

MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
Huntsville, Alabama Chapter
General Membership Meeting Minutes
October 26, 2016

President Charles Clements opened the meeting at 1127 hours at the Summit Club, Redstone Arsenal, Alabama. 38 members and guests were in attendance.

Opening Prayer: COL Norb Patla

Pledge of Allegiance: Lt Col Charles Clements

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

- Guests: Huntsville Chief of Police, Mark McMurray, and his Special Ops Commander, Captain Mike Izzo; Connie Cecil, Lisa Laurendine, Sally Owings, Wilda Szeremi, and Christine Torok
- New Members: None
- Past President: None

Reports:

- Secretary's Report: CAPT Rick West presented the September 2016 General Membership Meeting minutes which were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: CAPT Rick West presented the September (and final 2016) Treasurer's Report which was approved as written.

Month	Opening Balance	Closing Balance
September 2016	\$8008.47	\$10597.89

Notable income included Sentinel advertising and meeting meal payments. Notable expenses included laser toner, travel for Chapter President to MOAA National meeting, and membership meeting meals.

- Service Concerns:
 - Army: COL James Treadway: None
 - Air Force: Col Gerald Maxwell: Reminded all to vote.
 - Navy/Marines: CW4 Louis Kubik: Reported that Heroes Week preps by SFCTF were nearing completion and that they had significant numbers of volunteers.
- Legislative Issues: Not present.
- Membership: CDR Chris Downing reported 90 letters would be mailed over the next 2 days to potential members in the area. In addition, CDR Downing, CAPT West and CDR Inman supported the "22 Won't Do" event on October 22nd. 3 possible new members were mentioned. Additionally, it is not too early to pay 2017 dues for those paying annually.
- ROTC: CDR John Inman reported POCs had been updated at all ROTC/JROTC units. He also reported that he will be working as a "Coach" at the Huntsville HS JROTC unit.
- Golf: Not present.
- Sentinel: CAPT West reported that the October hard copy Sentinel had been mailed.
- Programs: COL Treadway reported that 11 people attended the trip to General Wheeler's historic home. He added that trips to Nashville for the 2017 Eclipse and a Gulf Fishing trip were being evaluated. Lt Col Clements reviewed an Email from Ray Weinberg requesting volunteers to help with the November 4th Special Olympics bowling event in Huntsville.
- Auxiliary: Mrs. Jan Camp reported that she is contacting all the Widows / Surviving Spouses / Auxiliaries regarding the consolidation of meetings and the Constitutional name change.

- Hospitality: Mrs. Carrie Hightower reminded everyone of the monthly breakfast changes and of the Christmas Party – get your RSVPs in to CDR Downing.
- Reports from VPs and Others: NSTR

President's Comments:

- Annual members are reminded to renew.
- The Legislative Affairs position will be open at the end of the year. The incumbent, Jerry Haynes, is retiring from the position after several outstanding years of service.
- Feedback from the ALCOC meeting with Lt Gen Atkins: The General appears gung-ho about his job and support for the Chapters. However, due to reductions in projected income on assets, MOAA has been spending in the red for several years and will be cutting back on some programs. We've already seen cutbacks in MOAA Connect, recruiting incentive awards and the annual convention. Additional cutbacks are coming in LOE Streamer quality and in cancellation of Gold Bar and ROTC/JROTC award programs.
- Next Board Meeting: 10 November at the Summit
- Veterans Day: 11 November – HCMOAA will be in the parade
- Next Breakfast: 12 November at the Golden Corral
- Next Membership Meeting: 16 November – This will include a Gold Bar Ceremony with LTG Williams as the guest speaker
- Christmas Party: 17 December at the Overlook
- Christmas Wrapping Event at the PX: 24 December. Volunteers are needed!

New Business:

- CAPT Rick West presented the financial report from the Golf Tournament. The net was \$8707.08.
- Election of 2017 Officers. The following members were all unanimously elected for 2017-2018:
President: Gerald Maxwell; 1st Vice President: Rick West; 2nd Vice President: Charles Clements;
Secretary: Joe Williams; Treasurer: Rick West; Army Rep: James Treadway; Navy/Marines Rep: Lou Kubik; Air Force Rep: Ed Uher.

Comments from Membership:


- Eric Deets informed the membership that Madison County would be dedicating the refurbished Hall of Heroes at the Courthouse on 4 November.
- Rick West informed the membership that Robert Szeremi was ill and asked for their prayers.

Guest Speaker: Chief Mark McMurray – Huntsville Chief of Police – discussed the status of the HSV PD, including current and future changes. In addition, he very candidly discussed some of the significant issues facing his PD and those across the nation. He fielded some very pointed questions and continued answering questions well after the meeting ended.

Closing Prayer: None

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 1250.

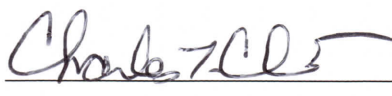
Submitted:

 11/16/16

Richard C. West Date

Treasurer, HCMOAA

Approved by General Membership:

 16 NOV 2016

Charles T. Clements Date

President, HCMOAA