

MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
Huntsville, Alabama Chapter
General Membership Meeting Minutes
February 27, 2019

President CAPT Richard West opened the meeting at 1130 hours at The Summit Club, Redstone Arsenal, Alabama. 40 members and guests were in attendance. Guests included FBI Special Agent Kerry Straub (guest speaker), Angie Inman, Ann Leide, Dorinda Marchetti, Sonja Nurmi, Sally Owings and Bonnie Treadway.

Opening Prayer: LTC Wiggers

Pledge of Allegiance: CAPT West

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

- New Members: Dale Kuehl
- Past Presidents: MAJ Bruce Robinson, USA (Ret.) and Lt Col Charles T. Clements, USAF (Ret.) and Col Gerald Maxwell, USAF (Ret.)

Reports:

- Secretary's Report: Report was approved as written by the membership.
- Treasurer's Report: Report was approved as written by the membership.

Month	Opening Balance	Closing Balance
January	\$3,941.28	\$5141.45

Notable income: Individual dues, LMT dues, Sentinel advertising and payments for membership meeting meals. Notable expenses: ALCOC annual dues, Huntsville Chamber of Commerce annual dues, printed Sentinel mailing (printing and postage), stamps for membership mailings, basket donation to RSAMCC Gala, and payments for membership meeting meals.

- Service Concerns:
 - Army: COL James Treadway: NSTR
 - Navy/Marines: NSTR
 - Air Force: Col Ed Uher: NSTR
- Legislative Issues:
 - On 14 Feb 2019, Governor Ivey appointed Rear Admiral W. Kent Davis, USN (Ret) as Commissioner of the Alabama State Board of Veterans Affairs.
 - The Jan 2019 CPI is 5% below the FY 2019 COLA baseline.
 - 115th Congress enacted and the President signed 13 laws in 2018 related to Veterans.
 - Two Democratic lawmakers introduced legislation on 30 January 2019 that would ensure the US does not use nuclear weapons first in any future conflict.
- Membership: NSTR
- LMT: NSTR
- Sentinel/Golf: Next Golf meeting is March 21st at The Links.

- Public Affairs: NSTR
- ROTC: Award to Sparkman High School was presented in February. The next award will be March, looking for a presenter.
- Programs: NSTR
- Hospitality: NSTR
- Surviving Spouse: NSTR
- Reports from VPs and Others: NSTR

New Business:

- Sponsors are needed for the Sentinel and the Golf tournament.
- Next membership breakfast will be March 9th at the Blue Plate Café on Memorial Parkway; looking at City Café for the April breakfast.
- Next governing board meeting is March 14th.
- Next membership lunch is March 27th, speaker is TBD.
- NAVFOC – Women VET International focus is on homeless veterans.
- Korean Ambassador will present a peace award April 14th in recognition of end of the conflict.
- Moved the scholarship fund from Wells Fargo to RFCU.
- Met with the Garrison Commander about RAD and the golf tournament. He wants to support the tournament within the legal constraints. MWR cannot accept outside dollars from anyone. Currently the RAD is scheduled on the same day as the golf tournament.
- Submitted annual communications award input.
- Memorial Day wreath Ceremony – TBD.
- Scholarship award letter compliance is being worked. There will be a short turn-around to submit applications once the issue is resolved.

Old Business: NSTR

Comments from Membership:

- Kiwanis annual pancake breakfast is March 2nd at Huntsville High School.
- Alabama Opportunity Scholarships Fund can provide deserving individuals help for education.


Guest Speaker: CAPT West introduced FBI Special Agent Kerry Straub. SA Straub discussed a variety of subjects including: Health Care Fraud, Cyber Threats, Insider Threats, Scams and Hire for Kill. To report scams use web site IC3.gov.

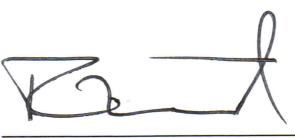
Closing Prayer: LTC Wiggers

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 1250.

Submitted:

Approved by General Membership:

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 Michael C. Barron
 Secretary, HCMOAA

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 Richard C. West
 President, HCMOAA