

MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

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MINUTES OF STAFF MEETING Thursday, January 7, 2016

Meeting was called to order by President, Jim Cunningham at 1030 hrs. A quorum was present and acting throughout the meeting.

Attendees: Col Irene Collier, Col Peter Hunt, Col David Patrick, Col Barbara Ramsey, Col Bruce Willett, LTC Bob Blake, LTC Randy Hoff, LtCol Ed Marvin, LtCol Kitty Meyers, LTC Kerry Reyna, LTC Jim Webb, MAJ Jim Cunningham, Susie Tolman, Trish Meserve.

Invocation and pledge led by Jim Cunningham.

Additions to the agenda: None

Secretary: Col David Patrick – Minutes from the November meeting were reviewed and approved for filing.

Treasurer: Vaughn Caudill – absent. David Patrick reviewed the November and December financials. Budget for 2016 was presented, and since USAA has declined to advertise in the 2016 Lariat more emphasis must be placed on obtaining advertising revenue to cover the shortfall

Trish to copy the staff on the letter sent to USAA attempting to persuade them to reconsider their non advertising decision. The subject will also be added to the TCC meeting agenda on Feb 23.

Jim Webb asked about the rental amount included in the 2016 budget. The request for a contract does include a no rent clause but until the decision is firm we should allow for some contingency, and we may not hear anything for 6-9 months.

Outreach Account:

INCOME	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	2015 Budget	Variance
Donations	375.00	5,055.00	485.00	285.00	210.00	375.00	313.00	150.00	125.00	441.00	50.00	261.00	8,125.00	\$ 7,000.00	1,125.00
Other															
Golf Tournament															
In	5,000.00	5,000.00				1,540.00	2,615.00	7,925.00	8,107.00	250.00			30,437.00		30,437.00
Out			1,000.00						12,590.75				13,590.75		13,590.75
Sub Total Golf	5,000.00	5,000.00	(1,000.00)	-	-	1,540.00	2,615.00	7,925.00	(4,483.75)	250.00	-	-	16,846.25	\$ 14,000.00	2,846.25
TOTAL INCOME	10,375.00	10,055.00	(515.00)	285.00	210.00	1,915.00	2,928.00	8,075.00	(4,358.75)	691.00	50.00	261.00	24,971.25	\$ 21,000.00	3,971.25
OUTFLOWS															
Charity															
Wounded Warrior												10,625.00	10,625.00	\$ 9,000.00	1,625.00
Red Cross														\$ -	-
Undesignated Charities										100.00			100.00	\$ 200.00	(100.00)
VA Hospice														\$ -	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.00	-	10,625.00	10,725.00	\$ 9,200.00	1,525.00
Scholarships															
Col Torrey								2,500.00					2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	-
Gen Herring (JROTC)								2,500.00					2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	-
Col McCarthy (JROTC)									2,500.00				2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	-
LtCol & Mrs. Marvin (Chapter)							2,500.00						2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	-
ROTC Army #1								1,000.00					1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	-
LtCol & Mrs. Marvin (Chapter)								2,500.00					2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	-
Torrey Runner Up								500.00					500.00	\$ 500.00	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,000.00	2,500.00	-	-	-	14,000.00	\$ 14,000.00	-
TOTAL OUTFLOW	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	8,500.00	2,500.00	100.00	0.00	10,625.00	24,725.00	\$ 23,200.00	1,525.00
Decrease/Increase	10,375.00	10,055.00	(515.00)	285.00	210.00	1,915.00	(72.00)	(425.00)	(6,858.75)	591.00	50.00	(10,364.00)	246.25	\$ (2,200.00)	2,446.25

Operating Account – Inflow:

