

MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
Huntsville, Alabama Chapter
General Membership Meeting Minutes
28 January 2015

Bruce Robinson opened the meeting at 1137 hours at the Summit Club.

Opening Prayer was given by Chaplain Bert Wiggers. Bruce Robinson led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Reports:

- Secretary's Report was presented by Donald Kimminau for November, which was approved as written. There were no minutes for December due to the Social.
- Treasurer's Report was presented by Rick West to include the final Treasurer's report for 2015; the report was approved as presented. The proceeds from the Golf Tournament were disbursed to the Community Women's Club prior to the end of the calendar year. This will be done going forward to keep the income/expenses for golf in the same year.
- Membership: Bruce Robinson presented the report in the absence of John Inman. We are conducting an active membership recruiting campaign. We receive a quarterly update from MOAA National informing us of local MOAA members that are not active in the Chapter. We are conducting an Email and U.S. Mail campaign to these individuals as well as contacting previous members that have not renewed their membership.
- Golf: We are attempting to conduct our golf tournament in conjunction with Retiree Appreciation Day 24-26 September. There are currently issues with golf course availability in September; we may need assistance from the Garrison Commander. The Chapter has confirmed date of 9 October with the golf course as a backup plan.
- Legislative: Jerry Haynes pointed out that we need to send our legislative concerns monthly to our State and Federal Representatives. His main point centered on the role of the Federal Government and specifically their main role to provide for the defense of our country and that we do not have a comprehensive strategy to deal with radical Islam. Contact your Representative to voice your concerns.
- Auxiliary: Jan Camp – emails have gone out to former aux members inviting them back.
- Hospitality: Carrie Hightower – the membership has decided on having Hawaiian Luau

Swearing in of the new Chapter Officers was conducted by past president Steve Crawley. Newly Elective Officers are:

President – Bruce Robinson
1st VP – Norb Patla (absent)

2nd VP – Charles Clements
Secretary – Kevin Messer
Treasurer – Rick West
Army Rep – Jim Treadway
Navy/USMC Rep – Lou Kubik
Air Force Rep – Gerald Maxwell

President's Comments:

- "Chapter is alive and well"
- New meal format – Club no longer does lunches and dinners– there is a cut off 2 days prior to the meeting for making your reservation
- Renewal for annual members – 1 January 2015
- State Convention is scheduled for 24-26 April 2015 in Montgomery, Alabama. Noted speakers are the Governor Robert Bentley and VADM (Retired) Norb Ryan, MOAA President.
- Open positions on the board are: Web Master, Historian, Publicity Officer (main function is to publicize the Golf Tournament)
- Of note: we are looking for business owners to advertise in the monthly Sentinel. The advertising cost depends on the size of the advertisement. The Sentinel reaches 450 individuals per month.

Upcoming Events:

- Next Board Meeting- 12 February 2015
- Next Membership Meeting- 25 February 2015 – guest speaker is Mr. Rodney Pennywell
- Alabama State Convention- 24-26 April 2015

New Business:

2015 Budget: Rick West-

- Forecasted this year's budget from last year's actual as well as best guess income from 50/50 raffle, Christmas wrapping. Talked about recruiting in an effort to win cash awards from MOAA National.
- Biggest source of income is advertising.
- We applied to join Chamber of Commerce; they are working through the process; we expect to be members within 60 days.
- Discussed the budget line items. We are forecasting and approved the deficit budget for 2015 for the following reasons: we are a non-profit organization, we are carrying a small surplus of funds and that the board felt it necessary to spend dollars on a recruiting campaign and the Convention.
- The budget was approved.

Social: Earl Freeman presented information on a possible Jack Daniels Tour. A quote for 14 March (Sat) is: \$750.00 cost. Depart local area 0800 hrs. Another possible date is in May; however the cost will increase. Spouses and children are welcome.

From the Members - Special Olympics: Ray Weinberg:

We expect 120 handicapped bowlers to participate in the Bowling Special Olympics on 26 February and 2 March and are looking for volunteers to assist in scoring.

Guest Speaker: Lisa Wilson from Operation Finally Home. Their charter is to find / build homes for the wounded veterans.

Closing Prayer / Adjournment: **Chaplain** Bert Wiggers provided the benediction. Meeting was adjourned at 1250 hours.