

MLITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
Huntsville, Alabama Chapter
General Membership Meeting Minutes
September 27, 2017

President Gerald Maxwell opened the meeting at 1130 hours at the Summit, Redstone Arsenal, Alabama. Thirty-three (33) members 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: The Huntsville Police Department Blue Notes (Officers Willie Jordan, Gerald Johnson, Thomas Kelly, Charles Draper, and Eric Newby) Sonja Nurmi, Nancy Robinson, Judy Haynes, Christine Torok and Bonnie Treadway
- New Members: MAJ Diana Hansen, USA (Ret.) and CAPT Aaron Page, USAR joined during the meeting.
- Past Presidents: Lt Col Charles Clements and MAJ Bruce Robinson

Reports:

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

Month	Opening Balance	Closing Balance
August 2017	\$8449.67	\$8374.79

Notable income included Sentinel advertising, payments for solar eclipse bus trip and credit card payments for golf tournament. Notable expenses included payment for eclipse trip bus and for membership meeting meals.

- Service Concerns:
 - Army: COL James Treadway: NSTR
 - Navy/Marines: CW4 Louis Kubik: NP
 - Air Force: Col Ed Uher: NSTR
- Legislative Issues: Lt Col Clements suggested members should look at the National MOAA webpage specifically for the top legislative issues and take time to use that webpage as a resource to communicate to your elected representatives in Congress. CAPT West advised that MOAA would be combining several periodic newsletters into one in the next month or so. Instructions on how to subscribe would be presented to the Chapter's membership via a future e-mail.
- Membership: We had a table at the RAD Health Fair and Exhibitor forum and one person joined.
- ROTC: NSTR
- Sentinel: The hard copy Sentinel will be mailed this month.
- Golf: MAJ Robinson reported the golf tournament was a success. Ninety-six golfers participated including a foursome that contain three retired generals. All the silent auction items were bid on

and money collected. The weather was beautiful. The golf committee is currently working an issue presented by an AMC lawyer regarding association of the tournament with RAD.

- Programs: COL Treadway announced that speaker for the first two months of 2018 membership meetings are lined up. October's speaker is from the Burritt Mountain Museum Guild.
- Hospitality: NSTR
- Surviving Spouse: NSTR

Reports from VPs and Others: NSTR

President's Comments:

- Sentinel sponsors continue to be needed. Tell potential sponsors that circulation is close to 500.
- Next Breakfast: 14 October at the Royal Rose Café
- Next Governing Board Meeting: 12 October at the Java Café
- Next Membership Meeting: 25 October at the Summit Club; please RSVP
- Veterans Day Saturday November 11; our breakfast will be the first Saturday in November (4th)
- RSVP to CDR Chris Downing if you plan to go to our Christmas social: 16 December

New Business: MAJ Robinson reported that the Retirees Appreciation Days (RAD) was a success. It began on 21 September with our golf tournament as reported; followed Friday with the RSA Health Fair (we had a table) attended by 350 people. Friday's activities include an Honor Walk, flu shots and the Retirees Dinner at the Summit that night. RAD ended Saturday with six briefers (Garrison Commander, DFAS, TRICRE, MOAA, etc.) and door prizes held in Bob Jones Auditorium in the Sparkman Center. We placed the 2016 Five-Star Level-of Excellence (LOE) Award on our Chapter's flag pennant along with the awards for our excellent newsletter and website. This is our sixth consecutive LOE award.

Comments from Membership: None

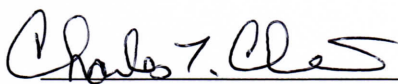
Guest Speaker: The Huntsville Police Department "a capella" group named the Blue Notes provided the membership with almost 30 minutes of singing and storytelling.

Closing Prayer: LTC Wiggers

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 1220.

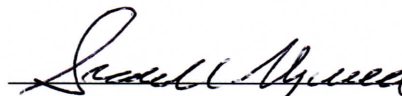
Submitted:

Approved by General Membership:

 25 Oct 2017

Charles T. Clements Date

Acting Secretary, HCMOAA

 25 Oct 2017

Gerald C. Maxwell Date

President, HCMOAA