

MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
Huntsville, Alabama Chapter
General Membership Meeting Minutes
May 31, 2017

President Gerald Maxwell opened the meeting at 1130 hours at the Summit Club, Redstone Arsenal, Alabama. Twenty six (26) 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. Sonja Nurmi and Gregory Allison
- New Members: Clayton Hinchman
- Past President: Lt Col Charles Clements, MAJ Bruce Robinson

Reports:

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

Month	Opening Balance	Closing Balance
April 2017	\$8278.60	\$8389.81

Notable income included individual dues, Sentinel advertisement revenue and membership meeting meal payments. Notable expenses included hard copy Sentinel mailing, Gold Bar luncheon, and membership meeting meals.

- Service Concerns:
 - Army: COL James Treadway: NSTR.
 - Navy/Marines: CW4 Louis Kubik: NSTR.
 - Air Force: Col Ed Uher: N.P.
- Legislative Issues: Lt Col Jerry Haynes requested everyone to read the detailed legislative material in the Sentinel. Jerry indicated he would likely not attend the regional MOAA conference in Memphis later this year since he would be resigning his post in December.
- Membership: N.P.
- ROTC: The JROTC / ROTC program for 2017 has come to the end.
- Sentinel: MAJ Robinson asked members to seek out and sign up new sponsors.
- Golf: MAJ Robinson reminded everyone that the next golf committee meeting would be June 9th at The Links.
- Programs: COL Treadway: NSTR.
- Auxiliary: NSTR.

- Hospitality: NP.
- Reports from VPs and Others: Lt Col Clements reported that MOAA laid its wreath at the Memorial Day ceremony at Maple Hill Cemetery. CDR John Inman assisted Lt Col Clements. Other MOAA members were present for the ceremony. Lt Col Clements reported there are 36 members and guests signed up for the 21 August trip to Tennessee to witness the total solar eclipse.

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: 8 June at the Java Café
- Tut Fann BBQ: 10 June. Volunteers meet at 1030
- Next Breakfast: No breakfast in June; next breakfast gathering on 8 July
- Summer Social: 17 June; Mexican Theme; no membership meeting in June.
- Next Membership Meeting: 26 July at the Summit Club; please RSVP.
- Chapter trip for solar eclipse planned for Monday, August 21 - contact Lt Col Clements.

New Business: Recruit new members for our chapter.

Comments from Membership: NSTR.

Guest Speaker: Gregory Allison, a contractor supporting NASA, addressed the meeting concerning the fragility of this nation's electric power grid. His presentation entitled "The Case for Power Grid Defense" was informative and scary. He listed five potential threats to the US and world's electric power grid: Solar coronal mass ejection (solar flares), nuclear generated electronic magnetic pulses (EMPs), cyber-attacks, earthquakes, and terror attacks. The solar flares and EMPs could reduce all of electronic gadgets as well as the power grid to a state of affairs that existed in the 1850's.

Closing Prayer: Chaplain Wiggers

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 1235.

Submitted:

Approved by General Membership:

Charles T. Clements 26 July 17

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Acting Secretary, HCMOAA

Gerald C. Maxwell 26 July 2017

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President, HCMOAA