

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

President Charles Clements opened the meeting at 1125 hours at the Summit Club, Redstone Arsenal, Alabama. 32 members and guests were in attendance.

**Opening Prayer:** 1<sup>st</sup> VP Gerald Maxwell    **Pledge of Allegiance:** Lt Col Charles Clements

**Welcomes:** Lt Col Clements provided opening remarks and welcomed members and guests:

- Guests: LTG Patrick O'Reilly (guest speaker), ROTC Cadre LTC Smith and MSG Ramos, 4 Cadets from AAM and UAH ROTC Unit; and Lynette Fairlamb and Angela Inman
- New Members: None
- Past Presidents: Bruce Robinson in attendance

**Reports:**

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

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

Month	Opening Balance	Closing Balance
March 2016	\$10822.73	\$9725.37

Notable income included individual dues and a National MOAA roster submission incentive. Notable expenses included the chapter's fidelity bond, recruiting letter supplies, and a projector.

- **Service Concerns:**
  - Army: COL James Treadway: None
  - Air Force: Col Gerald Maxwell: None
  - Navy/Marines: CW4 Louis Kubik: None
- **Legislative Issues:** Lt Col Hayes: None
- **Membership:** CDR Downing: No report
- **ROTC:** CDR Inman provided a status of the ROTC programs. 20 High Schools participate in the JROTC awards ceremony and growth is expected.
- **Golf:** Maj Robinson: RAD coordination with MWR is complete.
- **Sentinel:** Maj Robinson: May publication is out for review.
- **Programs:** COL Treadway. No issues to report. Lt Col Clements stated that the Guest Speaker schedule will be updated to reflect the latest lineup. The guest speaker for May's General Membership Meeting is Briana Collins, Public Affairs Specialist for the Social Security Administration in Alabama.
- **Auxiliary:** Mrs. Jan Camp: No report
- **Hospitality:** Mrs. Carrie Hightower. Carrie reminded the membership of the upcoming social scheduled on 25 June; and the monthly breakfast on 30 April.
- **Reports from VPs and Others:** CDR Inman recapped the changes in the breakfast schedule. No June or December breakfast. Starting in July, the monthly breakfast is moved to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday.

**President's Comments:**

- Sentinel Sponsors: Lost First Command Financial services as a sponsor
- Upcoming Speaker for 2016: Congressman Mo Brooks invited for the August meeting
- Changes to Constitution and By Laws: Summary of proposed changes to be published in the July electronic and print versions of the Sentinel for membership review and comment. Summary of changes and the draft update will also be posted on the chapter's website near the end of June. Major changes impact the Life Member Trust and the Auxiliary
- Level of Excellence Award: The chapter's website received a 5 Star National Communications Award. CAPT Rick West was recognized for his contribution as Webmaster
- Next Board Meeting: Scheduled on 12 May at the Summit
- Next Membership Meeting: Scheduled on 15 May at the Summit
- Next Breakfast: 30 April at the Golden Corral

**New Business:** LT Col Clements asked for volunteers with the Wreath Laying Ceremony on Memorial Day at the Maple Hill Cemetery. Contact Mrs. Hightower if interested.

**Comments from Membership:** Form for reservations for the June Party can be downloaded from the HCMOAA website or found in the most recent copy of the Sentinel.

**Guest Speaker:** LTG (Ret.) Patrick O'Reilly

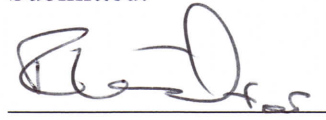
- LTG O'Reilly congratulated the Cadets for their commissioning milestone and offered advice for successful leadership. His message culminated with the importance of reputation with soldiers and colleagues.

**Gold Bar Ceremony:** Certificates and GOLD Bars were presented to the Cadets.

**Closing Prayer:** 1<sup>st</sup> VP Gerald Maxwell

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 1155

Submitted:

 5/25/16

Joe H. Williams

Date

Secretary, HCMOAA

Approved by General Membership:

 25 May 2016

Charles T. Clements

Date

President, HCMOAA