

# MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

## ALAMO CHAPTER

P.O. Box 340497, Ft Sam Houston, TX 78234

### MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING - THURSDAY, 18 AUGUST 2011

The Meeting was called to order by President Jim Cunningham at 0900 hrs. A quorum was present and acting throughout the meeting.

**Attendees:** Col Ed McCarthy, Col Mac McDonald, Col David Patrick, Col Frank Rohrbough, Col Lisa Skopal, LTC Jim Finch, LTC John Gibbs, LTC Randy Hoff, LtCol Ed Marvin, MAJ Jim Cunningham, Susie Tolman and Trish Meserve. Guest: Col Lynn Oglesby

**Unable to attend:** BGen Robert Herring, LTC Bill Goforth, COL Vaughn Caudill, LTC Jim Webb.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance given by Maj Jim Cunningham.

**Secretary:** Col David Patrick

Minutes from 20 January 2011 were accepted as written and will be filed as a matter of chapter record.

**President:** Maj Jim Cunningham

Advised BGen Herring. Board member since 1988, has resigned due to ill health and is now wheelchair bound. Board needs new members, preferable a general and an Active Duty member. Additions to agenda include MOAA national update, Chapter Golf Tournament and Scholarships.

**Exec VP:** LTC Bill Goforth (absent)

Jim Cunningham advised Bill was TDY and is working on an educational program for Active Duty soldiers.

**VP Administration:** LTC Jim Webb (absent)

Jim Cunningham reported that the JROTC medal and ROTC gold bar presentations went well this year.

**VP Programs:** (Open)

Jim Cunningham gave an overview of the upcoming social programs: today's luncheon with TVC Director Tom Palladino, September's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Dinner and the October MOAA Annual Meeting. Next chapter luncheon will be at Kendrick Club in November preceded by a Board meeting. Chapter Christmas Party is Dec 9 at the Parr Club .

**VP Membership:** LTC Randy Hoff

Received check from national for \$920 for the first half of 2011 GMT Program Award. Distributed application forms. Receiving list from MOAA national of about 400 who have moved to our catchment area will be calling and offering 1 free year membership. Under this program the chapter will receive \$15 per member. Current membership numbers are 281 Active Duty, 233 Auxiliary and 666 Retired for a total of 1160 members. Thanked Jim Cunningham, Cheryl Smith, Ed Marvin and Kerry Green for their help with Extravaganza. Will be setting up at this Saturday's Texas Land Board Fair at the Live Oak Civic Center put on by the Texas Veterans Commission. Recruitment table will also be set up at the MOAA Career Fair at the MOAA Annual meeting. Alamo Chapter is #1 in recruiting in Texas, 2<sup>nd</sup> nationwide in the large category and 6<sup>th</sup> overall.

**Treasurer:** Col Vaughn Caudill (absent)

David Patrick reviewed the financial report. Half the income budget relies on advertising; encouraged all to get their personal service providers on board. Mac McDonald will be provided with a breakout of the membership in New Braunfels.

**Outreach Account:**

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Variance</b>
Donations	2,900.00	500.00	200.00	20.00	50.00	200.00	50.00	3,920.00	\$4,000.00	-\$80.00
Other					500.00	-		500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Golf Tournament								-		
In	-	2,040.00	5,175.00	3,444.40	-			10,659.40		
Out	-		(150.00)	(4,166.05)				(4,316.05)		
Total		2,040.00	5,025.00	(721.65)				6,343.35	\$8,000.00	-\$1,656.65
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>2,900.00</b>	<b>2,540.00</b>	<b>5,225.00</b>	<b>(701.65)</b>	<b>550.00</b>	<b>200.00</b>	<b>50.00</b>	<b>10,763.35</b>	<b>\$12,000.00</b>	<b>-\$1,236.65</b>
<b>OUTFLOWS</b>										
Charity										
Wounded Warrior					2,855.00			2,855.00	\$4,000.00	\$1,145.00
Red Cross									\$500.00	\$500.00
Undesignated Charities									\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Total	-	-	-	-	2,855.00			2,855.00	\$5,500.00	\$2,645.00
Scholarships										
Torrey #1									\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Torrey #2									\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Torrey Runners Up (Cash)									\$400.00	\$400.00
JROTC #1									\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
JROTC #2									\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Marvin									\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Total	-	-	-	-				-	\$10,400.00	\$10,400.00
<b>TOTAL OUTFLOW</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,855.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,855.00</b>	<b>\$15,900.00</b>	<b>\$13,045.00</b>
Decrease/Increase	2,900.00	2,540.00	5,225.00	(701.65)	(2,305.00)	200.00	50.00	7,908.35	-\$3,900.00	