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	2015 Budget	Variance
Membership Dues															
MQAA National		5,015.00	50.00										\$5,065.00	\$ 3,000	\$2,065.00
New Aux					15.00				15.00				\$30.00	\$ -	\$30.00
New Retired				15.00		15.00				15.00			\$45.00	\$ -	\$45.00
New Active Duty													\$0.00	\$ -	\$0.00
New Former													\$0.00	\$ -	\$0.00
Renewal Aux	460.00	190.00	45.00	30.00	75.00	45.00	960.00	15.00		30.00	60.00	45.00	\$1,955.00	\$ 1,200	\$755.00
Renewal Retired	2,595.00	955.00	455.00	310.00	525.00	520.00	15.00	830.00	370.00	535.00	640.00	995.00	\$8,745.00	\$ 9,000	-\$255.00
Renewal Active Duty	70.00	15.00	25.00	40.00	105.00	25.00	30.00	40.00	155.00		120.00	70.00	\$695.00	\$ 800	-\$105.00
Renewal Former					25.00		40.00			50.00			\$115.00	\$ -	\$115.00
Total	\$ 3,125.00	\$ 6,175.00	\$575.00	\$420.00	\$720.00	\$605.00	\$1,045.00	\$885.00	\$540.00	\$630.00	\$820.00	\$1,110.00	\$16,650.00	\$ 14,000	\$2,650.00
Non-Dues Revenue															
CFC														\$ -	\$ -
Trip Rewards					87.17								\$87.17	\$ 1,000	-\$912.83
Golf Tournament										1,684.63			\$1,684.63	\$ 1,300	\$384.63
Shirt Sales													\$0.00	\$ -	\$0.00
Merchandise	5.00		5.00	55.00				20.00	3.00	5.00	25.00	15.00	\$133.00	\$ -	\$133.00
Advertising Lariat		6,500.00		5,500.00			6,500.00	1,620.00		1,100.00			\$21,220.00	\$ 19,000	\$2,220.00
Corporate Partnership		100.00	400.00	100.00	100.00		100.00	200.00			100.00	100.00	\$1,200.00	\$ 1,500	-\$300.00
Donations to Chapter	1,260.00	405.00	765.00	123.00	215.00	50.00	1,170.00	360.00	55.00	75.00	145.00	400.00	\$6,023.00	\$ 6,000	-\$23.00
Donations to Outreach	5,055.00	485.00	285.00	210.00	375.00	313.00	150.00	125.00	441.00	50.00	261.00	2,025.00	\$9,775.00	\$ 7,000	\$2,775.00
Social Events	1,200.00	1,120.00	1,490.00	780.00	1,324.00	2,693.00	60.00	641.16	740.00	1,135.00	2,220.00	765.00	\$14,168.16	\$ 16,000	-\$1,831.84
Total	\$ 7,520.00	\$ 8,610.00	\$ 2,945.00	\$ 6,768.00	\$ 2,101.17	\$ 3,056.00	\$ 7,980.00	\$ 2,966.16	\$ 1,239.00	\$ 4,049.63	\$ 2,751.00	\$ 3,305.00	\$53,290.96	\$ 51,800	\$1,490.96
TOTAL INCOME	\$10,645.00	\$14,785.00	\$3,520.00	\$7,188.00	\$2,821.17	\$3,661.00	\$9,025.00	\$3,851.16	\$1,779.00	\$4,679.63	\$3,571.00	\$4,415.00	\$69,940.96	\$ 65,800	\$4,140.96

Operating Account – Outflow:

