

# MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

## ALAMO CHAPTER

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

### MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING - THURSDAY, 21 OCTOBER 2010

The Meeting was called to order by President Lt Col Ed Marvin at 09:35 hrs. A quorum was present and acting throughout the meeting.

**Attendees:** BGen Robert Herring, Col Vaughn Caudill, Col Ed McCarthy, Col David Patrick, Col Frank Rohrbough, LTC John Gibbs, LTC Sumner Hudson, LtCol Edward Marvin (Presiding), Chaplain Taylor, Major Jim Cunningham, Susie Tolman and Trish Meserve. Guest: Tom Pierce.

**Unable to attend:** Col Mac McDonald, Col Lisa Skopal, LTC Jim Finch, LTC Bill Goforth.

Invocation given by Chaplain Taylor, Pledge of Allegiance led by LtCol Edward Marvin.

**Secretary:** Col David Patrick

Minutes from 17 August were accepted as modified (typical attendance at MOAA National meeting is 400-500 not 4-500) and filed as a matter of chapter record.

**President:** LtCol Ed Marvin

Invocation and pledge has even more significance having just driven through the southwestern United States and seen places such as Tombstone, Brice Canyon, Sedona, Grand Canyon – overwhelmed by the majesty of the vistas.

**Exec VP:** Maj Jim Cunningham

1. Holding meetings with Senator Van de Putte's staff regarding veterans issues for Texas next legislative session. Helping to write constitutional amendment to add spouses and dependant children to 100% disabled veteran exemption of property tax. Other issues include adjusting the percentages used to figure property tax for partially disabled veterans, minority owned business preference for veterans, etc.
2. Provided testimony at the Texas Select Committee on Veterans Health on September 30, conducted by Senator Jeff Wentworth related to Veterans Health care in Bexar County and South Texas. Also have provided testimony before the Veterans and Military Affairs Committee regarding the Governor's interim charges to the Senate regarding veterans and the TVC.
3. Alamo Chapter was represented at a going away reception for Mr. Jim Neir who recently retired as the Executive Director of the Texas Veterans Commission. We were recognized for our support of the TVC and issues affecting veterans. The Chapter contributed \$100 to this event.
4. The new Executive Director for the TVC is Colonel Tom Palladino, recently retired from the Texas Army National Guard and more recently a principal in the Pflugerville, TX ISD.
5. Alamo Chapter's visibility has been increased within the non-profit community of Bexar County by being one of the sponsors of the Alliance for Veterans and Families. I am presently the Chairman of this organization and have been to numerous meetings working with these other organizations to get a network of care set up for veterans, family members and caregivers. There will be a meeting on October 28<sup>th</sup> at the Shrine Temple Auditorium where we will kick off the organization with a meeting of numerous non-profits in Bexar County who service our veteran population. Speakers will be Senator Leticia Van de Putte, Dr. Kathryn Kotlra, vice dean of Texas A & M Heath Science Center, Round Rock; Dr. Ann Meyer, Haven for Hope; Tim Stroud, Executive Director or TexVets and yours truly! We have applied for our 501c3 status and are awaiting acceptance from the IRS. Many great thing will be coming from this.
6. On November 15/16, I will be attending the MOAA Annual Meeting in Alexandria, VA representing the Alamo Chapter and accepting our Five Star Chapter award for 2009. Ed Marvin will also be attending in his new capacity as a National Board member.
7. On December 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will be conducting our normal staff meeting, but it will be devoted to planning for 2011. In the afternoon, selected individuals of our staff will be meeting to construct our 2011 budget. I anticipate that we will be able to continue Ed Marvin's tradition of running in the black. Some items for discussion will be:

- a. Scholarship issues. We presently have two JROTC scholarships of \$1,000 each, the Torrey scholarship of \$2,000 and a membership scholarship of \$1,000. We will be looking at the possibility of either creating an additional \$1,000 scholarship or perhaps adding to the Torrey.
  - b. Active Duty Membership – will be working with Major Fred Default, MG Swan's XO to see about establishing an Active Duty Advisory Committee whose charge will be to create opportunities and activities to provide greater involvement of our active duty members and their families with the Chapter.
  - c. Will be establishing a "Volunteer" data base to better establish who of our membership wish to volunteer for activities, to what extent, and to establish a referral network to get them to where they can do the most good.
  - d. Planning for our 2011 programs to include the National MOAA meeting in October and our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
8. Announced the formation of the LTC Sumner and Dr Wanda Hudson Scholarship that will be administered by MOAA national but awarded to a scholar in the catchments area of the Alamo Chapter. Sumner was awarded a certificate from the chapter. Will also be formally announced at the luncheon following this meeting and also at MOAA's annual business meeting in Alexandria.