**Operations Acct: (Income)**

	<b>January</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>CY 11 Budget</b>	<b>Variance</b>
<b>Membership Dues</b>										
MOAA National		970.00						970.00	\$3,300.00	(2,330.00)
New Aux								-	\$300.00	(300.00)
New Retired	15.00	50.00	40.00	15.00		25.00		145.00	\$1,800.00	(1,655.00)
New Active Duty			15.00			15.00		30.00	\$600.00	(570.00)
Renewal Aux	750.00	195.00	135.00	15.00	30.00	15.00	30.00	1,170.00	\$1,200.00	(30.00)
Renewal Retired	5,740.00	925.00	300.00	130.00	90.00	305.00	365.00	7,855.00	\$4,500.00	3,355.00
Renewal Active Duty	50.00	30.00	55.00	15.00	165.00	155.00	30.00	500.00	\$300.00	200.00
Total	\$ 6,555.00	\$ 2,170.00	\$545.00	\$175.00	\$285.00	\$515.00	\$425.00	\$10,670.00	\$12,000.00	(1,330.00)
<b>Non-Dues Revenue</b>										
Interest								-	\$75.00	(75.00)
Shirt Sales								-	\$250.00	(250.00)
Merchandise				25.00				25.00	\$200.00	(175.00)
Advertising/Lariat		1,350.00			4,800.00	1,320.00	4,320.00	11,790.00	\$13,000.00	(1,210.00)
Corporate Partnership						100.00	300.00	400.00	\$800.00	(400.00)
Donations to Chapter	1,605.00	255.00	220.00	-		45.00		2,125.00	\$2,000.00	125.00
Donations to Outreach						85.00	25.00	110.00	\$0.00	110.00
Total	\$ 1,605.00	\$ 1,605.00	\$ 220.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 1,550.00	\$ 4,645.00	\$14,450.00	\$16,325.00	(1,875.00)
<b>Social Event</b>	-93.96	-3.00	-72.88	-30.00	-180.84	163.75	30.00	-186.93	-\$1,000.00	813.07
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$8,066.04</b>	<b>\$3,772.00</b>	<b>\$692.12</b>	<b>\$170.00</b>	<b>\$4,904.16</b>	<b>\$2,228.75</b>	<b>\$5,100.00</b>	<b>\$24,933.07</b>	<b>\$27,325.00</b>	<b>(2,391.93)</b>

**Operations Account (Outflow):**

<b>Category</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Variance</b>
Bank Charge/Int	179.53	10.50	2.80		(82.71)			110.12	100.00	10.12
Board & Staff Mtg								-	50.00	(50.00)
D&O Insurance								-	500.00	(500.00)
Dues & Subscription	81.00	474.00	-					555.00	350.00	205.00
Focus/Advisory Groups								-	100.00	(100.00)
Independent Contr	1,020.00	1,080.00	1,604.00	480.00	1,500.00	540.00	1,440.00	7,664.00	12,000.00	(4,336.00)
Lariat Postage	1,185.00					1,000.00		2,185.00	2,750.00	(565.00)
Lariat Printing	621.93	614.80	611.75	603.16	592.05	590.26	1,659.74	5,293.69	9,600.00	(4,306.31)
Liability Insurance		425.00						425.00	350.00	75.00
Marketing								-	250.00	(250.00)
Membership Recruiting		25.00	25.00	25.00	38.00	25.00	25.00	163.00	500.00	(337.00)
Miscellaneous				831.25				831.25	100.00	731.25
Office	12.50	368.93	28.49	45.28	130.49	140.42	199.06	925.17	1,750.00	(824.83)
Personal Affairs								-	100.00	(100.00)
Postage & Delivery		174.85	53.80	45.00	89.00	89.00	88.00	539.65	1,250.00	(710.35)
ROTC			77.45		156.75			234.20	0.00	234.20
Solitaires								-	100.00	(100.00)
Special Activities								-	100.00	(100.00)
Telephone	-	103.26	194.80		118.47	194.85	-	611.38	1,200.00	(588.62)
Volunteer Recogn								-	250.00	(250.00)
<b>TOTAL OUTFLOWS</b>	<b>3,099.96</b>	<b>3,276.34</b>	<b>2,598.09</b>	<b>2,029.69</b>	<b>2,542.05</b>	<b>2,579.53</b>	<b>3,411.80</b>	<b>16,125.66</b>	<b>31,400.00</b>	<b>(15,274.34)</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>4,966.08</b>	<b>495.66</b>	<b>(1,905.97)</b>	<b>(1,859.69)</b>	<b>2,362.11</b>	<b>(350.78)</b>	<b>1,688.20</b>	<b>8,807.41</b>	<b>-4,075.00</b>	

**President:** Maj Jim Cunningham – Recently presented a briefing to the colonels at BAMC at the HCAC meeting. Many were unaware MOAA existed. Interesting to note that the Valet Parking provided under the BRAC initiative at a cost of \$800,000 is ending but was deemed the most popular aspect. Looking at way to keep it going. Stu Meyers also attended the meeting and will be writing an article for The Lariat. Working with national regarding the MOAA Annual meeting, a change from last time it was held in San Antonio in 2005 when only the Texas Council of Chapters was involved.