Category	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	2015 Budget	Variance
Bank Charge/Int				0.26									0.26	\$ 100	99.74
Board & Staff Mgt													-	\$ -	-
Building Costs (rent)													-	\$ 2,400	2,400.00
Copier Mntn Agreement							390.00						390.00	\$ 400	10.00
Square Service Fee	15.62	18.13	11.56	2.56	21.95	34.48	30.43	93.26	80.05	4.29	26.59	13.11	352.03	\$ 300	(52.03)
PayPal Service Fee	28.00	8.59	20.99	15.96	23.39	66.33	9.58	78.67	58.41	21.32	28.87	26.07	386.18	\$ 500	113.82
D&O Insurance								618.00					618.00	\$ 600	(18.00)
Dues & Subscription	726.00	50.00				566.40							1,342.40	\$ 1,200	(142.40)
Focus/Advisory Groups													-	\$ -	-
Golf Tournament									500.00				500.00	\$ -	(500.00)
Independent Contr	595.84	1,191.68	1,191.68	1,191.68	1,191.68	1,191.68	1,191.68	1,191.68	1,191.68	1,191.68	1,191.68	1,691.68	14,204.32	\$ 14,300	95.68
Lariat Postage				1,000.00						1,000.00			2,000.00	\$ 3,000	1,000.00
Lariat Printing	490.35	486.55	485.96	482.58	652.35	644.08	1,973.53	470.82	471.61	337.18	469.02	463.84	7,427.87	\$ 8,500	1,072.13
Liability Insurance		425.00											425.00	\$ 500	75.00
Marketing													-	\$ 1,000	1,000.00
Membership Recruiting				37.00									37.00	\$ 100	63.00
Miscellaneous (Move)												1,091.55	1,091.55	\$ 100	(991.55)
Office			402.36	27.00	80.53	221.34	432.29	68.38	415.49	13.00	330.94	445.07	2,436.40	\$ 2,300	(136.40)
Personal Affairs													-	\$ -	-
Postage & Delivery	148.85	197.85			98.00		393.85	197.00	197.85	197.85		295.85	1,727.10	\$ 1,750	22.90
ROTC					332.85								332.85	\$ 350	17.15
Satellite Chapters													-	\$ 300	300.00
Social Events	942.60		2,500.92		942.60	350.00	3,310.42		1,344.96	1,136.00	2,014.90	2,387.76	14,930.16	\$ 16,000	1,069.84
Softaires							65.45						65.45	\$ 100	34.55
Special Activities										1,200.00			1,200.00	\$ 1,200	-
Telephone	119.90	251.09	124.03	120.72	125.81	120.80	147.13	126.44	127.33	217.65	115.38	121.17	1,717.45	\$ 1,800	82.55
Trans To Outreach	375.00	5,055.00	485.00	285.00	210.00	375.00	313.00	150.00	125.00	441.00	50.00	261.00	8,125.00	\$ 7,000	(1,125.00)
Volunteer Recongn													-	\$ 100	100.00
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	3,442.16	7,683.89	5,222.50	3,162.76	3,679.16	3,570.11	8,257.36	2,994.25	4,512.38	5,759.97	4,227.38	6,797.10	59,309.02	\$ 63,900	4,590.98
Surplus/(Deficit)	7,202.84	7,101.11	(1,702.50)	4,025.24	(857.99)	90.89	767.64	856.91	(2,733.38)	(1,080.34)	(656.38)	(2,382.10)	10,631.94	1,900.00	8,731.94

Reserve Balances & Social Events:

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
Outreach													
RBFCU													
Savings	\$307.42	\$ 307.47	\$ 307.47	\$ 307.57	\$ 307.62	\$ 307.67	\$ 307.72	\$ 307.77	\$ 307.77	\$ 307.87	\$ 7.90	\$ 7.90	
Money Market	\$19,184.22	\$24,244.34	\$ 24,729.34	\$ 25,026.73	\$ 25,243.13	\$ 25,624.37	\$ 16,942.76	\$ 12,096.51	\$ 12,221.51	\$ 12,668.70	\$ 17,697.20	\$ 17,958.20	
Checking	\$232.69	\$ 232.70	\$ 231.70	\$ 232.72	\$ 232.73	\$ 232.74	\$ 6,232.94	\$ 2,733.10	\$ 233.10	\$ 233.16	\$ 10,733.39	\$ 108.39	
Certificates		\$ 9,427.50	\$ 9,442.50	\$ 9,442.72	\$ 9,450.46	\$ 9,457.96	\$ 9,465.72	\$ 9,473.49	\$ 9,473.49	\$ 9,488.79	\$ 9,496.32	\$ 9,496.32	
Total	\$19,724.33	\$34,212.01	\$34,696.01	\$ 35,009.74	\$ 35,233.94	\$ 35,622.74	\$ 32,949.14	\$ 24,610.87	\$22,235.87	\$ 22,698.52	\$37,934.81	\$27,570.81	
Chapter Operations													
Broadway	\$37,356.81	\$47,394.94	\$49,617.26	\$46,348.25	\$45,340.52	\$46,997.41	\$50,406.05	\$59,429.06	\$52,711.93	\$49,596.44	\$33,765.58	\$31,155.69	
USAA	15,934.43	\$15,944.04	\$15,944.04	\$15,944.04	\$15,971.66	\$15,971.66	\$15,990.62	\$16,000.26	\$16,000.26	\$16,000.26	\$16,000.26	\$16,000.26	
Total	\$53,291.24	\$63,338.98	\$65,561.30	\$62,292.29	\$61,312.18	\$62,969.07	\$66,396.67	\$75,429.32	\$68,712.19	\$65,596.70	\$49,765.84	\$47,155.95	
Job Fair In		\$2,467.95	\$10,003.48	150	0								0
Job Fair Out		\$4,530.93	\$4,928.66	7594.77	52								227.27
Balance to be transferred		\$2,062.98	\$5,074.82	-\$7,444.77	-\$52.00								-\$227.27
Social Events													
Income	\$1,240.00	\$1,040.00	\$1,470.00	\$840.00	\$780.00	\$3,237.00	\$0.00	\$701.16	\$740.00	\$1,200.00	\$710.00	\$2,085.00	\$14,043.16
Outgo	\$942.60	\$833.52	\$1,667.40	\$836.00	\$942.60	\$3,660.42	\$0.00	\$631.50	\$713.46	\$1,613.80	\$701.10	\$2,387.76	\$14,930.16
Variance	\$297.40	\$206.48	-\$197.40	\$4.00	-\$162.60	-\$423.42	\$0.00	\$69.66	\$26.54	-\$413.80	\$8.90	-\$302.76	-\$887.00

