Ambassador and the Board's recommendation to join the Chamber. Funding for joining will be included in the 2015 budget.

**Comments from Membership: None.**

**Gold Bar Ceremony:** Six Cadets from AA&MU were presented with Gold (and BDU) bars and MOAA certificates in honor of their upcoming graduation and commissions in the Army. LTC Smith presented the Chapter with a beautiful laser plaque honoring our continuing support of the Gold Bar ceremonies.

**Guest Speaker:** MG Clark LeMasters. The General first commented on the great idea of getting rid of the head table and then thanked the Chapter for being an active chapter - unlike many he had been associated with in the past. He then direct numerous comments towards the soon to be commissioned officers regarding leadership, rudimentary decision making, and involving the team.

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

Respectfully submitted by Rick West