

MLITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
Huntsville, Alabama Chapter
General Membership Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2016

President Charles Clements opened the meeting at 1135 hours at the Summit Club, Redstone Arsenal, Alabama. 37 members and guests were in attendance.

Opening Prayer: Lt Col Jerry Haynes

Pledge of Allegiance: Lt Col Charles Clements

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

- Guests: LTG Willie Williams, USMC (Ret.); spouses and guests of members
- New Members: COL John Greaves, USA (Ret.)
- Past President: Ray Weinberg

Reports:

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

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

Month	Opening Balance	Closing Balance
October 2016	\$10597.89	\$7918.36

Notable income included meeting meal payments and reimbursement from the Scholarship Fund for "Hit the Green" golf balls and ½ of a color laser toner set. Notable expenses included Bankcard transfer to the Scholarship Fund for Silent Auction items, Sentinel mailing, ALCOC travel, purchase of vehicle signs, and membership meeting meals (September/October).

- Service Concerns:
 - Army: COL James Treadway: None
 - Air Force: Col Gerald Maxwell: None
 - Navy/Marines: CW4 Louis Kubik: None
- Legislative Issues: Lt Col Haynes encouraged members to contact key Congressional leaders such as heads of SASC and HASC, even though they may not be the member's actual representative/senator, because of the issue of continuing declining percentage of Congressmen who are veterans. In addition, he announced that he would retain the Legislative Chair for another year.
- Membership: CDR Chris Downing reminded all that annual dues are "due".
- ROTC: NSTR
- Golf: Not present.
- Sentinel: Not present. Lt Col Clements reminded all that advertisers are still needed.
- Programs: COL Treadway reported that he has names for the first 6 months of 2017 and he is working to firm those commitments. Lt Col Clements added that he is in contact with "The Birdman" from the Botanical Gardens and that he is working a late summer scheduled membership meeting with him. In addition, the trip to Nashville for the 2017 Eclipse was discussed.
- Auxiliary: Not present.
- Hospitality: Not present. CDR Chris Downing reminded all to sign up for the Christmas social.
- Reports from VPs and Others: Col Gerald Maxwell discussed the gift-wrapping fundraiser scheduled 1000 - 1900 at the PX on 24 December. He requested volunteers for the wrapping.

President's Comments:

- A brief overview of MOAA/HCMOAA was provided for the benefit of the Cadets.
- HCMOAA participated in the Veterans Day events, including the dinner and the parade – we had two vehicles in the parade and were mentioned prominently on WAFF TV.
- The Chapter is looking for a new Chaplain.
- RSA will be conducting their community tree lighting on 1 December.
- Next Board Meeting: 8 December at the Summit
- Next Breakfast: No breakfast in December. Next one will be 14 January at the Royal Rose Diner.
- Christmas Party: 17 December at the Overlook
- Christmas Wrapping Event at the PX: 24 December. Volunteers are needed!
- Next Membership Meeting: 25 January 2017 at the Summit Club

New Business:

- Our new 5 Star LOE streamer was presented and attached to the Chapter flag.
- Lt Col Clements announced that the band at the Christmas Social will play light jazz from 6 - 7 PM and then full band from 7 - 9:30 PM (with breaks for the President's comments and door prizes).

Comments from Membership:

- None

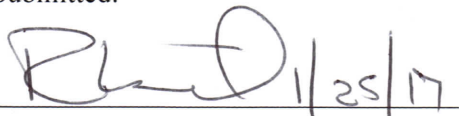
Gold Bar Ceremony: Lt Col Clements and LTG Williams presented certificates and first Gold Bars to 5 graduating ROTC students.

Guest Speaker: LTG Willie Williams was introduced by Lt Col Charles Clements. LTG Williams gave an inspiring speech directed at the soon-to-be commissioned cadets. He emphasized the following points: they were a very special and very small percentage of their peers nationwide; their background didn't matter – they were all starting equal now; they were the future leadership of the Army and our Nation - they should give and accept “no excuses”. LTG Williams closed with a resounding “Roll Tide!”

Closing Prayer: Lt Col Jerry Haynes

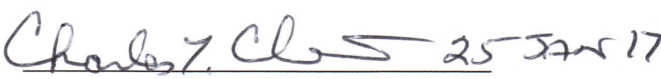
Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 1225.

Submitted:


Richard C. West Date

Treasurer, HCMOAA

Approved by General Membership:


Charles T. Clements Date

President, HCMOAA