

MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
Huntsville, Alabama Chapter
General Membership Meeting Minutes
August 30, 2017

President Gerald Maxwell opened the meeting at 1130 hours at the Summit, Redstone Arsenal, Alabama. Twenty-Four (24) and guests were in attendance.

Opening Prayer: LTC Wiggers

Pledge of Allegiance: Col Maxwell

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

- Guests: Mr. Cory Samz, Tina Whelchel, and Bonnie Treadway
- New Members: No new members present
- Past Presidents: Lt Col Charles Clements and MAJ Bruce Robinson

Reports:

- Secretary's Report: The Acting Secretary, Lt Col Clements, presented the July 2017 General Membership Meeting minutes which were approved as written.
- Treasurer's Report: CAPT Rick West presented the July 2017 Treasurer's Report which was approved as written.

Month	Opening Balance	Closing Balance
July 2017	\$7,623.74	\$8449.67

Notable income included payments for solar eclipse bus trip and membership meeting meals. Notable expenses included Sentinel hard copy printing/mailling, recruitment letters mailing, ALCOC travel, eclipse trip dry run gas reimbursement, and down payment for eclipse trip bus.

- Service Concerns:
 - Army: COL James Treadway: NSTR
 - Navy/Marines: CW4 Louis Kubik: NSTR
 - Air Force: Col Ed Uher: NP
- Legislative Issues: Lt Col Clements mentioned that Mo Brooks will have at least two competitors in the 2018 Republican primary—both are HCMOAA members.
- Membership: CAPT West reported that 180 recruitment letters sent to MOAA members in the Northern Alabama area in the last two mailings have resulted in 2 new members and 17 returned letters due to incorrect addresses. COL Maxwell sent an Email to National suggesting they get their act together and provide us with correct addresses, among other things.
- ROTC: NSTR
- Sentinel: NSTR
- Golf: MAJ Robinson reminded everyone the tournament is only 3 weeks away and the next golf committee meeting is August 6th at The Links. The number of golfers is within a few foursomes of reaching the max limit and sponsors are exceeding the level compared to last year. National sent an Email out, but it only went to 247 people!

- Programs: COL Treadway announced that speaker for the first part of 2018 membership meetings are lined up. September's entertainment is an acapella group from the Huntsville Police Department called the Blue Notes.
- Hospitality: Carrie Hightower announced she and Lt Col Clements would discuss the menu for the Christmas social with the Summit management after the meeting.
- Surviving Spouse: She has been in contact with most of the surviving spouses and is in the process of establishing a better organization for that group.

Reports from VPs and Others: CAPT West announced that the Volunteer program that had been disbanded earlier this year by RSA has been re-established. Chapter members that volunteer for any organization should record the hours volunteered, including travel time. CAPT West has taken on the duty on keeping record of our time. MAJ Robinson reminded us of the Retirees Appreciation Days (RAD) beginning on 21 September with our golf tournament; that HCMOAA had a table at the health fair/vendor booths on the 22nd; and the briefings at Sparkman Center on the morning of the 23rd.

President's Comments:

- Sentinel sponsors continue to be needed. Tell potential sponsors that circulation is close to 500.
- Next Breakfast: 9 September at the Royal Rose Café
- Next Governing Board Meeting: 14 September at the Java Café
- Next Membership Meeting: 27 September at the Summit Club; please RSVP
- Chapter trip for solar eclipse huge success
- We need new members—think recruitment all the time
- Veterans Day Saturday November 11; our breakfast will be the first Saturday in November (4th)
- Start thinking of letting CDR Chris Downing know if you plan to go to our Christmas social

New Business: Motion made for the Chapter to donate funds to the Military Order of the World Wars to cover one scholarship for a JROTC student to attend their leadership conference. Governing Board will consider this.

Comments from Membership: None

Guest Speaker: Cory Samz briefed the Chapter on Huntsville Hospital's Hospice Family Care program. He covered the seven hospice principles and the several hospice myths. He covered the type of care offered, when a patient can engage the services of a hospice and the new facility in Huntsville.

Closing Prayer: overcome by events

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 1300.

Submitted:

Approved by General Membership:

Charles T. Clements 22 Sep 17

Charles T. Clements Date

Acting Secretary, HCMOAA

Gerald C. Maxwell 27 Sep 2017

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President, HCMOAA