

MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

ALAMO CHAPTER
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MINUTES OF STAFF MEETING

Thursday, Jan 9, 2014

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

Attendees: Col Irene Collier, Col Janice Edgerson, Col Kerry Green, CAPT Bill Knehans, Col Stu Myers, LTC Randy Hoff, LtCol Fred Koechley, LtCol Ed Marvin, LTC Chaplain James Taylor, LTC Jim Webb, MAJ Jim Cunningham, Pat Shecter, Susie Tolman,

Invocation given by Chaplain Taylor and pledge led by Jim Cunningham.

No additions to the agenda.

Secretary: Col David Patrick (absent) - Minutes from November were reviewed and approved for filing.

President: Maj Jim Cunningham

The chapter is being drawn into many upcoming activities: 8TH Annual Spouse Symposium hosted by MOAA on Feb 12. We are providing suggestions for emcee (Bill Moll former KLRN President/CEO) and a color guard. Involves a reception on Feb 11 6-8pm at La Quinta and the Symposium is at the Pearl beginning at 9am on Feb 12.

Registration opens at 8:15am.

Visited with General Wiggins to help increase spouse participation in the event. Online registration begins Jan 15th at moaa.org.

A Military Executive Transition Program will be held on Feb 13 with a paid admission.

Chapter will have a recruiting table at the Veterans Village Job Fair on March 20 at the Freeman Coliseum. Veterans Information Program (led by David Patrick) will provide benefit info for vets, spouses, caregivers, plus there will be an educational program for Employers and HR Managers (with CE credits) to educate them on why they should hire veterans, as well as a job fair with over 200 potential employers.

Tom Palladino from TVC has requested assistance in setting up the annual Texas Veterans Summit to be held this year in San Antonio in May.

Military Veterans Community Blueprint is developing quickly, working with private and non profits to address issues involving the military and how to involve the community.

New Bexar County Services Officer has been appointed to replace Craig Erickson – Queta Martinez. Jim to set up meeting.

Corrected name with IRS to Alamo Chapter instead of San Antonio. Discussed with the representative the issue of 501 (c) 4 being tax exempt for donations as long as veteran related organization and that line items appears not to be in the current IRS code. Jim will discuss with Chapter legal counsel best course of action but may need to change (at a cost of approx. \$900) to a 501 (c) 19.

Met with a couple of Kerrville Chapter members to discuss their options of closing down or becoming a satellite chapter. We would likely get their membership in either case. Jim awaiting their decision.

Treasurer: Vaughn Caudill (absent) – December financials were reviewed and approved for filing.

Outreach Account:

INCOME	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	2013 Budget	Variance
Donations	225.00	-	375.00	7,527.22	\$ 6,000.00	1,527.22
Other				1,000.00		1,000.00
Golf Tournament						-
In				26,410.00	\$ 13,000.00	13,410.00
Out	400.00			12,803.45	\$ 4,000.00	8,803.45
Sub Total Golf	(400.00)			13,606.55	\$ 9,000.00	4,606.55
TOTAL INCOME	(175.00)	-	375.00	22,133.77	\$ 15,000.00	7,133.77
OUTFLOWS						
Charity						
Wounded Warrior				-	\$ 4,150.00	(4,150.00)
Red Cross			400.00	500.00	\$ 500.00	-
Undesignated Charities				200.00	\$ 100.00	100.00
VA Hospice						
Total	-	-	400.00	700.00	\$ 4,750.00	(4,050.00)
Scholarships						
Torrey 2K				2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	-
Gen Herring (JROTC #1)				2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	-
McCarthy (JROTC #2)				2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	-
JROTC #3				2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	-
Marvin (Chapter)				2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	-
Col Shean Bequest				1,000.00		
Last Yrs Torrey				2,000.00	\$ -	2,000.00
Total	-	-	-	13,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	3,000.00
TOTAL OUTFLOW	0.00	0.00	400.00	13,300.00	\$ 14,750.00	(1,450.00)
Decrease/Increase	(175.00)	-	(25.00)	8,833.77	\$ 250.00	8,583.77

Operating Account – Income:

