

MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
Huntsville, Alabama Chapter
General Membership Meeting Minutes
July 26, 2017

President Gerald Maxwell opened the meeting at 1130 hours at the Overlook Club House, Redstone Arsenal, Alabama. Thirty-eight (38) members and guests were in attendance.

Opening Prayer: Col Maxwell

Pledge of Allegiance: Col Maxwell

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

- Guests: Mr. and Mrs. Herb Lewis
- New Members: Stephanie Walburn (spouse of new member Col Steven Walburn) and Margo Chabot
- Past Presidents: Lt Col Charles Clements and MAJ Bruce Robinson

Reports:

- Secretary's Report: The Acting Secretary, Lt Col Clements, presented the May 2017 General Membership Meeting minutes which were approved as written. There was no meeting in June.
- Treasurer's Report: CAPT Rick West presented the May and June 2017 Treasurer's Reports which were approved as written.

Month	Opening Balance	Closing Balance
May 2017	\$8389.81	\$8567.86
June 2017	\$8567.86	\$7623.74

Notable income for May included Summer Social payments and MOAA HQ Roster Incentive. Notable income for June included Summer Social payments, Sentinel advertisements and meeting meal payments. Notable expenses for May included stamps for recruiting letters and travel for the ALCOC quarterly meeting. Notable expenses for June included purchase of a laser toner, Summer Social cost (Summit Club), Tut Fann annual BBQ, and meeting meal payments.

- 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 announced he is passing the Legislative baton to Lt Col Clements. Jerry has had this position for almost 5 years. Jerry said he was glad he could present the award-winning work to the Chapter.
- Membership: CDR Chris Downing is in the process of mailing 90 recruitment letters to MOAA members in the Northern Alabama area.
- ROTC: Lt Col Clements stated he will be visiting the leadership of the Army ROTC at Alabama A&M University to discuss changes to Gold Bar ceremonies for this fall and next spring.
- Sentinel: MAJ Robinson asked members to seek out and sign up new advertisers.
- Golf: MAJ Robinson reminded everyone the next golf committee meeting is July 28th at The Links. We need golfers - goal is 132. Also need more sponsors and silent auction/door prize items.

- Programs: COL Treadway: N.P. It was announced that all 2017 membership meetings have guest speakers lined up. August's speaker is Cory Samz, who will address local hospice family care. Also, the Total Eclipse bus trip is a go. All seats have been sold; there is a wait list of over 15.
- Hospitality: Carrie Hightower announced all Surviving Spouse luncheons are not held during the summer months of July and August; they will resume in September. She reminded the gathering of the informal breakfast on 12 August at 0900 at the Royal Rose Café.
- Surviving Spouse: NSTR.
- Reports from VPs and Others: Jan Camp informed the Chapter that Bruce Robinson will be interviewed on the noon news at Channel 19 WHNT on 25 August regarding the golf tournament.

President's Comments:

- Sentinel sponsors continue to be needed. See MAJ Robinson with potential contacts.
- Next Governing Board Meeting: 10 August at the Java Café
- Next Breakfast: 12 August at the Royal Rose Café
- Chapter trip for solar eclipse planned for Monday, August 21; bus departs NLT 0830 from Bridge Street Bed, Bath & Beyond parking lot
- We need new members—think recruitment all the time
- Next Membership Meeting: 30 August at the Summit Club; please RSVP
- Retiree Appreciation Days are 21-23 September. There are a lot of activities planned including our golf tournament
- Veterans Day falls on a Saturday this year
- Start thinking of letting Chris Downing know if you plan to go to our Christmas social

New Business: None

Comments from Membership: None

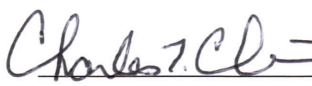
Guest Speaker: Herb Lewis, AKA "The Birdman" provided the Chapter with a very informative presentation of backyard birding. Over the last 13 years, Mr. Lewis has transformed his 40" by 80" backyard to provide migrating and local birds a safe and secure habitat with food and water that in turn attracts over 110 species of birds. His slide and video show illustrated strategies to attract birds and ward off predators (hawks and cats) and pests (squirrels). You can find more regarding this speaker's passion of birding at www.creativebirding.com. If you are ever looking for Herb, he will be sitting on his porch holding a cup of coffee and his camera looking at that day's birds in his backyard.

Closing Prayer: Col Maxwell

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 1250.

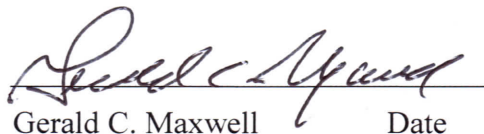
Submitted:

Approved by General Membership:

 30 Aug 2017

Charles T. Clements Date

Acting Secretary, HCMOAA

 30 Aug 2017

Gerald C. Maxwell Date

President, HCMOAA