

MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
Huntsville, Alabama Chapter
General Membership Meeting Minutes
 24 Sep 2014

President Norb Patla opened the meeting at 1845 at the Summit Club.

Opening Prayer: Darryl Goldman

Pledge of Allegiance: Norb Patla

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

- New Member: Steve Raymond
- Special Guests: Rhonda Smith Zelda Skeyas Wilda Szermi
 Mary Gifford Angela Inman

29 members and guests were in attendance.

Reports:

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

	Opening Balance	Closing Balance
June 2014	\$15468.94	\$15550.58

- Notable sources of income included National Gold Bar, memorials, membership meeting lunch fees, and golf tournament player fees.
- Notable expenditures included office supplies (laser printer, toner, supplies for tournament / future events), hard copy Sentinel, travel (MOAA SE Symposium subsidy), donation to MOWW, tournament prizes, and tournament miscellaneous (auction items and seed cash).
- Membership: John Inman announced we signed up 8 new members at the Retiree Activities Day events. He also has send letters to previous scholarship winners which included membership applications and invitations to Chapter events. Future focus will be creating a list of local MOAA National members to canvas for Chapter membership.
- Golf : John Inman and Rick west presented a summary of the golf tournament including participant numbers, notable donations and the financial report.
- Branch Concerns: none presented by membership-at-large
 - Army: Arno Hoerle: Not Present
 - USAF: Ed Uher: None
 - USN/USMC: Louis Kubik: None
- Legislative: Jerry Haynes Not Present
- Auxiliary and Hospitality: Carrie Hightower reminded everyone of the next week’s breakfast and to keep an eye out for the Christmas Party announcement in future Sentinels.

Vice President’s Comments:

- Vacant positions – Sentinel Editor & Publicity

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- Golf Tournament – Thanks to John Inman, Rick West and all involved in the successful tourney.
- Annual Members – reminder to renew memberships prior to 1 January
- Hardcopy Sentinel – we will no longer be sending hardcopies out in December, but are working on distribution methods for members without email access.

Upcoming Events:

- Next breakfast – 25 October
- Next board meeting – 9 Oct
- Next member meeting – 29 October– guest speaker Dr. John Dabrowski – MDA Historian
- MOAA Annual Meeting – 27-29 October – Washington DC (Pres. Robinson will be attending to accept our 5-star award for excellence)
- Veterans Day – 11 November
- Christmas Party – 13 December
- Alabama State Convention – April 2015

New business:

- Election of Officers – John Inman presented the names provided by the nominating committee and the general membership provided no new names. The results of the voting was:
 - President: MAJ Bruce Robinson, USA-Ret
 - 1st VP: Col Norb Patla, USA-Ret
 - 2nd VP: LtCol Charles Clements, USAF-Ret
 - Secretary: LTC Kevin Messer, USA-Ret
 - Treasurer: Capt Rick West, USN-Ret
 - Army Rep: Col James Treadway, USA-Ret
 - Navy Rep: CW4 Louis Kubik, USMC-Ret
 - Air Force Rep: Col Gerald Maxwell, USAFR-Ret
- MOAA State Convention: The convention is solidly on schedule for April 15. Rick West will be presenting a budget request for \$200 for a one-half page ad in their program.
- Joining Huntsville/Madison County Chamber of Commerce: Rick West presented some costs (~\$295 per year) and benefits of this idea which was introduced at the Jacksonville, FL Convention. The board will discuss and present recommendations at a general membership meeting in the near future.

Comments from Membership:

- None

Guest Speaker: Ms. Rhonda Smith, Weichert Realty and Huntsville/Madison County Chamber of Commerce Ambassador highlighted noteworthy relocation programs for active duty personnel, retirees.

Closing Prayer / Adjournment: Darryl Goldman provided the closing prayer. Meeting was adjourned at 1938.

Respectfully submitted by Don Kimminau.