

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

President Gerald Maxwell opened the meeting at 1130 hours at The Summit Club, Redstone Arsenal, Alabama. Twenty-five (25) 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:

- Guest: Andrea Velasquez
- New Member: Shawn Sterling
- Past Presidents: Lt Col Charles Clements and MAJ Bruce Robinson

Reports:

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

Month	Opening Balance	Closing Balance
August	\$5,806.78	\$6,199.15

Notable income included Sentinel advertising, membership meal payments, bankcard payments for golf tournament, and re-imbursement of "Bill Pay" for golf tournament items. Notable expenses included bankcard transfer to the Scholarship Fund, ALCOC and Greenville Workshop travel reimbursements, member lunches, and "Bill Pay" for golf tournament items.

- Service Concerns:
 - Army: COL James Treadway: NSTR
 - Navy/Marines: CW4 Louis Kubik asked that members be available at the airport at 1400 hours in order to welcome veterans and caregivers as they arrive in Huntsville to start Hero's Week.
 - Air Force: Col Ed Uher: NSTR
- Legislative Issues: Membership is encouraged to vote in the General Election on 6 November.
- Membership: NP.
- ROTC: There will be a Gold Bar ceremony in December as part of the Alabama A&M University commissioning ceremony. Time and date to be determined.
- Sentinel: November's Sentinel to be emailed to membership in next few days. Advertisers are needed.
- Programs: The November speaker is John E. Carson. There isn't a speaker for the Christmas Social. The January 2019 speaker will be Marty Linz.
- Hospitality: December Social flyer is in the Sentinel. It is set for 15 December at 1700 hours. Breakfast is set for 3 November to avoid conflict with Veterans Day
- Surviving Spouse: NP
- Reports from VPs and Others:

- Military Order of the World Wars: MAJ Robinson informed membership that our donation to MOWW for their Youth Leadership Conference was well spent.
- Golf: CAPT West briefed tournament financials. We had 12 fewer golfers, adversely effecting sale of Mulligans and proceeds from the silent auction. We had more sponsorships, with some repeats at a lower level. Net proceeds were \$11,085.06—a \$400 increase over last year. MAJ Robinson reported on the AAR meeting. Action items included: 1) addressing issues with MWR over facility cleanliness and drink carts; 2) participation of MCC as co-chair and auction chair.
- 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.
- ALCOC Meeting: CAPT West briefed highlights. AL Board of Veterans Affairs has two MOAA members—one is the Veterans Home Chair and the other is the Cemetery Chair. A \$5.4M renovation to Tutt Fan Veterans Home was approved and work begins soon. A fifth Veterans Home, to be built in SE Alabama, was approved and the application for financial support from Federal/State governments has started. Other initiatives are a Green Alert System and a push for State approval of sales tax exemption for the ALCOC and all chapters. Finally, Anne Smith, from Shoals chapter, will receive the Surviving Spouse Liaison of the Year award at the National MOAA Conference on 1 November.

President's Comments:

- The Wall That Heals will be on display at John Hunt Part from 1 to 4 November
- Next Breakfast: 3 November at the Royal Rose Diner
- The General Election is set for 6 November—vote
- Next Governing Board Meeting: 8 November at the Java Café
- Veteran's Day Parade is set for 12 November in downtown Huntsville
- Next Membership Meeting: 28 November at the Summit; speaker is John E. Carson

New Business:

- The Chapter will not participate in Christmas gift wrapping. Time slots went quicker than expected. It appears preference was not given to authorized organizations.
- Nominations for elected offices were closed. The slate of officers were: President, Rick West; 1st Vice President, Pat Nash; 2nd Vice President, John Inman; Treasurer, Charles Clements; Secretary, Mike Barron; Army Representative, James Treadway; Navy / USMC Representative, Lou Kubik and Air Force Representative, Ed Uher. Membership voted and elected this slate of officers

Comments from Membership: NSTR

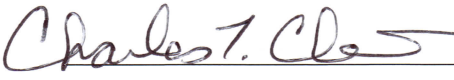
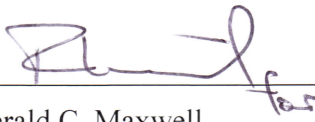
Guest Speaker: Our speaker was a no-show.

Closing Prayer: LTC Wiggers

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 1206.

Submitted:

Approved by General Membership:

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