

MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
Huntsville, Alabama Chapter
General Membership Meeting Minutes
February 26, 2020

President Richard West opened the meeting at 1130 hours at The Summit Club, Redstone Arsenal, Alabama. 28 members and guests were present.

Opening Prayer: Jerry Haynes

Pledge of Allegiance: CAPT West

Welcomes: CAPT West provided opening remarks and welcomed members and guests:

- New Members: CAPT Steve Guiliani, USN (Ret.) (prospective member)
- Guests: Special Agents Todd Spiker and Eddie Craig (both retired FBI), Mrs. Bonnie Treadway, and Mrs. Lynette Fairlamb
- Past Presidents: MAJ Bruce Robinson, Lt Col Charles Clements

Reports:

- Secretary's Report: COL Barron presented the January minutes, which were approved as written.
- Treasurer's Report: Lt Col Clements presented the January report, which was approved as written.
- Service Concerns:
 - Army: COL James Treadway: NSTR
 - Navy/Marines: CWO4 Kubik: NSTR
 - Air Force: Col Ed Uher: NP
- Legislative Issues:
 - AL House passed anti-vaping legislation aimed at kids.
 - MOAA Chapters are exempt from state taxes.
 - Green alert program is being worked. This is similar to the Amber Alert but is specific to veterans in distress.
- Membership: A total of 20 regular members and 6 surviving spouses will be dropped from the rolls due to non-renewal.
- LMT: 2 new LMT members.
- ROTC: CAPT West presented the report. LTC Young is working on contacting the JROTC units for potential presentation dates and is looking for volunteers to present certificates.
- Sentinel/Golf: Sentinel will be published this weekend and has picked up 2 new sponsors. Golf Committee meeting will be held on 28 FEB.
- Public Affairs: NSTR
- Programs: Slate of speakers filled (tentatively) through May; our March guest speaker's book will be available for \$10.00.
- Hospitality: NSTR
- Surviving Spouse: NSTR
- Personal Affairs: NSTR

- Reports from VPs and Others: NSTR

President's Comments: NSTR

Old Business: None

New Business:

- CAPT West discussed MOAA Basic membership and the impact on LOE. Currently have 30 members without email accounts
- MTF service for retirees – MOAA National and our congressional representatives are aware of the potential impact.
- Amazon Smile – discussed the use of Amazon Smile to get additional scholarship revenue as a charitable organization.

Comments from Membership: None

Guest Speaker: CAPT West introduced former FBI Special Agents Todd Spiker and Eddie Craig who covered several scamming and cyber security topics and answered questions from the audience.

Closing Prayer: NP

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 1300.

Submitted:

Approved by General Membership:

/Signed/ 09/30/2020
Michael C. Barron
Secretary, HCMOAA

Date

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Richard C. West
President, HCMOAA

Date