

MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
Huntsville, Alabama Chapter
General Membership Meeting Minutes
August 29, 2018

President Gerald Maxwell opened the meeting at 1139 hours at The Summit Club, Redstone Arsenal, Alabama. Thirty-nine (39) 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: Lt Col Scott Wadle, Terese LaFrancsois, Joe Baldauf, and Don Kleffner
- New Members: CDR Milton Williams, MAJ Rich Hudgens, and LTC John Cole
- Past Presidents: Lt Col Charles Clements and MAJ Bruce Robinson

Reports:

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

Month	Opening Balance	Closing Balance
May	\$6,932.75	\$7,004.83
June	\$7,004.83	\$6,168.43
July	\$6,168.43	\$6,012.97

Notable income for May included individual dues, collection for membership meeting meals and a donation in memory of Ray Weinberg. No notable income for June or July. Notable expenses for this 3-month period included payments for May's guest speaker meal and membership meeting meals, office supplies, Tut Fann BBQ share, and payments for printing and mailing the Sentinel newsletter.

- Service Concerns:
 - Army: COL James Treadway: NP
 - Navy/Marines: CW4 Louis Kubik: NSTR
 - Air Force: Col Ed Uher: NP
- Legislative Issues: Lt Col Clements stated that the vote for the Huntsville City Council election was yesterday and that there is one race that will be decided by a runoff in October. He asked membership plan to vote in the General Election in November.
- Membership: CDR Downing informed membership that, due to the Scholarship Fund donation mass mailing, she was able to update several member addresses.
- ROTC: In September, Lt Col Clements will engage with the Army ROTC Detachment at Alabama A&M University to determine if there will be a Gold Bar ceremony in November.
- Sentinel: September's Sentinel will be sent out in the next few days. Advertisers are needed.
- Golf: MAJ Robinson informed us of the next 2018 Golf Tournament Planning meeting at The Links on 31 August, at noon. We can use sponsors for breakfast and lunch; and more golfers.

- Programs: The trip to the Helen Keller house is on 20 October. We will car pool and have lunch before returning to Huntsville.
- Hospitality: Mrs. Hightower informed the membership 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 21 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.
 - Open Season to sign up for new TRICARE dental and vision insurance is from 12 November to 10 December. There are 4 vision plans and 10 dental plans. Recommend you take the list to your dental and eye health care providers. Speak to the person that manages your vision and dental claims to get a recommendation as to the best provider and also which providers they will accept.

President's Comments:

- The Chapter has been awarded the 5-Star Level of Excellence Award. LT Col Clements will attend the Annual MOAA meeting to receive the award.
- Col. Marvin J. Harris Communications Awards were presented to CAPT West for the HCMOAA website and MAJ Robinson for the Sentinel newsletter.
- Elections for new Chapter officers are coming soon. The nomination committee is looking for members interested in serving in a leadership position.
- Next Breakfast: 8 September at the Royal Rose Diner
- Next Governing Board Meeting: 13 September at the Java Café
- Next Membership Meeting: 26 September at the Summit; speaker is Mike Ballard

New Business: NSTR

Comments from Membership: NSTR

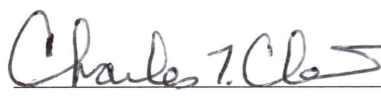

Guest Speaker: Our speaker was Lt Col Scott Wadle, USMC (Ret), the Program Director of Council and Chapter Affairs, MOAA National. He informed us of the MOAA staffing and lobbyists. He broke down the 350,000 MOAA membership by type—Life 49%, Premium 26%, and Basic 25%. He briefed us concerning some of the challenges facing the organization and ask us to be on the lookout for a webpage redesign in 2019.

Closing Prayer: LTC Wiggers

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 1240.

Submitted:

Approved by General Membership:

	
Charles T. Clements	Gerald C. Maxwell
Acting Secretary, HCMOAA	President, HCMOAA
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