**VP Administration:** (Open)

Major Cunningham reported that the ROTC program for 2011 would be transitioned to LTC Jim Webb who will be installed into the office as of 1 January.

**VP Programs:** (Open)

Colonel Marvin advised the position was still vacant but the team has pulled together and completed the year's activities. Next meeting at ARC with speaker Sig Christenson on 18 November, and Christmas Party on 10 Dec in the Skyline Lounge at RAFB Parr Officers Club.

**VP Membership:** LTC Randy Hoff (absent)

Provided the latest numbers from the membership chart: 1188 members comprising of 282 Active Duty, 247 Auxiliary and 659 Retired. Give MeTen stats through 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter reveal Alamo Chapter is #1 in the state, rated 2<sup>nd</sup> nationally in chapters over 500 members and 5th overall. MOAA will provide \$10 for each GMT that was signed up (104). Monies are expected to be received in January.

Gained 27 new members during the Coverwrap campaign and chapter will receive \$15 for each member, payment expected in November. Ten of these new members will be attending the luncheon on 21 Oct. Less than 10% Active Duty renew after their initial free year. Will discuss ways to retain Active Duty at Planning Meeting. Solitaires Calling Committee will resume calling folks on MOAA national's list. Ed Marvin advised LtGen Swan is a former MOAA Board member and he is willing to work with us.

**Treasurer:** Col Vaughn Caudill

Col Caudill advised Outreach account will increase by almost \$3,000 once all 2010 scholarships have been paid. Will discuss in Planning meeting how much and how many scholarships will be awarded in 2011. Operations income is about \$2,000 under expected amount, but currently monies are \$6,500 up with 3 months to go on what was forecast to be a \$2,000 deficit budget. Non dues income is very important to the chapter finances, expenses run on average \$2500 a month (Lariat, contractor, phone/internet).

Pertinent tax forms have been completed and filed and thus chapter is in good standing with the IRS.

Outreach Account:

	8/31/2010	Sep	YTD	FY10 Budget
Income				\$5,000.00
Donations	\$4,139.50	\$44.00	\$4,183.50	
Golf Tournament				
IN	\$12,558.00		12,558.00	
Out	\$5,175.80		\$5,175.80	
TOTAL	\$7,412.20		\$7,412.20	\$5,000.00
Total Income	\$11,551.70	\$44.00	\$11,595.70	\$10,000.00
<b>OUTFLOWS</b>				
Charity				
Wounded Warr	3,335.50		\$3,335.00	\$2,500.00
Red Cross		149.00	149.00	\$500.00
VA				\$500.00
TVC		100.00	100.00	
TOTAL	3,335.50	249.00	3,584.00	\$3,500.00
Scholarships				
Savings Bonds	200.00		200.00	\$300.00
Zamora	2,000.00		2,000.00	\$1,000.00
Stewart	1,000.00		1,000.00	\$1,000.00
				\$1,000.00
				\$3,000.00
TOTAL	3,200.00		3,200.00	\$6,300.00
Total Outflow	6,535.00	\$249.00	\$6,784.00	\$9,800.00
Increase in fund	\$5,016.20	-\$205.00	\$4,811.70	\$200.00
<b>BALANCES</b>	30-Sep-10			
Eisenhower	\$12,662.49			
RBFUC				
Savings	\$928.92			
Money Market	\$9,087.97			
Checking	\$2,381.31			
Certificates	\$8,935.44			
Total RBFUC	\$21,333.64			
USAA	\$15,522.89			

Operations Acct (Income)

