

MLITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
Huntsville, Alabama Chapter
General Membership Meeting Minutes
October 25, 2017

President Gerald Maxwell opened the meeting at 1133 hours at the Summit, Redstone Arsenal, Alabama. Thirty-four (34) 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: Caroline Buncick, Sonja Nurmi, Maryann Stevens, and Janet Page
- 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 September 2017 General Membership Meeting minutes which were approved as written.
- Treasurer's Report: CAPT Rick West presented the September 2017 Treasurer's Report which was approved as written.

Month	Opening Balance	Closing Balance
September 2017	\$8374.79	\$6691.42

Notable income included dues, bankcard payments for golf items, and collection for membership meeting meals. Notable expenses included purchase of laser toner and easels for the golf tournament, ink for membership printer, travel reimbursement for MOAA leadership conference, donation for one JROTC cadet to attend the MOWW leadership conference, and payment for membership meeting meals.

- Service Concerns:
 - Army: COL James Treadway: NSTR
 - Navy/Marines: CW4 Louis Kubik: [The Semper Fi Community Task Force of North Alabama hosts Heroes Week](#) beginning 8 November when 50-plus wounded veterans and their caregivers will be honored in Huntsville. Come out and welcome them.
 - Air Force: Col Ed Uher: NP
- Legislative Issues: Lt Col Clements reminded the members and guest to vote in the election for Senator on 12 December. He also informed the gathering that the 2018 COLA has been set at 2%.
- Membership: CDR Downing informed us that the last mailing of recruitment letters resulted in 2 new members and 16 undelivered letters due to bad addresses supplied from National.
- ROTC: There will not be a Gold Bar ceremony in November. Alabama A&M University ROTC will have no cadets commissioning this semester.
- Sentinel: The Sentinel will be e-mailed later this month.
- Golf: MAJ Robinson informed us of the Tournament After Action Report meeting at The Links on 26 October at noon.

- Programs: COL Treadway announced that speakers for the first two months of 2018 membership meetings are lined up. There will be an invitation to Captain Rose, the recent MOH awardee to speak to one of our meetings in the spring of 2018. November's speaker is from Huntsville Utilities.
- Hospitality: Our breakfast meeting is on 4 November since the 2nd Saturday falls on Veterans Day. RSVP for the Christmas Social now.
- Surviving Spouse: NSTR

Reports from VPs and Others: Stephanie Walburn, Secretary of the Military and Civilians Club, formerly the Community Women's Club, announced the name change of her organization. Other items:

- Dinner and program honoring veterans on 14 November at 1800 at the Summit; cost \$17
- Request for donations for Wreaths Across America and a trip to Middle Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery on 16 Dec to lay the wreaths

President's Comments:

- Sentinel sponsors continue to be needed. We receive a lot of our revenue from these sponsors.
- Next Governing Board Meeting: 9 November at the Java Café
- Next Membership Meeting: 29 November at the Summit Club; please RSVP
- Veterans Day Saturday November 11; if you want to drive in the parade let CAPT West know
- RSVP to CDR Chris Downing if you plan to go to our Christmas social: 16 December
- Gift Wrapping event needs volunteers—1000 to 1800 on Christmas Eve at the PX

New Business: The Financial Report of the 2017 Scholarship Golf Tournament was presented by CAPT West. Total income was \$18,370.31 and total expenses were \$7,748.35. The amount for potential scholarship donations is \$14,073.08. A recommendation to earmark \$10,000 for scholarships was made and the membership voted to approve that recommendation. The funds remaining will be used for pursuing application for 501(c)(3) status for future scholarship activities and seed money for the 2018 golf tournament.

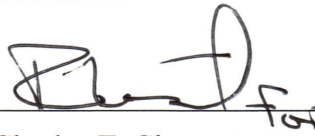
Comments from Membership: None

Guest Speaker: The Director of Development for Burritt Museum, Caroline Buncick, explained how the Burritt compound is living Alabama history open to the public and held in trust by the City of Huntsville. Burritt on the Mountain provides our community with arts, folklore, education and preservation of local history.

Closing Prayer: LTC Wiggers

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 1235.

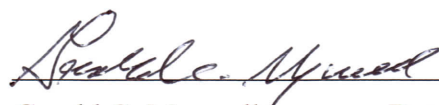
Submitted:



Charles T. Clements
Acting Secretary, HCMOAA

Date

Approved by General Membership:



Gerald C. Maxwell
President, HCMOAA

Date