

MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

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MINUTES OF STAFF MEETING

Thursday, June 6, 2013

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

Attendees: BG Charles Anderson, Col Irene Collier, Col Janice Edgeron, Col Kerry Green, Col David Patrick, LTC Randy Hoff, LTC Chaplain James Taylor, LTC Jim Webb, MAJ Jim Cunningham, Sandra Hicks, Pat Shecter, Trish Meserve.

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

Secretary: Col David Patrick – Minutes from May were reviewed and approved for filing.

President: Maj Jim Cunningham – Chapter was placed 2nd runner up for the Communications Award in the website category. Attended VIP event (Veterans Information Program) in conjunction with Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce where veterans can obtain information regarding their healthcare, benefits etc. Part of Got Your Six production by the Chamber which is similar to the Community Blue Print.

Attended reception hosted by General Caldwell, provided useful networking with Active Duty Generals.

SA Area Foundation is creating a Military Leadership Council to be made up of the "movers & shakers" in Bexar County and the 12 surrounding counties. Its goal is to coordinate activities for the benefit of the military from both military and civilians led by General Valenzuela.

Legislative Update – Some of the desired bills passed included 1) allowing Service Disabled Veteran Owned Businesses to compete for State contracts in the same category as HUBs (historically underutilized businesses: based on race, gender and ethnicity). 2) 100% property tax exemption for the surviving spouse of service members killed in action or whilst on active duty.

Did not get the revision on the cut off date (Jan 1 2009) for the property tax waiver for spouses of military personnel came into effect. Took too slow moving through the calendar phase. Also did not get the readjustment of \$12,000 cap on property tax waiver for partially disabled – would have cost the state over \$25 million.

As far as Federal legislative news it is being insisted upon not to increase Tricare fees. MOAA national will be watching this carefully.

Currently talking with the Army Retiree Council on ways to involve more retirees in post and community activities.

Main hurdle is lack of communication and recruitment. AUSA and AFA experience the same problem with only a small core of volunteers doing all the work.

Attended MOAA conference in Kansas City last month. Was approached regarding the possibility of enveloping the Kerrville chapter as a satellite chapter.

Treasurer: Col Vaughn Caudill – Absent. Financials were reviewed for May and approved for filing.

Outreach Account:

INCOME	March	April	May	YTD	2013 Budget	Variance
Donations	-	3,579.50	-	5,993.22	\$ 6,000.00	(6.78)
Other				1,000.00		1,000.00
Golf Tournament						
In	-			-	\$ 13,000.00	(13,000.00)
Out	600.00			600.00	\$ 4,000.00	(3,400.00)
Sub Total Golf	(600.00)	-		(600.00)	\$ 9,000.00	(9,600.00)
TOTAL INCOME	(600.00)	3,579.50	-	6,393.22	\$ 15,000.00	(8,606.78)
OUTFLOWS						
Charity						
Wounded Warrior				-	\$ 4,150.00	(4,150.00)
Red Cross		100.00		100.00	\$ 500.00	(400.00)
Undesignated Charities		200.00		200.00	\$ 100.00	100.00
Total	-	300.00	-	300.00	\$ 4,750.00	(4,450.00)
Scholarships						
Torrey 1K				-	\$ 2,000.00	(2,000.00)
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)
Marvin (Chapter)				-	\$ 2,000.00	(2,000.00)
Last Yrs Torrey			2,000.00	2,000.00	\$ -	2,000.00
Total	-	-	2,000.00	2,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	(8,000.00)
TOTAL OUTFLOW	0.00	300.00	2,000.00	2,300.00	\$ 14,750.00	(12,450.00)
Decrease/Increase	(600.00)	3,279.50	(2,000.00)	4,093.22	\$ 250.00	3,843.22

Operating Account – Income:

	March	April	May	YTD	2013 Budget	Variance
Membership Dues						
MOAA National				\$3,180.00	\$ 1,500	\$1,680.00
New Aux				\$0.00	\$ 30	-\$30.00
New Retired	12.31			\$36.28	\$ 60	-\$23.72
New Active Duty	25.00			\$25.00	\$ -	\$25.00
New Former	-			\$0.00	\$ 30	-\$30.00
Renewal Aux	85.00	90.00	75.00	\$1,328.53	\$ 1,400	-\$71.47
Renewal Retired	195.00	465.00	885.00	\$6,432.09	\$ 7,500	-\$1,067.91
Renewal Active Duty	40.00	30.00	220.00	\$491.91	\$ 500	-\$8.09
Total	\$357.31	\$585.00	\$1,180.00	\$11,493.81	\$ 11,020	\$473.81
Non-Dues Revenue						
Interest				\$0.00	\$ -	\$0.00
Trip Rewards			200.00			
Shirt Sales		100.00		\$100.00	\$ -	\$100.00
Merchandise		200.00		\$200.00	\$ -	\$200.00
Advertising Lariat		4,320.00	1,350.00	\$10,470.00	\$ 17,000	-\$6,530.00
Corporate Partnership	100.00	200.00		\$496.35	\$ 1,500	-\$1,003.65
Donations to Chapter	725.00	10.00	140.00	\$3,112.55	\$ 3,000	\$112.55
Donations to Outreach	1,295.00	110.00	190.00	\$6,219.97	\$ 6,000	\$219.97
Social Events	720.00	700.00	920.00	\$4,287.67	\$ 12,500	-\$8,212.33
Total	\$ 2,840.00	\$ 5,640.00	\$ 2,800.00	\$24,886.54	\$ 40,000	-\$15,113.46
TOTAL INCOME	\$3,197.31	\$6,225.00	\$3,980.00	\$36,380.35	\$ 51,020	-\$14,639.65

Operating Account – Outflows:

Category	March	April	May	YTD	2013 Budget	Variance
Bank Charge/Int		(113.50)		71.47	\$ 50	(21.47)
Board & Staff Mtg				39.74	\$ -	(39.74)
Copier Mntn Agreement			390.00	390.00	\$ -	(390.00)
Credit Card Losses Square	12.31	5.28	16.29	88.87	\$ -	(88.87)
Credit Card Losses PayPal			11.59	23.47	\$ -	(23.47)
D&O Insurance				-	\$ 500	500.00
Dues & Subscription	25.00	533.20		1,058.20	\$ 1,250	191.80
Focus/Advisory Groups				-	\$ 50	50.00
Independent Contr	1,125.00	1,125.00	1,125.00	5,612.50	\$ 13,500	7,887.50
Lariat Postage				1,000.00	\$ 2,190.00	3,000
Lariat Printing	747.91	602.55	591.46	3,151.31	\$ 8,200	5,048.69
Liability Insurance				425.00	\$ 450	25.00
Marketing				-	\$ 100	100.00
Membership Recruiting	25.00		50.00	100.00	\$ 300	200.00
Miscellaneous		100.00		100.00	\$ 50	(50.00)
Office	(87.26)	200.00	66.86	694.21	\$ 2,300	1,605.79
Personal Affairs				-	\$ -	-
Postage & Delivery	93.75	92.00	92.00	457.75	\$ 1,250	792.25
ROTC		187.35		187.35	\$ 200	12.65
Social Events	781.80	530.20	570.00	3,425.00	\$ 12,500	9,075.00
Solitaires				-	\$ 125	125.00
Special Activities				-	\$ 600	600.00
Telephone	138.66	139.38	134.87	804.30	\$ 1,400	595.70
Trans To Outreach		3,579.50		6,993.22	\$ 6,000	(993.22)
Volunteer Recogn				-	\$ 100	100.00
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TOTAL OUTFLOWS	2,862.17	6,980.96	4,048.07	25,812.39	\$ 51,925	26,112.61
Surplus/(Deficit)	335.14	(755.96)	(68.07)	10,567.96	(905.00)	11,472.96

Reserve Balances:

RESERVE BALANCES	31-Mar-13	30-Apr-13	31-May-13
Outreach			
RBFCU			
Savings	\$ 306.17	\$ 306.32	\$ 306.32
Money Market	\$18,735.67	\$20,319.94	\$20,324.90
Checking	\$ 213.92	\$ 2,214.00	\$ 214.00
Certificates	\$ 9,256.09	\$ 9,263.25	\$ 9,270.19
Total	\$28,511.85	\$32,103.51	\$30,115.41
Chapter Operations			
Broadway	\$21,411.79	\$20,073.10	\$20,005.03
USAA	\$15,725.33	\$15,735.68	\$15,745.51
Total	\$37,137.12	\$35,808.78	\$35,750.54

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

Vice President Administration: LTC Jim Webb – JROTC and ROTC award presentation season has just finished. Gained 35 new Basic member applications from the new officers. Thanked Kerry/Trish for the article and pics in The Lariat. Working on building the relationship with ROTC Brigade on post. Texas A&M currently affiliated with St Mary's but moving to UTSA in September. Also building relationship with the San Antonio Community Action Committee works with ROTC Recruiting Command and Army Reserves. One of their events is the hosting of an appreciation dinner for the newly enlisted and their parents.