	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	2013 Budget	Variance
Membership Dues			\$375.00			
MOAA National		1,000.00		\$4,180.00	\$ 1,500	\$2,680.00
New Aux				\$0.00	\$ 30	-\$30.00
New Retired			15.00	\$131.28	\$ 60	\$71.28
New Active Duty				\$25.00	\$ -	\$25.00
New Former				\$0.00	\$ 30	-\$30.00
Renewal Aux	45.00	60.00	75.00	\$1,553.53	\$ 1,400	\$153.53
Renewal Retired	160.00	430.00	\$375.00	\$9,337.09	\$ 7,500	\$1,837.09
Renewal Active Duty	50.00	65.00	220.00	\$1,001.91	\$ 500	\$501.91
Renewal Former				\$25.00	\$ -	\$25.00
Total	\$255.00	\$1,555.00	\$1,160.00	\$16,253.81	\$ 11,020	\$5,233.81
Non-Dues Revenue						
Interest			-	\$0.00	\$ -	\$0.00
Trip Rewards		475.80	148.84	\$824.64	\$ -	\$824.64
Shirt Sales				\$100.00	\$ -	\$100.00
Merchandise	13.00			\$227.00	\$ -	\$227.00
Advertising Lariat				\$15,870.00	\$ 17,000	-\$1,130.00
Corporate Partnership			400.00	\$896.35	\$ 1,500	-\$603.65
Donations to Chapter	75.00	30.00	10.00	\$4,957.55	\$ 3,000	\$1,957.55
Donations to Outreach	375.00	20.00	1,771.00	\$10,298.22	\$ 6,000	\$4,298.22
Golf Tournament						
Social Events	1,242.00	2,042.00	1,181.00	\$13,507.67	\$ 12,500	\$1,007.67
Total	\$ 1,705.00	\$ 2,567.80	\$ 3,510.84	\$46,681.43	\$ 40,000	\$6,681.43
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,960.00	\$4,122.80	\$4,670.84	\$62,935.24	\$ 51,020	\$11,915.24

Operating Account – Outflows:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>2013 Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Bank Charge/Int			375.00	71.47	\$ 50	(21.47)
Board & Staff Mtg				39.74	\$ -	(39.74)
Copier Mntn Agreement				390.00	\$ -	(390.00)
Square Service Fee	7.17	7.20	25.92	375.59	\$ -	(375.59)
PayPal Service Fee	6.25	18.78		124.19	\$ -	(124.19)
D&O Insurance				-	\$ 500	500.00
Dues & Subscription				1,058.20	\$ 1,250	191.80
Focus/Advisory Groups			375.00	-	\$ 50	50.00
Independent Contr	1,125.00	1,125.00	2,187.50	14,000.00	\$ 13,500	(500.00)
Lariat Postage	1,000.00			3,190.00	\$ 3,000	(190.00)
Lariat Printing	1,074.29	209.20	553.14	8,759.35	\$ 8,200	(559.35)
Liability Insurance				952.00	\$ 450	(502.00)
Marketing	13.00			13.00	\$ 100	87.00
Membership Recruiting	25.00			150.00	\$ 300	150.00
Miscellaneous	-	42.00		142.00	\$ 50	(92.00)
Office	41.99	310.20	1,469.71	3,587.09	\$ 2,300	(1,287.09)
Personal Affairs				-	\$ -	-
Postage & Delivery		185.75		986.95	\$ 1,250	263.05
ROTC				187.35	\$ 200	12.65
Satellite Chapters						
Social Events	1,252.00	1,255.00	2,066.85	13,401.97	\$ 12,500	(901.97)
Solitaires				-	\$ 125	125.00
Special Activities	339.72		260.00	599.72	\$ 600	0.28
Telephone	146.36	182.57	142.96	1,855.87	\$ 1,400	(455.87)
Trans To Outreach	225.00		375.00	8,507.22	\$ 6,000	(2,507.22)
Volunteer Recogn				-	\$ 100	100.00
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TOTAL OUTFLOWS	5,255.78	3,335.70	7,081.08	58,391.71	\$ 51,925	(6,466.71)
Surplus/(Deficit)	(3,295.78)	787.10	(2,410.24)	4,543.53	(905.00)	5,448.53

Reserve Balances:

<u>RESERVE BALANCES</u>	<u>31-Oct-13</u>	<u>30-Nov-13</u>	<u>31-Dec-13</u>
Outreach			
RBFUCU			
Savings	\$ 306.62	\$ 306.62	\$ 306.62
Money Market	\$10,182.98	\$10,185.54	\$10,563.05
Checking	\$ 514.59	\$ 514.59	\$12,342.69
Certificates	\$ 9,305.64	\$ 9,312.84	\$ 9,319.81
Total	\$20,309.83	\$20,319.59	\$32,532.17
Chapter Operations			
Broadway	\$28,070.91	\$27,858.01	\$13,219.67
USAA	\$15,774.71	\$15,774.71	\$15,802.96
Total	\$43,845.62	\$43,632.72	\$29,022.63

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

Vice President Administration: LTC Jim Webb – Issued the first award of the season to a High School in Rio Grande City for their December awards Banquet. Medals have been requested from MOAA national now that inventory is at a more manageable level. Likely to increase the number of high schools this year by 10-15 because of the listing obtained from Army ROTC providing more schools in the Valley. Jim will also contact the Austin chapter to see if they are taking care of the Kerrville/Hill Country area as the chapter there has not been involved.