#### **Discussions & Review:**

- a) **Strategic Plan Update:** Col David Patrick briefly reviewed the current status of the Plan's action items. Still need VP Programs to complete some of the main action items.
- b) **Legislative Update:** Jim Cunningham is also the Executive VP for State Legislative Affairs with the Texas Council of Chapters. Suffered some losses including property tax exemptions for partially disabled veterans that had not been adjusted in recent years, but were successful in setting up an interim study so that it can be brought back to the legislature in 2013. Another defeat was trying to get the same status (historically under utilized) for service disabled businesses the same as women or minority owned businesses currently have. Changing tracks now and looking to set up an interim study to look at them as a favored business instead.  
Successes included avoiding the 20% reduction in the Texas Veterans Commissions budget, avoiding the use of the Texas Lottery Fund for anything other than veterans' services and passing the 100% disabled property tax exemption for the surviving spouse. This does require a constitutional amendment on November 8<sup>th</sup>, so vote Yes on Proposition 1.
- c) **Alliance for Veterans & Families:** Received its first grant of \$7,500 from the Vietnam Veterans Foundation to fund the Veterans Information Program. This was kicked off in June with a Benefits Fair. 100 attendees and 25 vendors. Another is planned for October. The second grant received was from the San Antonio Area Foundation. AVF can be termed as the "wedding planner" in bringing together agencies and non-profits for the good of the Veteran community and to reduce duplication of efforts. Planning on a Behavioral Health Group at St Mary's University in January (Invisible Wounds of War), as well as a spiritual health group developing a program to work with congregations of any denomination. AVF is looking for an Executive Director who will need to obtain grants in order to pay their own salary!
- d) **Texas Council of Chapters:** Third quarter meeting will be a conference call with Lee Lange from MOAA who will disclose details on a pilot program for local chapter member recruitment and the election of Council officers. David Patrick and Jim Cunningham will be attending the Chapter President's Symposium in Kansas City 7-10 September.
- e) **MOAA Pilot Program:** There are approximately 10,000 MOAA members who live in our catchment area who are not members our chapter. Chapter & Council Affairs will periodically send a list of those members who have recently updated their information and assign them to the chapter. The Chapter's job is to contact them and sign them up and the chapter will receive \$10 per successful applicant. Nine chapters in total will be involved in the project including 4 in Texas – Alamo, El Paso, Huntsville & Tyler.
- f) **MOAA Annual Meeting:** Chapter is tasked to host the Hospitality Room on Friday between 1-4pm. MOAA will provide refreshments. Chapter will be presented with 5 Star banner at Level of Excellence Awards Dinner on Saturday.
- g) **Alamo 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration:** All Board members are encouraged to attend. Reservations needed by Sept 12.

#### **Additions to Agenda:**

a) **Golf Tournament:** Frank Rohrbough reported the event was successful, 50% of net proceeds were given to Warrior & Family Support Center in May (\$2,855.00). Now planning for 2012 Tournament and will change to Fall event to de-conflict with others. Tentatively set for 14 September. It appears MOAA may be interested in writing a story on the Golf Tournament and helping the wounded warriors. Thanks to the invaluable services of Mac McDonald, David Walker, David Patrick and Stephen Rohrbough. Advised the Board that Chaplain Taylor, who is now the Sons Of the American Revolution state chaplain, was recently nominated for the Westmoreland Award. Congratulations.

b) **Scholarship:** Jim Cunningham suggested one of the JROTC Scholarships be named in honor of General Herring's long standing involvement with the chapter. Unanimous agreement. Have received a

list of the scholarship recipients in our area and will contact them and their families to encourage them to join the local chapter.

**c) MOAA Update:** MOAA will be introducing Voices for America program where enlisted troops can become members and help to increase the clout on Capitol Hill.

**d) Bronze Star License Plates:** John Gibbs advised the free license plates were now available for Bronze Star recipients. Plate is free for life and parking is free at any meter in the state.

**e) MOAA Cruise:** Mac McDonald advised MOAA was sponsoring a wine cruise in Hawaii over Veterans Day for 10 days at \$4500 per cabin. Includes 2 nights stay at hotel, \$50 bar credit, VIP Pearl Harbor tour and USS Missouri tour and includes travel insurance.

Meeting adjourned at 10.52am. NEXT BOARD MEETING – Nov 17, 2011 at Kendrick Club at 9am.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Patrick". The signature is stylized and cursive.

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Col David Patrick USAF (Ret) Secretary