

**MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA**  
**Huntsville, Alabama Chapter**  
**General Membership Meeting Minutes**  
31 Oct 2013

President Bruce Robinson opened the meeting at 1131 hours at the Summit Club.

**Opening Prayer:** Bert Wiggers

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Bruce Robinson

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

- Special Guests:

Nancy Robinson	Heather Robinson	Hillary Robinson
Chris Hill	Richard Reyes (NAVFOC)	Kari Hawkins
Sam Bertling	KC Bertling	Shannon Drake

- New Members and First-Timers:

Louis J. Kubik, CW04 (ret), USMC	Ed Kennedy, USA (ret)
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Note: Due to our special guest speaker, the normal order of events of our monthly meeting was adjusted.

**Guest Speaker:** Mr. Charles Wiley, a world renowned reporter, provided a thought provoking presentation on the power of the media to decide what issues the country tries to solve and how we solve them. His discussion focused on the slanting of stories by omission of coverage and used examples of the treatment of US military personnel after returning home from Viet Nam. He provided a website ([www.ncrp.us](http://www.ncrp.us)) for further information.

**Reports:**

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

	Opening Balance	Closing Balance
Sep 2013	\$9,104.57	\$9515.25

- September's major income sources were Sentinel advertising and Fund Raisers. Major Expenses were Communications (newsletter), and Fundraisers (Golf Tournament).
- Membership – Vacant: President Robinson provided a membership status update, including the recent passing of two of our chapter members.
  - HCMOAA currently has 485 members, with 2 new members.
- Branch Concerns: none presented by membership-at-large
  - Army: Arno Hoerle, none
  - USAF: Ed Uher, none
  - USN/USMC: Vacant
- Legislative: Jerry Haynes presented information on ACA impacts, Conceal Carry renewal, and the 2014 COLA increase. He also encouraged members to write legislative officials in their home districts, as well as other locations where they own property.
- Auxiliary and Hospitality: Carrie Hightower encouraged everyone to attend the Christmas Party and to keep an eye on the Sentinel for updates.

**President's Comments:**

- President Robinson provided an overview of MOAA for our guests and presented the raffle prize (one-year HVAC maintenance contract) to Mr. Gordon Brown.
- President Robinson presented a letter of recognition from MOAA National to Carrie Hightower

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for her work as the Auxiliary Liaison.

- Upcoming Events:
  - Note: Redstone Retiree Appreciation Day: Cancelled for 2013.
  - Veterans Day (lots of local activities) : 11 November
  - Next board meeting: 14 November
  - MOAA Annual Meeting: 15-16 November, Colorado Springs
  - Next membership meeting: 20 November (MG Crosby, guest speaker)
  - Next breakfast(s): 23 November
  - Christmas Party: 14 December, AMC Band Ensemble reserved for event

**New business:**

- Wreaths Across America: Membership approved donating \$90 for 6 wreaths for the Alabama National Cemetery.

**Closing Prayer / Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 1245.

Respectfully submitted by Don Kimminau