Three Year Comparison – Outreach

Outreach Account - December			
INCOME	2015 YTD	2014 YTD	2013 YTD
Donations	\$ 8,125.00	\$ 7,821.00	\$ 7,507.22
Other		\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Golf Tournament			
In	\$ 30,437.00	\$ 26,810.00	\$ 26,410.00
Out	\$ 13,590.75	\$ 13,417.55	\$ 12,803.45
Sub Total Golf	\$ 16,846.25	\$ 13,392.45	\$ 13,606.55
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 24,971.25	\$ 26,213.45	\$ 22,113.77
OUTFLOWS			
Charity			
Wounded Warrior	\$ 10,625.00	\$ 8,415.00	
Red Cross	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Undesignated Charities	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00
Total	\$ 10,725.00	\$ 9,015.00	\$ 700.00
Scholarships			
Torrey	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,000.00
Torrey	\$ 500.00		\$ 2,000.00
Gen Herring (JROTC #1)	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,000.00
McCarthy (JROTC #2)	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,000.00
JROTC #3	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	
Marvin (Chapter)	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,000.00
ROTC Army	\$ 1,000.00		
Other	\$ -		\$ 1,000.00
Marvin (Chapter)	\$ 2,500.00		
2012 Torrey			\$ 2,000.00
Total	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 13,000.00
TOTAL OUTFLOW	\$ 24,725.00	\$ 21,515.00	\$ 13,700.00
Decrease/Increase	\$ 246.25	\$ 4,698.45	\$ 8,413.77

Three Year Comparison – Inflows

Operations - Inflow - December			
	2015 YTD	2014 YTD	2013 YTD
Membership Dues			
MOAA National	\$ 5,065.00	\$ 4,370.00	\$ 4,180.00
New Aux	\$ 30.00	\$ -	
New Retired	\$ 45.00	\$ 145.00	\$ 131.28
New Active Duty	\$ -	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
New Former	\$ -		
Renewal Aux	\$ 1,955.00	\$ 1,155.00	\$ 1,553.53
Renewal Retired	\$ 8,745.00	\$ 9,755.00	\$ 8,862.09
Renewal Active Duty	\$ 695.00	\$ 785.00	\$ 1,001.91
Renewal Former	\$ 115.00		\$ 25.00
Total	\$ 16,650.00	\$ 16,235.00	\$ 15,778.81
Non-Dues Revenue			
Interest			
Trip Rewards	\$ 87.17	\$ 1,623.28	\$ 824.64
Shirt Sales	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Merchandise	\$ 133.00	\$ 241.00	\$ 227.00
Advertising Lariat	\$ 21,220.00	\$ 17,710.00	\$ 15,870.00
Corporate Partnership	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 896.35
Donations to Chapter	\$ 5,023.00	\$ 6,782.00	\$ 4,957.55
Donations to Outreach	\$ 9,775.00	\$ 6,545.00	\$ 10,298.22
Golf Tournament	\$ 1,684.63	\$ 1,356.46	\$ -
Social Events	\$ 14,168.16	\$ 15,823.00	\$ 13,507.67
Total	\$ 53,290.96	\$ 50,680.74	\$ 46,681.43
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 69,940.96	\$ 66,915.74	\$ 62,460.24

