

MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
Huntsville, Alabama Chapter
General Membership Meeting Minutes
February 28, 2018

President Gerald Maxwell opened the meeting at 1134 hours at the Summit, Redstone Arsenal, Alabama. Thirty-one (31) 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: Billy McDonald, Nancy McDonald, Andrea Velasquez, and Bonnie Treadway
- New Members: Col David Hall, USAF (Ret)
- Past Presidents: Lt Col Charles Clements and MAJ Bruce Robinson

Reports:

- Secretary's Report: The Acting Secretary, Lt Col Clements, presented the January 2018 General Membership Meeting minutes which were approved as written.
- Treasurer's Report: CAPT Rick West presented the January 2018 Treasurer's Report which was approved as written.

Month	Opening Balance	Closing Balance
January	\$6651.80	\$6826.59

Notable income included individual and LMT dues, and collection for membership meeting meals. Notable expenses included ALCOC dues, Chamber of Commerce dues, office supplies, printed Sentinel, membership recruiting mailing, reimbursement for travel to ALCOC quarterly meeting, and ROTC / JROTC medals.

- Service Concerns:
 - Army: COL James Treadway: NSTR
 - Navy/Marines: CW4 Louis Kubik: NSTR
 - Air Force: Col Ed Uher: NSTR
- Legislative Issues: Lt Col Clements informed the members that a special election will occur on 27 March for State House of Representative District 21 as the result of the death of Jim Patterson. Terry Jones (D) and Rex Reynolds (R) are on the ballot. Also, TRICARE will be offering dental and vision plans to Retirees. The open season for enrollment is 12 Nov to 10 Dec 2018.
- Membership: CDR Downing informed the members that approximately 40 annual members will be dropped from the roll for failure to renew their membership.
- ROTC: The 2018 JROTC award ceremony season continues with four presentations scheduled for March. All high schools with JROTC units have provided ceremony dates. The next ceremony will be on 14 March at Columbia HS; our presenter is Captain Mike Rose. Setting up a Gold Bar ceremony with Alabama A&M University is still a work in progress.
- Sentinel: The Sentinel for March has been dispatched.
- Golf: MAJ Robinson informed us of the next 2018 Golf Tournament Planning meeting at The Links on 16 March, at noon. We can use new volunteers on this committee.

- Programs: 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. There are 10 seats left. COL Treadway announced that we are planning for a whiskey tasting bus trip to Tennessee set for the first Saturday in June. No membership meeting in June or July.
- Hospitality: NP
- Surviving Spouse: Jan reported having a luncheon with few surviving spouses this month.

Reports from VPs and Others:

MAJ Robinson brief the membership on the MRC / RAD. Planning has started on the Retirees Appreciation Day activities. The RAD is from 20 to 22 September 2018. Our golf tournament is set for Thursday 20 September. The Health Fair, Honor Walk and Retirees Dinner is scheduled for Friday 21 September. The Saturday morning event is set for 22 September and will include speakers, a free breakfast and likely door prizes. MAJ Robinson also reported on his evaluation of 64 merit awards applicants. He evaluated their essays, one topic of which was "What is the most serious issue facing society today". He shared some of his observations gleaned from the essays.

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 March at the Java Café
- Next Breakfast: 10 March at the Royal Rose Café
- Next Membership Meeting: 28 March at Nick's Ristorante

New Business: Membership voted to approve of the emeritus member category for those members 90 years of age and over. Those members will no longer have to pay dues. Final approval will require a change to our Constitution and By Laws.

Comments from Membership: None

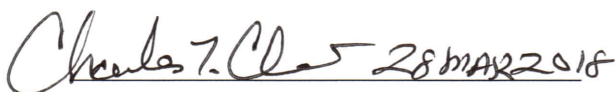
Guest Speaker: Our speaker was Billy McDonald. While recuperating from a heart attack he found and investigated 30,000 letters, documents and photos in the possession of his sister. He discovered that there was a lot he did not know about his father, Mac. Six years later, Mac's story is now a book—The Shadow Tiger: Billy McDonald, Wingman to Chennault. The Smithsonian is digitizing the material he found, and it will be available on the internet. After 4 years of hard work, Billy was able to get his father posthumously awarded the DFC and the Air Medal on August 24, 2018 at Maxwell AFB. He gave a very interesting presentation that summarized the book.

Closing Prayer: LTC Wiggers

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 1240.

Submitted:

Approved by General Membership:

 28 MAR 2018

Charles T. Clements
Acting Secretary, HCMOAA

Date

 28 March 2018

Gerald C. Maxwell
President, HCMOAA

Date