MLITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
Huntsville, Alabama Chapter
General Membership Meeting Minutes
April 26, 2017

President Gerald Maxwell opened the meeting at 1130 hours at the Summit Club, Redstone Arsenal, Alabama. 35 members and guests were in attendance.

Opening Prayer: Chaplain Wiggers **Pledge of Allegiance:** Col Maxwell

Welcomes: Col Maxwell provided opening remarks and welcomed members and guests:

- Guests: Mrs. Constance Taylor; MAJ Lee, SFC Washington and 9 cadets from Alabama A&M University ROTC
- New Members: None
- Past President: Lt Col Charles Clements, MAJ Bruce Robinson

Reports:

- Secretary's Report: For the Secretary, CAPT Rick West presented the March 2017 General Membership Meeting minutes which were approved as written.
- Treasurer's Report: CAPT Rick West presented the March 2017 Treasurer's Report which was approved as written.

Month	Opening Balance	Closing Balance
March 2017	$8208.08	$8278.60

Notable income included individual dues and membership meeting meal payments. Notable expenses included Strategy Session room fee, ROTC/Gold Bar supplies, and membership meeting meals.

- Service Concerns:
  - Army: COL James Treadway: N.P.
  - Navy/Marines: CW4 Louis Kubik: N.P.
  - Air Force: Col Ed Uher: NSTR
- Legislative Issues: Lt Col Jerry Haynes: N.P.
- Membership: NSTR
- ROTC: Lt Col Clements reported on recent presentations at ROTC/JROTC awards ceremonies.
- Sentinel: MAJ Robinson reported that we had 2 new sponsors with 6 month advertisements. More advertisers are still needed.
- Golf: MAJ Robinson reported that the next golf committee meeting would be May 5th at The Links. Also, Intuitive had signed up as our first Premier sponsor.
- Programs: COL Treadway: N.P.
- Auxiliary: Mrs. Jan Camp reported that there would be a Surviving Spouses lunch next week.

- Hospitality: Mrs. Carrie Hightower reminded us of details of the Summer Party.
- Reports from VPs and Others: CAPT West provided a summary of the April Alabama Council of Chapters meeting in Montgomery.

President's Comments:

- Sentinel sponsors continue to be needed. See MAJ Robinson with potential contacts.
- HCMOAA/MOAA shirts and hats – see and be seen!
- Next Governing Board Meeting: 11 May at the Java Cafe
- Next Breakfast: 13 May at the Royal Rose Diner
- Next Membership Meeting: 31 May at the Summit Club
- Memorial Day Wreath Ceremony: 29 May at Maple Hill Ceremony
- Tut Fann BBQ: 10 June
- Summer Social: 17 June; Mexican Theme
- Chapter trip for solar eclipse planned for Monday, August 21 - contact Lt Col Clements.

New Business: The Chapter won the national MOAA Col. Marvin Harris 5-Star Communications Awards for both categories – website and newsletter. Certificates were presented to MAJ Robinson (newsletter editor) and CAPT West (webmaster). A badge for the flag banner was also presented.

Comments from Membership: Lt Col Clements advised the membership that RSACWC would be holding the Merit Awards ceremony on 9 May. It is from 5-7 pm at the Summit Club. No RSVP required.

Gold Bar Ceremony: Our own Chapter member, COL Caz Taylor, presided over the presentation of certificates and Gold Bars to 9 Alabama A&M ROTC seniors who will graduate this spring. Following the presentation, COL Taylor addressed the cadets regarding their accomplishments and future, including lessons he has learned, thoughts on how to be successful, and the fact that they will be Soldiers 24/7!

Closing Prayer: Chaplain Wiggers

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 1215.

Submitted:

5/31/17

Richard C. West Date

Treasurer, HCMOAA

Approved by General Membership:

5/31/17

Gerald C. Maxwell Date

President, HCMOAA