Three Year Comparison – Outflows

Operations - Outflow - December			
Category	2015 YTD	2014 YTD	2013 YTD
Bank Charge/Int	\$ 0.26	\$ 63.78	\$ 446.47
Board & Staff Mtg		\$ 200.00	\$ 39.74
Copier Mntn Agreement	\$ 390.00	\$ 390.00	\$ 390.00
Credit Card Fee Square	\$ 352.03	\$ 245.03	\$ 375.59
Credit Card Fee PayPal	\$ 386.18	\$ 470.61	\$ 124.19
D&O Insurance	\$ 618.00	\$ 558.00	\$ 527.00
Dues & Subscription	\$ 1,342.40	\$ 1,163.20	\$ 1,058.20
Focus/Advisory Groups			\$ 375.00
Independent Contr	\$14,704.32	\$14,399.84	\$14,000.00
Lariat Postage	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,190.00
Lariat Printing	\$ 7,427.87	\$ 7,810.79	\$ 8,759.35
Liability Insurance	\$ 425.00	\$ 425.00	\$ 425.00
Marketing	\$ -	\$ 828.58	\$ 13.00
Membership Recruiting	\$ 37.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 150.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 1,091.55		\$ 142.00
Office	\$ 2,436.40	\$ 2,212.54	\$ 3,587.09
Personal Affairs	\$ -		
Postage & Delivery	\$ 1,727.10	\$ 1,535.48	\$ 986.95
ROTC	\$ 332.85	\$ 316.25	\$ 187.35
Satellite Chapters	\$ -	\$ 216.10	
Social Events	\$14,930.16	\$16,249.29	\$13,401.97
Solitaires	\$ 65.45	\$ 35.10	
Special Activities	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 599.72
Telephone	\$ 1,717.45	\$ 1,469.48	\$ 1,855.87
Trans To Outreach	\$ 8,125.00	\$11,426.00	\$ 8,507.22
Volunteer Recogn	\$ -		
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	\$59,309.02	\$63,715.07	\$59,141.71

Proposed 2016 Budget – Outreach

INCOME	2016 Budget
Donations	\$ 7,000.00
Other	
Golf Tournament	
In	
Out	
Sub Total Golf	\$ 15,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 22,000.00
OUTFLOWS	
Charity	
Wounded Warrior	\$ 7,500.00
MOAA Heritage	\$ 125.00
Undesignated Charities	\$ -
Total	\$ 7,625.00
Scholarships	
Col Torrey	\$ 2,500.00
Gen Herring (JROTC)	\$ 500.00
Col McCarthy (JROTC)	\$ 500.00
Chapter)	\$ 500.00
ROTC Army #1	\$ 9,000.00
ROTC AF (LtCol Ed & Ruby Marvin)	\$ 2,000.00
Total	\$ 15,000.00
TOTAL OUTFLOW	\$ 22,625.00
Decrease/Increase	\$ (625.00)

Proposed 2016 Budget – Inflows

	2016 Budget	
Membership Dues		
MOAA National	\$	3,000
New Aux	\$	-
New Retired	\$	-
New Active Duty	\$	-
New Former	\$	-
Renewal Aux	\$	1,200
Renewal Retired	\$	8,000
Renewal Active Duty	\$	700
Renewal Former	\$	-
Total	\$	12,900
Non-Dues Revenue		
CFC	\$	-
Trip Rewards	\$	-
Golf Tournament	\$	1,700
Shirt Sales	\$	-
Merchandise	\$	120
Advertising Lariat	\$	19,000
Corporate Partnership	\$	1,000
Donations to Chapter	\$	5,000
Donations to Outreach	\$	7,000
Social Events	\$	15,000
Total	\$	48,820
TOTAL INCOME	\$	61,720

Proposed 2016 Budget – Outflows

Category	2016 Budget	
Bank Charge/Int	\$	100
Board & Staff Mtg	\$	-
Building Costs (rent)	\$	1,200
Copier Mntrn Agreement	\$	400
Square Service Fee	\$	400
PayPal Service Fee	\$	500
D&O Insurance	\$	650
Dues & Subscription	\$	1,350
Golf Tournament Contr	\$	500
Independent Contr	\$	14,725
Lariat Postage	\$	3,000
Lariat Printing	\$	8,000
Liability Insurance	\$	500
Marketing	\$	1,000
Membership Recruiting	\$	100
Miscellaneous (Move)	\$	100
Office	\$	2,300
Personal Affairs	\$	-
Postage & Delivery	\$	1,900
ROTC	\$	350
Satellite Chapters	\$	-
Social Events	\$	15,000
Solitaires	\$	100
Special Activities	\$	1,200
Telephone	\$	1,800
Trans To Outreach	\$	7,000
Volunteer Recogn	\$	100
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	\$	62,275
Surplus/(Deficit)		(555.00)

Executive VP Operations: LTC Bill Goforth – Absent. No report.

