

MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
Huntsville, Alabama Chapter
General Membership Meeting Minutes
January 27, 2016

President Charles Clements opened the meeting at 1130 hours at the Summit Club, Redstone Arsenal, Alabama. 35 members and guests were in attendance.

Opening Prayer: Reverend James R. Johnson Sr. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Charles Clements

Welcomes: Charles Clements provided opening remarks and welcomed members and guests:

- Guest: Louis Harris, Asset Management Coordinator, Huntsville City Schools
- New Members: 1 new member, John (Shannon) Womack was recognized
- Past Presidents: Ray Weinberg and Bruce Robinson were in attendance

Reports:

- Secretary's Report: Joe Williams presented the November 2015 General Membership Meeting minutes which were approved as written. (Note: December Social. No Membership Meeting)

Treasurer's Report: Rick West presented the December and Final 2015 Treasurer's Report which was approved as written.

Month	Opening Balance	Closing Balance
Dec 2015	\$9744.62	\$8050.65

Notable income included individual dues, payments for the Christmas Social, a memorial donation, Christmas gift wrapping proceeds, and miscellaneous (repayment of ALCOC load).

Notable expenses included website renewal, the Christmas Social, and miscellaneous (wireless microphone set, lunches, etc.)

- Service Concerns:
 - Army: COL James Treadway: None
 - Air Force: Col Gerald Maxwell: None
 - Navy/Marines: CW4 Louis Kubik: Not Present
- Legislative Issues: Lt Col Jerry Haynes expressed his concern with Alabama Senate Bill 15 being considered in the 2016 legislative session to un-earmark funds that could reduce services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs. He asked the membership to lobby their Alabama Legislative representatives to voice their concerns about this Bill.
- Membership: CDR Chris Downing reported that approximately 80 chapter members are pending renewal. She described a recruitment initiative that targets MOAA annual members that are not chapter members.
- ROTC: CDR John Inman talked about the MOAA JROTC Award Ceremonies providing a synopsis and schedule of the program. He is looking for volunteers to help with presenting the MOAA medal and certificate at these high school award ceremonies.
- Sentinel: Maj Bruce Robinson reported that USAA is no longer sponsoring the chapter which has caused a loss in revenue. He encouraged the membership to identify potential sponsors.
- Programs: Position is vacant and open for a volunteer. LTC Earl Freeman reported that 2016 guest speaker roster is complete. He encourages the Chapter to plan more trips.

- Auxiliary: Mrs. Jan Camp reported that the surviving spouses are aware of Alabama Senate Bill 15 and encouraged them to be proactive by lobbying their Alabama Legislative representatives.
- Hospitality: Mrs. Carrie Hightower: Not present. Charles Clements reminded the membership of the upcoming June Social.
- Reports from other Chairs: Ray Weinberg announced the need for score keeper volunteers to support the Special Olympics Bowling in February. Mike Roddy made it known that the Kiwanis Club pancake breakfast is on March 5th.

President's Comments:

- 1st VP Installed: Charles Clements announced the installation of 1st VP Col Gerald Maxwell.
- Membership: Reminder of membership renewal.
- Sentinel: USAA withdrew their advertising. Need new business sponsors. Advertising fees were discussed.
- Golf: We now have co-chairpersons: Bruce Robinson and Don Kimminau. Need committee volunteers.
- Next Breakfast is 30 January at the Golden Corral.
- Next Board meeting is planned on 11 February at the Summit, Redstone Arsenal.
- Next Membership meeting is scheduled on 24 February. The guest speaker is COL William Marks, RSA Garrison Commander.
- Gift Wrapping: 24 Dec 2015 gift wrapping at the PX yielded approximately \$350.

New Business:

- 2016 Budget: Rick West presented the 2016 HCMOAA Budget January-September and explained the accounting year change from calendar to fiscal. The 2016 budget was approved as written. The general membership agreed to increase the previously approved expenditure for a projector from \$500 to \$700.
- Constitution and By-Laws changes: Rick West explained the process for constitution and by-laws changes. Proposed changes will be published in the April newsletter and voted by the General Membership during the April meeting.
- Membership Directory: Publishing a membership directory is under consideration by the governing board.

Comments from Membership: None.


Guest Speaker: Louis Lontrell Harris, Asset Management Coordinator, Huntsville City Schools

- Mr. Harris provided an overview procedures and tools used to efficiently manage school property. The Property and Asset Management Department manages all District warehouses, implements and maintains property accountability systems and processes, and manages disposal or transfer of property outside the District.

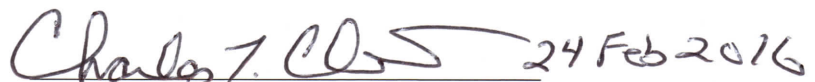
Closing Prayer: Reverend James R. Johnson Sr.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 1248.

Submitted:


 Joe H. Williams Date
 Secretary, HCMOAA

Approved by General Membership:


 Charles T. Clements Date
 President, HCMOAA