

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

President CAPT Richard West opened the meeting at 1132 hours at The Summit Club, Redstone Arsenal, Alabama. 37 members and guests were in attendance. Guests included COL Kelsey Smith - Garrison Commander Redstone Arsenal (guest speaker), Mrs. Sonja Nurmi and Mrs. Ann Leide.

Opening Prayer: LTC Wiggers

Pledge of Allegiance: CAPT West

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

- New Members: LTC Roderic Spencer, USA (Ret.)
- Past Presidents: MAJ Bruce Robinson, USA (Ret.)

Reports:

- Secretary's Report: COL Barron presented the report which was approved as written by the membership.
- Treasurer's Report: CAPT West presented the report which was approved as written by the membership.

Month	Opening Balance	Closing Balance
February	\$5141.45	\$5767.05

Notable income: Individual dues, membership incentive from MOAA HQ, Sentinel advertising and payments for membership meeting meals. Notable expenses: P.O. Box annual rental and Surety Bond payment.

- Service Concerns:
 - Army: COL James Treadway: NSTR
 - Navy/Marines: CWO4 Kubik: NSTR
 - Air Force: Col Ed Uher: NSTR
- Legislative Issues: NP – CAPT West passed that:
 - Posted new legislative information on the Chapter's Website.
 - SCOTUS confirmed the military holds UCMJ authority over retirees and former members of the military.
- Membership: NSTR
- LMT: NSTR
- Sentinel/Golf: April newsletter is being finalized. Next Golf meeting is April 12th at The Links.
- Public Affairs: NSTR
- ROTC: CDR Inman submitted a list of schools the chapter will support which will be published in the next newsletter.
- Programs: The next guest speaker will be from the Life Long Learning Institute.

- Hospitality: NSTR
- Surviving Spouse: Contacted 2 spouses to renew membership; one accepted.
- **Reports from VPs and Others:** NSTR

Old Business: NSTR

New Business:

- Sponsors are needed for the Sentinel and the Golf tournament.
- 17 applications received for the merit awards; reviewer(s) will be needed.
- Next membership breakfast will be 13 April at the City Café Diner on Drake Avenue
- Next governing board meeting is 10 April.
- Next membership lunch is 24 April at the Summit Club at 1100.
- NAVFOC meeting had less than 50% attendance. Put out the word on merit awards.
- HCMOAA Scholarship Fund formally established and submitted for 501(c)(3) Tax Exempt status. Waiting approval.

Comments from Membership: NSTR

Guest Speaker: CAPT West introduced COL Kelsey Smith, Garrison Commander RSA. He presented a series of informative slides (located on the website) and answered question from the attendees. Of particular interest was the plan to relocate the existing fence boundaries to ease access and allow use of various activities (golf course, auto shop etc.) to the general population as a way to increase the revenue flow for MWR.

Closing Prayer: LTC Wiggers

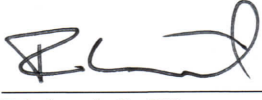
Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 1250.

Submitted:

Approved by General Membership:

 24 Apr. 2019

 Michael C. Barron Date
 Secretary, HCMOAA

 4/24/19

 Richard C. West Date
 President, HCMOAA