

MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
Huntsville, Alabama Chapter
General Membership Meeting Minutes
April 25, 2018

President Gerald Maxwell opened the meeting at 1128 hours at The Summit Club, Redstone Arsenal, Alabama. Twenty-six (26) 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: Brandi Medina, Linda Kidd, Dorinda Marchetti, Cleta Davis, Glenn Kleffner and Marianne Stevens
- New Members: None
- Past Presidents: Lt Col Charles Clements and MAJ Bruce Robinson

Reports:

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

Month	Opening Balance	Closing Balance
March	\$7830.85	\$6919.55

Notable income included individual dues and collection for membership meeting meals. Notable expenses included payments for guest speaker meals and membership meeting meals.

- Service Concerns:
 - Army: COL James Treadway: NP
 - Navy/Marines: CW4 Louis Kubik: NSTR
 - Air Force: Col Ed Uher: NP
- Legislative Issues: Lt Col Clements asked membership to look at the Legislation Action Center on the MOAA National webpage. Specially, he asked them to focus their attention to the several Senate and House bills that MOAA thinks would benefit us and the Armed Forces. The site also enables a reader to communicate with his or her representative on these bills. The State-wide primary is set for 5 June. Educate yourself and vote.
- Membership: CDR Downing is continuing with efforts to pin down who in our membership will be offered the opportunity to become Emeritus members. A new round of printing and mailing recruitment letters will start in the next few weeks.
- ROTC: Five award ceremonies have been held in April so far, with one scheduled for tonight at Huntsville HS and another one tomorrow at Jemison HS. Five award ceremonies will occur in May. The Gold Bar ceremony honoring seven Alabama A&M University cadets was on 19 April.
- Sentinel: The Sentinel for May will be sent out next week.
- Golf: MAJ Robinson informed us of the next 2018 Golf Tournament Planning meeting at The Links on 18 May, at noon. We can use new volunteers on this committee.

- Programs: NP
- Hospitality: Mrs. Hightower informed the membership of the great turnout for our informal breakfast meeting in April and reminded us that our monthly breakfast meeting is the second Saturday of the month at the Royal Rose Diner.
- Surviving Spouse: NSTR

Reports from VPs and Others: RAD still scheduled 20 to 22 September. The format will be the same as the 2017 RAD except the drive thru flu shots will not occur - Fox AHC won't have the vaccine until October. Fox is lobbying to delay RAD until flu shots are available. The RAD IPR occurs next week and the timing matter will be discussed. April ALCOC meeting highlights were briefed to include the feedback from Storming the Hill, details on the process of funding and obtaining a fifth Veterans home in Alabama and the possibility of NAVFOC-like organizations in other parts of Alabama.

President's Comments:

- Merit Awards Ceremony: 8 May at the Summit
- Next Governing Board Meeting: 10 May at the Java Café
- Next Breakfast: 12 May at the Royal Rose Diner
- Next Membership Meeting: 30 May at the Summit; speaker is the Garrison Commander
- Memorial Day Wreath Ceremony: 28 May, Veterans Memorial, downtown Huntsville
- Tut Fann BBQ: 9 June at 1100—need volunteers
- No Membership meeting in June and July

New Business: CAPT West informed membership that the printer used by CDR Downing for Membership had died. The Governing Board has approved purchasing a replacement for this printer.

Comments from Membership: NSTR

Guest Speaker: Our speaker was Ms. Brandi Medina, Director of Programs and Education, Alzheimer's Association. She informed membership of the basics of Alzheimer's to include the ten warning signs of the disease, causes and risk factors, how it effects the brain, its several stages of progression ultimately leading to death. Alzheimer's is just one type of dementia. Presently there are 5.7M diagnosed cases of Alzheimer's in the U.S. and number of cases will increased as the population ages. Research for treatments and a cure are underway.

Closing Prayer: LTC Wiggers

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 1245.

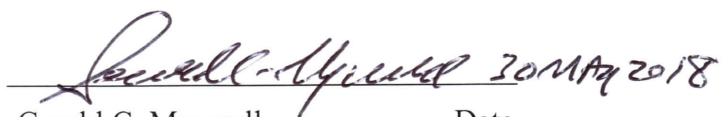
Submitted:

Approved by General Membership:



Charles T. Clements
Acting Secretary, HCMOAA

Date



Gerald C. Maxwell
President, HCMOAA

Date