Vice President Administration/ROTC: Jim Webb – Request has been submitted to MOAA for the JROTC award packets. The initial email blast to all area JROTC units will include information regarding the chapter's Scholarships available this year.

VP Membership: LTC Randy Hoff – Membership chart reviewed: Active Duty 267, Auxiliary 186, Former 37, Retired 910 totaling 1400. Encouraged all to carry membership application forms to take advantage of signing up new members when the opportunity presents itself. Appreciated everyone's help during the recent recruiting events in light of Mac McDonald's absence. Kitty Meyers advised all of a new website milcityusa.org that lists all upcoming recruitment events including Extravaganzas. Feb 3 is the Hiring Our Heroes Job Fair at the AT&T Center hosted by the Chamber of Commerce. Mar 16 is the MOAA-AC hosted Job Fair at the Freeman Coliseum.

VP Programs: Col Bruce Willett – Currently working on obtaining a speaker from the local Tuskegee Airman chapter for an upcoming luncheon. January and February are all set. David Patrick advised Bruce the Blazing Gavels on KLRN is scheduled for June and if a team is to be involved contact should be made soon.

President: Maj Jim Cunningham – Working with MVCC, an organization that brings together state, federal and non profit organization to assist the military community. Emphasis is placed upon educational and employment opportunities, health & wellness and homelessness. Have just received a grant from the United Way, with a matching grant from the San Antonio Foundation for a program dealing with child abuse within the military. Searching for an Executive Director who will be heavily involved in its fundraising efforts. Also involved with the San Antonio planning initiative SA2040 by representing the military community, and reviewing issues such as annexation of land surrounding the military bases. Currently land is both in the city and the county but county land has no zoning authority to prevent encroachment upon the land and it would be beneficial to have the city annex those areas to keep them free from future development. The TVCO is holding its annual membership meeting in conjunction with the American Legion in Austin on Jan 17. Its Board meeting will be held at the Veterans Summit on Feb 9 in College Station. Alamo Chapter is hosting the Q1 TCC meeting at the Kendrick Club on Feb 22-23. At least 13 chapters will be represented from the state. Dinner speaker on Friday will be Senator Campbell and as we are hosting all members are highly encouraged to attend, particularly the leadership team and the Board. General Roberson is attending and possible Generals Wiggins and LaBrutta as well.

MOAA National Update:

Ed Marvin: MOAA national is looking for applicants for the next influx of Board members. The bottom up review continues. A virtual chapter will be created in an effort to address the needs of the millenials. It will be limited to army nurses initially and then expanded if successful. Will be attending a conference unconnected to MOAA in February dedicated to getting millenials involved and will pass on any significant findings.

Barbara Ramsey: Senate Armed Services Committee meets on January 12 for a hearing on the Defense Healthcare Reform bill, and a subcommittee of the House Armed Services Committee are having a hearing on commissaries.

Buddy Program Status – David Patrick will be forming a task group to review the best ways to actively engage more members as assistants and staff position back up personnel.

Score Card Review

The 2016 Score Card priorities provided from the Planning Meeting was reviewed and if no further changes will be presented to the Board at the January meeting.

Staff Reports

VP Logistics: (Open) LtCol Fred Koechley has some serious health issues and will no longer be able to remain in the position. If anyone knows of a replacement please have them contact Jim.

Chapter Affairs Officer: Col Irene Collier – Does advise Stu Myers on the passings reported at the ARC, who in turn notifies the chaplain.

Editor/VGSAA Rep: Col Kerry Green – Absent. Communications award is almost ready to be submitted to MOAA national by Feb 1. Minutes from recent VGSAA meeting attached – see Appendix 1.

Webmaster: Col Bill Hudson – Absent. No report.

Administration: Trish Meserve – Requested any Calendar updates and briefed all on the new location of chapter property such as the Historian Archives and Christmas Decorations.

Historian: LTC Kerry Reyna – No report.

ARC Satellite Chapter: MG Chuck Honore – Absent. No report.

Scholarship: Col Peter Hunt – Deadline for scholarships is brought forward to Feb 25, and ROTC scholarship will likely be split \$9,000 for Army ROTC and \$2,000 for AF ROTC depending on the demand. Scholarships will total \$15,000 in 2016. Will write an article for the March Lariat.

Transition Liaison Officer: LtCol Kitty Meyers – Received appreciation certificate from Women's group of Bexar County. Upcoming Job Fair on Mar 16 being spearheaded by Kitty is expecting 120 employers and 50 organizations for the Veterans Information Village.