VP Membership: LTC Randy Hoff – Still have not yet received the \$1,000 stipend for recruiting from MOAA national. Self reporting of new members via the website will not work for the numbers we submit so Trish will submit a separate spreadsheet just prior to the end of a quarter. Reviewed Membership chart: Active Duty 436, Auxiliary 223, Former 14, Retired 844 for a total of 1517 members. After including all the new members pending the total membership will be nearer 1544. Randy thanked Mac for his help at the Veterans Information Program and Extravaganza. Next Extravaganza will be June 25. Note the membership goal has been exceeded for the year! Recruitment at the ARC is hindered by Kiwanis, but it would be good to mention us at the ARC Computer Club for those who could receive The Lariat by email, and also to be a speaker at the Kiwanis meeting and give an update legislatively.

VP Programs: (Open) – It appears the website issues have been corrected with the PayPal payments. It was decided the cost of the meal for everyone would be \$16.50. Golf Tournament – Title sponsor letters have been sent to RBFCU and Broadway Bank. USAA has contributed \$500. Parr Club has been reserved for the Oktoberfest. Working on program speakers for next year – suggestions put forward included General Robles, General Valenzuela, Mickey Roth at USAA, John DePiro at USAA, Post Commander, Tim ~~Faruwe-Farrell~~ of Operation Homefront.

Buddy Program Status – No new buddies.

Staff Reports

VP Personal Affairs: Col Stu Myers – Absent. Reported that two auxiliary and ~~three~~ retired members passed in May. The obituary for Mavis Cleary was passed out for those that had not seen it. Susie Tolman and David Patrick are to attend the Volunteer of the Year's Banquet to represent Mavis.

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Chaplain: Chaplain Taylor – Will be assisting presenting 20 Toolboxes to residents of the Wounded Warriors Village on Hwy78 in conjunction with Operation Homefront.

VP Public Relations/Marketing: (Open). Janice Edgerson advised she was sending press releases on the first Friday of each month to the media. Jim and Janice to coordinate the possibility of MOAA participating in KLRN's Blazing Gavels.

VP Legislative Affairs: Col Al Cote – Absent.

VP Logistics: LtCol Fred Koehley – Absent. Suggested the Scholarship luncheon should be held in June to better accommodate the presentations to the students.

Duty Officer: Col Irene Collier – All Duty Officer slots are covered.

Editor/VGSAA Rep: Col Kerry Green – Provided the latest minutes from the Veterans of Great San Antonio Area (VGSAA). Sequestration has hit them too as there were no bleachers at the Memorial Day ceremony at Ft Sam National Cemetery.

Webmaster: Col Bill Hudson – Absent.

Administration: Trish Meserve – Requested calendar updates. Received thank you letter from Red Cross for the \$100 donation for Ride to Recovery, and one from member Francis Bevilacqua on awarding her grandson with a chapter scholarship. Received \$200 check for the Cruise participants from MOAA.

Historian: Col Janice Edgerson – No report.

ARC Satellite Chapter: MG Chuck Honore – Absent. Discussed ways to recruit with BG Anderson & Sandra Hicks. Trish to send list to Sandra of current MOAA members who reside at the ARC.

TOPS: Col David Patrick – No report.

Special Activities Representative: Susie Tolman – Absent. No report.

AFV Satellite: (Open) No report.

Advertising Coordinator: (Open). No report.

Volunteer Coordinator: (Open). No report.

Solitaires: Pat Shecter – Field trip to Sandy Oaks Olive Orchard was a success, and Irene gave an interesting presentation at the June luncheon. Luncheons and brunches will continue in July and August. Working with Survivor Outreach Services to see if their facility can be used to hold the next Potluck. May have a tour of Rackspace in August. Eileen Parker to take over during Pat's vacation – a MOAA cruise from Amsterdam to Switzerland.

As the MOAA auxiliary rep for Texas will be participating in Storming the Hill for 3 days in mid July. MOAA is sponsoring the bus and breakfasts and it is open to all military wives – so far about 50 are attending.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

MEETING ADJOURNED at 10:35am.

Next regular staff meeting scheduled for Thursday, August 1 at MOAA-AC Offices at 9am.

Next Board meeting August 14 10am.



Col David Patrick, USAF (Ret), Secretary