

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

President Charles Clements opened the meeting at 1130 hours at the Summit Club, Redstone Arsenal, Alabama. 34 members and guests were in attendance.

**Opening Prayer:** Chaplain Bert Wiggers    **Pledge of Allegiance:** Lt Col Charles Clements

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

- Guests: Huntsville Superintendent of Schools Dr. Casey Wardynski, several spouses and guests
- New Members: CDR Marty Ohme, USN; Lt Col Brenda Armstrong, USAF; LCDR Fran Witt, USN; CAPT Scott Witt, USN
- Past President: Bruce Robinson in attendance.

**Reports:**

- Secretary's Report: CAPT Rick West presented the May 2016 General Membership Meeting minutes which were approved as written. There are no minutes for June 2016 as that is the Summer Social.

Treasurer's Report: CAPT Rick West presented the May and June 2016 Treasurer's Reports which were approved as written.

Month	Opening Balance	Closing Balance
May 2016	\$9268.59	\$9337.71
June 2016	\$9337.71	\$9151.21

Notable income included individual dues, Sentinel advertising, and meeting meal payments. Notable expenses included hard copy Sentinel, Tut Fan BBQ, summer social refunds, and membership meeting meals.

- 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 encouraged all members to continue contact with their elected representatives.
- Membership: CDR Chris Downing reported 90 letters were being sent to potential members in the area.
- ROTC: CDR John Inman reported that Emails would be sent to ROTC/JROTC contacts starting in August.
- Golf: MAJ Robinson reported that it is now time to get your foursome signed up. The golf committee is looking for donations for gift baskets, additional sponsors, and donations to the scholarship fund. The next golf meeting is July 29<sup>th</sup> at The Links. Anyone is invited to attend.
- Sentinel: MAJ Robinson reported that we have one new business card advertiser and are looking for more. He also reported on the recent change to the hard copy Sentinel mailing.
- Programs: COL Treadway discussed the planned trip to General Wheeler's historic home in October.
- Auxiliary: Mrs. Jan Camp. No Report
- Hospitality: Mrs. Carrie Hightower reminded all of the new dates for the chapter breakfasts at Golden Corral.
- Reports from VPs and Others: MAJ Robinson reported that the Chapter Officer Nomination Committee is stood up and looking for volunteers interested in positions.

**President's Comments:**

- Alabama Council of Chapters meeting: highlights included briefings on VA hospitals and suicide prevention. The next meeting has been moved to a Thursday in October to coordinate with the Montgomery chapter for a visit from Lt Gen Atkins from MOAA HQ. This will require a change to the meeting date for the October Governing Board.
- An electronic survey will be sent to members the 1<sup>st</sup> week of August
- Next Board Meeting: Scheduled on 11 August at the Summit
- Next Breakfast: 13 August at the Golden Corral
- Next Membership Meeting: 31 August – Representative Mo Brooks will be the guest speaker
- Oktoberfest: 15-18 September at Activity Field
- Retiree Appreciation Days:
  - 22 Sep: Golf Tournament and Honor Walk
  - 23 Sep: Health Fair, Flu Shots, and Retiree Dinner
  - 24 Sep: Speaker Program and Exhibits – need volunteers for the Chapter table

**New Business:**

- CAPT Rick West presented the proposed change to the Constitution & By-Laws. After summarizing the changes, the updated Constitution & By-Laws was approved unanimously by membership and all LMT members present.
- Lt Col Clements stated that a review of the day of week / time of day for membership meetings was being conducted and would be part of the electronic survey.

**Comments from Membership:**

- Lou Kubik reported that Semper Fi would once again be sponsoring wounded veterans in concert with this year's Veterans Day activities and would forward additional information. Mike Roddy added that volunteers were being sought to fly / boat the wounded veterans around the Huntsville and Lake Guntersville areas.

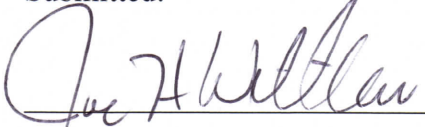
**Guest Speaker:** Dr. (Col, USA, Ret.) Casey Wardynski – Superintendent of Huntsville Schools – discussed the following:

- School openings/closings in the district, including costs, consolidations, physical relocations, and capacities; 8 new schools opened (2014-2018); average decrease in age of building square foot by 20 years
- Teacher review process
- Teacher salary scales and funding process
- Teacher career readiness certification
- Q&A period (including many questions after the meeting was adjourned)

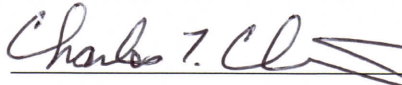
**Closing Prayer:** None

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 1258

Submitted:

 31 Aug 16  
Joe H. Williams                      Date  
Secretary, HCMOAA

Approved by General Membership:

 31 Aug 2016  
Charles T. Clements                      Date  
President, HCMOAA