	08/31/10			SEP	YTD	FY 10 Budget
Donations						
Chapter	\$1,957.50				\$1,957.50	\$1,000.00
Dues						
MOAA National	\$2,570.00				\$2,570.00	\$3,000.00
New Aux	15.00				15.00	
New Members	220.00			15.00	235.00	
Renewal Aux	1,545.00			30.00	1,575.00	
Renewal Memb	8,220.00			85.00	8,305.00	
Active						
TOTAL DUES	12,570.00			130.00	12,700.00	\$12,000.00
Interest						\$75.00
Shirt Sales	205.68			20.00	225.68	\$250.00
Other						\$200.00
Advertising						
Lariat	11,710.00			1,080.00	12,790.00	\$12,000.00
Sponsorship						\$750.00
TCC	500.00				500.00	
TOTAL	26,943.18			1,230.00	28,173.18	
Social Events						
	Income	Expenses			Results	
January	915.00	917.10			-2.10	
February		75.00			-75.00	
March	915.00	1,044.54			-129.54	
April	803.00	35.00	956.97		-188.97	
May	865	1,131.66			-266.66	
June	1,007.00	1,000.02			6.98	
July	0.00	0.00			0.00	
August	2,390.50	2,373.48			16.57	
September	860.00	886.75			-26.75	
October						
November						
December						
Total	-\$638.72			-26.75	-665.47	
TOTAL INCOME	\$26,304.46			\$1,203.25	\$27,507.71	\$29,275.00

### Operations Account (Outflow):

Category	8/31/2010	SEP	YTD	Budget
Bank Charge/Int	\$181.40		\$181.40	100.00
Board & Staff Mtg	10.00		10.00	100.00
Branding				500.00
Dues & Subscript	225.00		\$225.00	350.00
Independent Contr	5,805.00	847.50	6,652.50	10,000.00
D&O Insurance	473.00		473.00	463.00
Liability Insurance	350.00		350.00	350.00
Wreath				150.00
Marketing	34.19		34.19	1,000.00
Office	854.06	60.00	914.06	2,000.00
Postage & Delivery	845.43	89.00	934.43	1,000.00
Lariat				
Printing	6,787.72	665.45	7,453.17	9,600.00
Postage	2,500.00		2,500.00	2,400.00
Solitares	83.84		83.84	250.00
Telephone	813.99	98.46	912.45	1,200.00
Volunteer Recogn				500.00
Miscellaneous				100.00
Membership	125.00		125.00	750.00
Focus Groups				300.00
Personal Affairs				150.00
Flag Covers	60.00		60.00	100.00
Total Outflows	\$19,148.63	\$1,760.41	\$20,909.01	31,363.00
Results	\$7,146.18	-\$557.16	\$6,598.67	-2,038.00

### Discussions & Review:

- a) **Election Results:** Ballots counted and tabulated by Len Mull, Susie Tolman and Mavis Cleary. Results were President: Jim Cunningham, Exec VP: Bill Goforth, VP Administration: Jim Webb, VP Membership: Randy Hoff, Secretary: David Patrick, Treasurer: Vaughn Caudill. Position still vacant for VP Programs but it will be covered by a committee who will plan out the year at the 2 Dec planning meeting.

- b) **Strategic Plan Update:** Col David Patrick advised the chapter was driven by four main priorities and at year end 10 of the 22 action steps in the multi-year plan have been completed and 2 will likely be dropped. At the 2 Dec Planning meeting items covered will be to build the calendar, set up the year's programs with dates, locations and speakers and produce the chapter budget. Frank Rohrbough suggested Asst DA to speak about Constitution, Ed Marvin suggested speaker who can provide information on changes at joint basing from 10,000ft level.
- c) **TCC Activities:** Advocating in Austin will be taking place on Feb 2-3 spearheaded by Jim Cunningham on behalf of TCC. Q4 Business meeting will be a conference call on 6 Nov. State has been divided into regions and Regional VP's have been appointed to assist the president and to take care of activities in those regions.
- d) **Corporate Partnership:** Form letters and applications will be mailed out this week to the attached listing of companies requesting they become Corporate partners for \$100 annual fee and have their name listed in The Lariat and mentioned at events.
- e) **Other:** 2011 Golf Tournament is set for 15 April. Passing the Henry Radi was mentioned. Ed McCarthy asked about satellite chapters – Lisa Skopal is the rep for the AFV chapter but setting up the chapter is not gaining much traction.

Meeting adjourned at 10.56am. NEXT BOARD MEETING – January 2011 (actual date TBD).



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Col David Patrick USAF (Ret) Secretary