Special Activities Representative: Susie Tolman – No report.

Blue Skies West Liaison: LtCol Jim Conner – Absent. No report. David Patrick advised a meeting is to be arranged with Blue Skies to discuss their advertising support.

Advertising Coordinator: Maj Fernando Carreon – Absent. No report.

Volunteer Coordinator: (Open). No report

Solitaires: Pat Shecter – Absent. Irene Collier advised the most recent speaker for Solitaires was a representative from the Ft Sam National Cemetery who was in charge of the Memorial Guard detachment.

VP Personal Affairs: Col Stu Myers – (absent). Reported two (2) retired officer member deaths in November, and one (1) Auxiliary member death in December.

Consultant: Maj Len Mull – Absent. No report.

Chaplain: Chaplain Taylor – Absent. No report.

VP Public Relations/Marketing: LTC Charles Poole - Absent. No report.

VP Legislative Affairs: LTC Bob Blake – Will set up mtg with Jim and Ed to review list of chapter members and make a short list of those to be contacted to see if they have an interest in being the chapter contact for their representative. Will be attending the Jan 22 & 23 TCC meeting.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

MEETING ADJOURNED at 12:03pm.

Next Board meeting Wednesday 13 January at 1pm.

Next staff meeting scheduled for Thursday 4 February at 10am.



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MINUTES of October 27, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 1335 hrs by Tom Earnest, President, and the pledge of allegiance was led by JW Martin. Those present were: Bonnie Cooper, NCOA; David Cuellar, 141st REG, Tom Earnest, MERV; Nicki Frey, WMA; Kerry Green, MOAA; JW Martin, SFA; Trish Martin, WOSL; Juan Molina, USSV; and Wendy Weller, MOWW.

The minutes for September 2015 were read and accepted as corrected.

The treasurer's report showed \$10,155.88 with \$120 set aside for cemetery ceremonies. The report was accepted subject to audit.

Tom Ballinger was introduced as the rep for VVA chapter 366.

Committee reports-

MSD-Congress woman Ruth McClendon is seriously ill but will still host the 17th annual banquet for MSD on November 2.

Cemetery Committee- Tom Earnest reported that the Veterans Day ceremony will feature the Children's Choir and Judge Primomo will swear in 22 military members as new citizens. The ceremony will be on the 11th of November which is a Thursday. The music will be provided by the Army band, and will begin at 0930hrs; the ceremony will begin at 1000hrs. Members of SFA will escort representatives from each service to the front area at which time the Each rep will read the service creed and present a wreath, and each service song will be sung. The color guard will be provided by the Southside AFJROTC. MSD will provide echo taps and the firing squad. MAJ James Cunningham, President of MOAA, will be the speaker. A homeless veteran burial will be on October 28.

New Business- Kerry Green made a motion to donate \$100 to the local American Cancer Association. The motion was seconded by JW Martin, and after discussion, the motion was passed. A certificate of appreciation will also be given by VGSAA for the congresswoman's many actions to assist veterans. Kerry Green suggested a project that VGSAA might consider to undertake. He suggested that fundraising proceeds be used to help indigent enlisted spouses. Discussion centered on identifying if this was an obvious need or perceived need, how this money could be administered and by whom, and what specific criteria would be developed. A suggestion was made to identify if other organizations already did this, and if VGSAA role would be primarily fundraising. One organization mentioned is run by Jim Cunningham, President of MOAA. Another organization is MERV which is partnered with a local builder, Brooks City Base development, and Methodist Health Care. It was suggested that a community affairs committee chair be chosen to head a committee to research this project. Tom Earnest asked everyone to think about the proposed project and bring ideas to the next meeting. NCOA will no longer be printing our programs for the ceremonies. A discussion considered options for the future, including NCOA developing the program as in the past, and then giving the file to VGSAA to print. Members were asked to bring ideas for discussion at future meetings. Also mentioned was reviewing the list of organizations on the back of the program and only including those organizations which contribute to the ceremonies and their development.

Announcements- The Buffalo Soldiers will host a Veterans Day Ceremony on 11 November at 1330 hrs at the San Antonio National Cemetery.

The meeting was adjourned at 1450 hours.

The next VGSAA meeting will be held on November 24 at 1330 hrs.

Respectfully submitted

Wendy Weller, Secretary.