

MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
Huntsville, Alabama Chapter
General Membership Meeting Minutes
January 25, 2017

President Charles Clements opened the meeting at 1130 hours at the Summit Club, Redstone Arsenal, Alabama. 32 members and guests were in attendance.

Opening Prayer: LTC Bert Wiggers

Pledge of Allegiance: Lt Col Charles Clements

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

- Guests: LTC (Ret) Rich Ruffin and 3 ROTC cadets from Alabama A&M University
- New Members: None
- Past President: None

Reports:

- Secretary's Report: MAJ Joe Williams presented the November 2016 General Membership Meeting minutes which were approved as written.
- Treasurer's Report: CAPT Rick West presented the November and December 2016 Treasurer's Reports which were approved as written.

Month	Opening Balance	Closing Balance
Nov 2016	\$7918.36	\$7444.79
Dec 2016	\$7444.79	\$7525.62

Notable income during the two months included dues, payments for the Christmas Party, Sentinel advertising, and PX gift wrapping donations. Notable expenses included web site service, Gold Bar luncheon, magnetic vehicle signs, and the Christmas Party meals and door prizes.

- Service Concerns:
 - Army: COL James Treadway: None
 - Air Force: Col Gerald Maxwell made the membership aware of the Redstone Fox Army Health Center software application that provides status of pharmacy wait times. He also informed the membership that protocol to render honors to the Flag during reveille and retreat ceremonies are practiced on Redstone arsenal.
 - Navy/Marines: CW4 Louis Kubik: None
- Legislative Issues: Lt Col Jerry Haynes explained the December 2016 CBO's report recommendations for reducing the federal deficit included eliminating "dual compensation" of receiving retirement pay and disability pay. Details are published in the February Sentinel.
- Membership: CDR Chris Downing reported that the Chapter membership roster is reconciled with the National record and submitted. She is working on correcting discrepancies and collecting membership renewals.
- ROTC: Lt Col Clements discussed the budget impact of MOAA National discontinuing to provide medals in support of the HCMOAA ROTC awards program. The Chapter's ROTC program covers 19 High Schools and 3 Universities. He stated that the Chapter would continue the ceremony awards package which includes a medal w/ ribbon and case, a gold bar and a certificate through the spring (April); then we would reevaluate the awards package cost in the fall. Volunteers to present the awards are needed.

- Sentinel: Lt Col Clements stressed the need for newsletter advertisers.
- Member Spotlight: The column ceased with the December issue. A volunteer columnist is needed.
- Golf: MAJ Bruce Robinson is seeking volunteers for the Golf committee.
- Programs: Lt Col Clements discussed the upcoming events including the "Birdman" Herb Lewis as the speaker in July.
- Auxiliary: Mrs. Jan Camp reported that the surviving spouses continue their recurring Friday meeting at the bowling alley.
- Hospitality: Mrs. Carrie Hightower reported that the Saturday breakfast was well supported. Turnout was good. She also reminded the membership of the upcoming Summer Party planned in June.
- Reports from VPs and Others: None

President's Comments:

- Reminder to annual members for dues renewal
- Board positions open: Chaplin, Historian and Public Affairs Officer
- Next Board meeting: 9 February
- CWC Mardi Gras fundraiser: 10 February
- Next Breakfast: 11 February
- Next Membership Meeting: 22 February

New Business:

- Installation of Officers: Newly elected Chapter Officers were sworn in by CAPT Tom Jones, USN (Ret.).

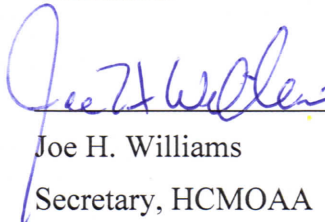
Comments from Membership: None

Guest Speaker: Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.) Richard J. Ruffin currently serves as a GS Government Employee for the United States Army ROTC Cadet Command where he serves as ROTC Recruiting Operations Officer for Alabama A&M University, University Alabama Huntsville (UAH) and for Athens State University. He provided the membership the status of current Army ROTC programs and ROTC recruiting.

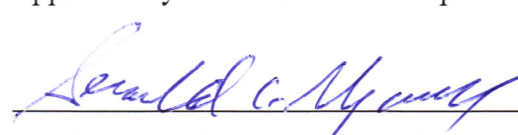
Closing Prayer: LTC Bert Wiggers

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 1230.

Submitted:

 2/22/17
 Joe H. Williams Date
 Secretary, HCMOAA

Approved by General Membership:

 2/22/17
 Gerald Maxwell Date
 President, HCMOAA