

MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
Huntsville, Alabama Chapter
General Membership Meeting Minutes
January 31, 2018

President Gerald Maxwell opened the meeting at 1131 hours at the Summit, Redstone Arsenal, Alabama. Forty-two (42) 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: BG Joe Stringham, Sandy Stringham, Kristina DeBusk (RSAMCC President), Donna Bolander (RSAMCC), Lynette Fairlamb, Sally Owings, Bonnie Treadway, Ruth Woida, and James Pryor
- New Members: Nat Causey
- Past Presidents: Lt Col Charles Clements and MAJ Bruce Robinson

Reports:

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

Month	Opening Balance	Closing Balance
November 2017	\$6064.49	\$7233.28
December 2017	\$7233.28	\$6651.80

Notable income included dues, Sentinel advertising, Christmas social payments, gift wrapping donations, and collection for membership meeting meals. Notable expenses included payment for Christmas social expenses and membership meeting meals.

- Service Concerns:
 - Army: COL James Treadway: NSTR
 - Navy/Marines: CW4 Louis Kubik: NSTR
 - Air Force: Col Ed Uher: NP
- Legislative Issues: Lt Col Clements informed the members that State Senator Bill Holtzclaw had withdrawn from the U. S. Representative race, decided not to seek re-election to his senate seat, and is becoming a private citizen in November. Lt Col Clements also mentioned legislation had been introduced in Montgomery altering the practice of civil forfeiture of property without a criminal conviction.
- Membership: CDR Downing informed us that her focus was to get annual members that had not renewed to do so before the 1 March date when their names are placed on the inactive list.
- ROTC: The 2018 JROTC award ceremony season has started. Col Taylor represented the Chapter at Sparkman HS today. The next ceremony will be on 7 February at Austin HS. Our order for MOAA medals have arrived. Most of the awards ceremonies will occur in April and May.
- Sentinel: The Sentinel for February has been dispatched. We still can use ads.

- Golf: MAJ Robinson informed us of the next 2018 Golf Tournament Planning meeting at The Links on 16 February, at noon.
- Programs: COL Treadway announced that speakers for the 2018 membership meetings are lined through May. Efforts are underway to invite Rep. Mo Brooks and/or Senator Doug Jones for August or later. The speaker at the March meeting will be Captain Mike Rose, a chapter member and recent Medal of Honor (MOH) awardee. The meeting is at Nick's Ristorante. Those that plan to attend must pay in advance and select an entree when they RSVP. Our February speaker is Billy McDonald, author and son of Flying Tiger's aide to LTG Chennault.
- Hospitality: Our breakfast meeting is on 10 February at the Royal Rose café.
- Surviving Spouse: NSTR

Reports from VPs and Others:

A link to a You Tube video has been downloaded to our website. This video's subject is Captain Rose and the exploits that are associated with his MOH. Mike Roddy informed the membership of the traveling Viet Nam memorial wall, also known as the Wall that Heals, will be in town for three days in late October and early November. He also informed the group of a pancake breakfast at Huntsville HS--proceeds to benefit the local Kiwanis clubs.

President's Comments:

- Sentinel sponsors continue to be needed.
- The Chapter needs new volunteers—Governing Board members need some help.
- Next Governing Board Meeting: 8 February at the Java Café
- Next Breakfast: 10 February at the Royal Rose Café
- Next Membership Meeting: 28 February at the Summit Club; please RSVP

New Business: HCMOAA presented a check for \$10,000 to Kristina DeBusk, President of the Military and Civilians' Club (formerly Community Women's Club). These proceeds from the 2017 Scholarship Golf Tournament will be used for scholarships to be awarded later this year.

Comments from Membership: None

Guest Speaker: BG "Smoking Joe" Stringham, an airborne ranger, related several vignettes of stories of American warriors, Army and Marines, he had come into contact with during his 35 years of service. His stories were entertaining and a true inspiration to all present.

Closing Prayer: LTC Wiggers

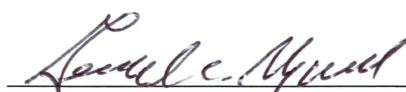
Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 1235.

Submitted:

Approved by General Membership:

 28 Feb 18

Charles T. Clements Date
Acting Secretary, HCMOAA

 28 Feb 2018

Gerald C. Maxwell Date
President, HCMOAA