

**MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA**  
**Huntsville, Alabama Chapter**  
**General Membership Meeting Minutes**  
February 24, 2016

President Charles Clements opened the meeting at 1122 hours at the Summit Club, Redstone Arsenal, Alabama. 34 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:

- Guests: Christopher Brown prospective member and COL Williams Marks, Garrison Commander, RSA
- New Members: None
- Past Presidents: Ray Weinberg in attendance.

**Reports:**

- Secretary's Report: MAJ Joe Williams presented the January 2016 General Membership Meeting minutes which were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: CAPT Rick West presented the January 2016 Treasurer's Report which was approved as written.

| Month    | Opening Balance | Closing Balance |
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| Jan 2016 | \$8050.65       | \$9897.68       |

Notable income included individual dues, LMT dues, Sentinel advertising, and meeting meal payments. Notable expenses included ALCOC dues and basket donation to RSACWC.

- Service Concerns:
  - Army: COL James Treadway: None
  - Air Force: Col Gerald Maxwell: None
  - Navy/Marines: CW4 Louis Kubik: None
- Legislative Issues: Lt Col Jerry Haynes reported that the Alabama Senate Bill 15 to un-earmark funds will exclude the Department of Veterans Affairs. Jerry also reported that the Retirement Commission Report on the Military Health Care Reform shows significant increase in fees. Included in the current issue of the MOAA magazine is a form letter that can be used to lobby Federal and State Legislatures voicing your concern.
- Membership: CDR Chris Downing reported tracking approximately 50 pending renewal. The recruitment initiative that targets MOAA annual members that are not chapter members has a poor response so far.
- ROTC: No report.
- Golf: CDR John Inman reported that the golf committee has formed. The kick-off meeting is scheduled on 26 February at the Links. The committee will need help with organizing the Golf tournament and solicits volunteers. Anyone interested is welcome to attend the committee kick-off meeting. CAPT Rick West reminded the membership of the need for sponsors and that all the forms are available on the website.
- Sentinel: CAPT Rick West reported that he had received payment from Rooster's for Sentinel advertising. Rick stressed the need for new advertising and encouraged the membership to identify potential sponsors.
- Programs: None. Chairman position remains vacant.
- Auxiliary: Mrs. Jan Camp reported that she has reminded the Auxiliary of membership renewals.

- Hospitality: Mrs. Carrie Hightower reminded the membership of the Saturday breakfast at the Golden Corral. The upcoming spring social is planned for June. The theme is "Support Your Team".
- Reports from VPs and Others: None

**President's Comments:**

- Level of Excellence: Submitted this week.
- Annual Members: Reminder of membership renewal.
- Membership Directory: Considered by the board. Not approved.
- Sentinel Sponsors: Membership encouraged to identify potential sponsors. Mike Roddy suggested posting on-line the fees for advertising.
- Golf Meeting: 1200, 26 February at the Links.
- Next Breakfast: 27 February at the Golden Corral.
- Next Board meeting: 10 March at the Summit, Redstone Arsenal.
- Next Membership meeting: 30 March at the Summit, Redstone Arsenal.

**New Business:**

- Constitution and By-Laws changes: Lt Col Charles Clements stated that inputs received from general membership are under review. Of particular note are the changes that evolve around the Chapter's Tax Deductibility status. CAPT Rick West commented that evaluating actions to restore tax deductible status will cause a delay to the current schedule for changes to the Constitution and By-Laws.
- **Comments from Membership:** A reminder from Mike Roddy to support the Kiwanis Club pancake breakfast on March 5<sup>th</sup>. Ray Weinberg sent his thanks for the volunteer response supporting the February Special Olympics Bowling.

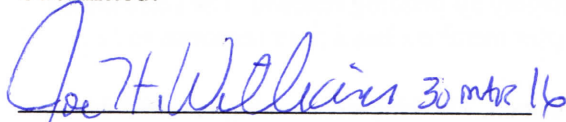
**Guest Speaker:** COL William Marks, Garrison Commander, RSA.

- COL Marks provided an overview of the RSA mission, functions and community involvement. He discussed the Corporate Office Properties Trust (COPT) partnering, the Redstone Gateway complex development, the future vision to consolidate services at the Gateway, the moving of Gate 9 further south near Goss Road and strategies to maximize MWR revenues. He also provided insight into the exploration process used to facilitate RSA growth and land use planning. COL Marks stated that there are no plans for future RSA land transfers to civilian ownership.

**Closing Prayer:** Reverend James R. Johnson Sr.

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 1230.

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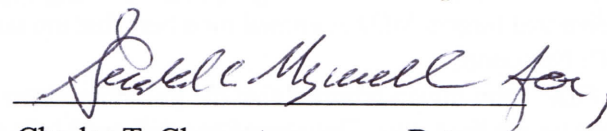
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Joe H. Williams

Date

Secretary, HCMOAA

Approved by General Membership:

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Charles T. Clements

Date

President, HCMOAA