

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

1st Vice President CAPT Rick West opened the meeting at 1131 hours at The Summit Club, Redstone Arsenal, Alabama. Twenty-six (26) members and guests were in attendance.

**Opening Prayer:** LTC Wiggers

**Pledge of Allegiance:** CAPT West

**Welcomes:** CAPT West provided opening remarks and welcomed members and guests:

- Guest: Sally Owings and John E. Carson
- New Member: N/A
- Past Presidents: Lt Col Charles Clements and MAJ Bruce Robinson

**Reports:**

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

Month	Opening Balance	Closing Balance
October	\$6,199.15	\$5,050.68

Notable income: None

Notable expenses included bankcard fees and transfers to the Scholarship Fund, ALCOC and MOAA National meeting travel reimbursements, and Sentinel printing and mailing costs.

- Service Concerns:
  - Army: COL James Treadway: NSTR
  - Navy/Marines: CW4 Louis Kubik: NP
  - Air Force: Col Ed Uher: NSTR
- Legislative Issues: TRICARE fees are increasing in the new year.
- Membership: Annual membership dues are payable. The list of members that have expiring memberships are listed in the December Sentinel.
- ROTC: The Gold Bar ceremony in December will be a part of the Alabama A&M University commissioning ceremony. Commissioning takes place at 1530 hours on 5 December at the Knight Reception Center.
- Sentinel: December's Sentinel to be emailed to membership in next few days. Advertisers are needed.
- Programs: 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.
- Surviving Spouse: NP
- **Reports from VPs and Others:**
- Golf: MAJ Robinson stated that the 2019 Golf Committee will meet sometime in January.

- 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.

**President's Comments:**

- Next Governing Board Meeting: 13 December at the Java Café
- Christmas Social: 15 December at 1700
- Next Breakfast: 12 January at the Royal Rose Diner
- Next Membership Meeting: 30 January at the Summit; speaker is Marty Linz

**Old Business:**

- Lt Col Clements attended the MOAA annual meeting on 2 & 3 November in Phoenix, AZ. He was presented another 5-Star Level of Excellence award which will be attached to our awards banner.

**New Business:**

- CAPT West presented a recommendation that \$11,000 be donated to the Merit Awards scholarship program. This recommendation was moved and seconded; the membership voted to approve \$11,000 to be earmarked as a donation to the Merit Awards scholarship program.

**Comments from Membership: NSTR**

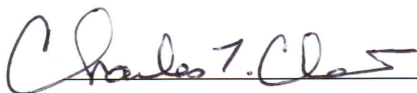
**Guest Speaker:** Our guest speaker was John E. Carson, a published author and poet. John also serves on the Honor Guard of American Legion Post 237 on Drake and teaches Creative Writing at the Huntsville-Madison County Senior Center. He provided information about PTSD, TBI and the high number of veteran suicides in the nation and Alabama in particular. John discussed the need for companion pets for veterans. Although the Veterans Administration is one source for these companion pets the process is lengthy and expensive. He is hoping to establish a local chapter of a program called Vets for Pets. Acquiring the companion pets from Vets for Pets is more streamlined.

**Closing Prayer:** LTC Wiggers

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 1227.

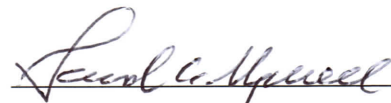
Submitted:

Approved by General Membership:

 30 JAN 2019

Charles T. Clements  
Acting Secretary, HCMOAA

Date

 30 JAN 2019

Gerald C. Maxwell  
President, HCMOAA

Date