Gold bars for the 5 ROTC units we cover will not be available until February.

Army American Bowl involved the chapter providing tickets to the game, turn out was good and included many families.

VP Membership: LTC Randy Hoff – Reviewed Membership chart: Active Duty 364, Auxiliary 216, Former 15, Retired 828 for a total of 1423 members.

Active Duty renewals appear to be on the rise, though recruitment opportunities this month are low – just Extravaganza.

Provided hand out of MOAA's Top Goals for 2014:

- Sustain military pay comparability with the private sector
- Bar disproportional TRICARE fee hikes
- Sustain force levels to meet mission needs
- Prevent Medicare/TRICARE payment cuts
- Protect military retirement/COLAs
- Protect wounded warriors and caregivers
- End disabled/survivor financial penalties
- Fix Guard/Reserve retirement
- Improve spouse and family support
- Eliminate the VA claims backlog and improve claims processing

VP Programs: (Open) – Next luncheon is Jan 23. Has invited Representative Pete Gallego on Texas House Armed Services Committee to speak at February luncheon.

Bill Knehans noted that a good speaker would draw a bigger crowd at the April luncheon at AFV. Kerry Green noted the AFV has their own voting precinct and is the most active in the state.

Buddy Program Status – No updates.

Task Review

Updates were given by the points of contact:

Monies have been received from Collette travel for partial reimbursement of the postage for their flyers.

Design for chapter coin almost done.

Bill Knehans setting up informal wine and cheese on Jan 22 at 4:30 to 6pm to gather those interested in promoting the chapter at AFV I. A similar event to be held in AFV II in February. Eventually will have recruiting tables during meal times in the main dining room, manned by the recruited volunteers. AFV widows meet approx. once a year but there are many other activities available to them.

Scorecard Review – tabled til next meeting.

Staff Reports

VP Logistics: LtCol Fred Koechley – No report.

Duty Officer: Col Irene Collier – No report.

Editor/VGSAA Rep: Col Kerry Green – No report other than providing VGSAA minutes..

Webmaster: Col Bill Hudson – No report.

Administration: Trish Meserve – Requested calendar updates. Advised email re January dues has gone out and a snail mail invoice will be sent in a week or two. Dues request forms have been revised to decrease paper and ink expense.

Historian: Col Janice Edgeron – No report – needs pics from the Christmas Party.

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

Transition Liaison Officer: Col David Patrick – Absent. No report.

Special Activities Representative: Susie Tolman – Very disappointed in VA Hospital and the missing, moved and broken Christmas decorations. Jim and Susie to meet with Jim Chandler re the situation and attend the March meeting together to discuss the issue.

AFV Satellite: CAPT Bill Knehans – Covered in Task report.

Advertising Coordinator: (Open).

Volunteer Coordinator: (Open).

Solitaires: Pat Shecter – Rackspace tour is set for Feb 13. Takes 1.5 hrs followed by lunch at Olive Garden.

May have pot luck of in April or May.

MOAA is seeking applicants for the national auxiliary council. Involves travel approx. 3x per year.

VP Personal Affairs: Col Stu Myers – Reported 2 retiree deaths and one auxiliary in November and 2 retiree deaths in December.

Chaplain: Chaplain Taylor – Attended funeral service for Col Irving Njus from the ARC.

VP Public Relations/Marketing: (Open). No report.

VP Legislative Affairs: Col Al Cote – Absent. Jim Cunningham advised goal of MOAA is to have a working relationship with the 5 representatives and is looking for volunteers to work the issue. The Ft Sam Houston Retiree Council has submitted 7 issues to the Army Chief of Staff including making better use of local retirees on JBSA.

Ed Marvin: National MOAA currently looking for representatives from each of the services to make up the nominating committee that meets in April. The goal of this year's Storming The Hill will be to protect the current benefits.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Red Cross – Richard Rodriguez: Advised us of a recent discussion by national Red Cross that involved the razing of the current building instead of repairing it. Richard to find out more and collect “ammunition” to build a case for keeping the building. Will look at whether it is of historic value.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 11:44am.

Next regular staff meeting scheduled for Thursday, Feb 6th at MOAA-AC Offices at 9am.

Next Board meeting Tue, Feb 18th @10am.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Patrick". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "P".

Col David Patrick, USAF (Ret), Secretary