

**FORT CAMPBELL CHAPTER  
THE MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA**

**Executive Committee Meeting**

**20 April 2017**

**Kandahar Room**

**Cole Park Commons, Fort Campbell, KY**

**BOARD OFFICERS (Present)**

**CDR Ivan Adames**, President

**CDR Steve Singleton**, Secretary

**LTC Tim Powers**, Treasurer

**CW5 John Schuler**, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Pres

**BOARD OFFICERS Excused**

**CW4 Monroe Gildersleeve**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Pres

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**Others Present:** **COL JT Smith**, Webmaster and newsletter; **CW2 Warren**, Directory Chair; **CPT Eddie Sumblar**, Personal Affairs and Chaplain; **COL Tom Borlund**, Immediate Past President; **COL Jeff Yaeger**, Scholarship Chair; **Nancy Evans**, Surviving Spouse Liaison; **LTC Marty Yaeger**, Scholarship Chair, and **LTC Marty Schoeder**, ROTC KY Liaison.

Meeting called to order @ 12:10 by President **CDR Ivan Adames**

**CPT Eddie Sumblar** gave opening prayer

**CDR Steve Singleton** presented the minutes. Motion to accept was made, second and minutes were approved. Thanked **Major Vivian Fivecoat** for all the hard work she did as secretary and **LTC Tim Powers** who filled in for her.

**LTC Tim Powers** treasures report presented. Motion was made and seconded, and report was approved. **CW2 Warren** stated that the funds under the Directory account should be moved to the Scholarship fund account. **LTC Powers** stated he would make it happen.

**LTC Powers** presented a summary sheet of expenses for the regular meetings. We fell short of making enough to cover the cost of the last buffet at the Sportsmans Lodge (-\$14). A short

discussion ensued regarding the level of service and it was agreed that the club management would be spoken to regarding the issue. We will also investigate other venues that might be used as alternatives.

**CDR Ivan Adames** gave an update on future events; ROTC at APSU at 1430 today, Marine Corps League officer installation tonight at 1800, New China Buffet, Marsha Blackburn Advisory meeting, 21 Apr; KY Council and Chapter meeting, 29 Apr 1100 at Ft Knox, KY. He will be leaving Hopkinsville Walmart parking lot 0715.

He then updated attendees on a number of items.

- National Poppy Day is May 26.
- Memorial Day weekend- Veterans Plaza. Need wreaths and two volunteers. Same at Ft Donelson ceremony at the same time.
- Need to check with national to determine correct sizes of door magnet and banner for future events.
- Need some new speakers. A representative from the Secret Service office in Nashville and National Weather service office out of Nashville were suggested.
- The Clarksville Welcome Home Veterans Celebration 13-16 Sep. DAR and MOAA have been asked to pair up to assist in the event (manning tables at Beachaven, coordinating various activities such as Veterans Tribute Wall and flag display assembly). MOAA will have its monthly meeting at the memorial luncheon at the Wilma Rudolph pavilion vice a separate luncheon that month. Members will need to make reservations in advance.

**COL Yaeger** Hosting scholarship winners in the next two months at our monthly meeting. Recommended we do this at our May meeting at Montgomery County Library. He also stated that four scholarships would be awarded, with us also paying for up to 2 guests of awardee. Scholarships/awards will be presented at Ft Campbell HS Honors Dinner on 16 May @ 1800. Warren Evans will be presenting. No applicants were received from Kentucky;

**LCOL Schoeder** stated he would discuss lack of scholarship applicants in KY with JROTCs in that area. Awards will be presented at the following KY high schools: Hopkins County 2 May, Christian County HS 4 May, and Hopkinsville HS 13 May. S. Hopkinsville HS has yet to be determined.

**CPT Eddie Sumblar** asked if anyone knew of a waiting list at the Clarksville VA Home. No one knew of an issue. He reported that he was conducting services on Wednesdays and that attendance was increasing. Provided status on Chaplain Grant who had a defibrillator implanted and that he had lost 26 lbs. CPT Sumblar then stated a concern he had regarding the naming of the Bistro at the VA home for CMD SGT MAJOR Brown, who had originally been considered as the person to have the VA home named after. He felt this was a dis-service to a man who had accomplished so much and wondered if naming a module would be more appropriate. CDR Singleton suggested sending a letter from MOAA addressing those concerns. He and CPT Sumblar will coordinate.

**CDR Singleton** updated everyone on legislative issues in the absence of **MAJ Bill Summers**. National legislation was discussed at the Tenn Council meeting last week, with two of the biggest issues of ending sequestration and SBP/DIC offset for widows. At the state level, veteran groups have been successful in getting legislation passed this year, largely led by the Ft Campbell MOAA reps and Sherry Pickering. Legislation to protect private employers hiring veterans is on the governor's desk awaiting signature. After a lengthy struggle, it appears the 100% P&T veterans property tax exemption will be moved back to \$175,000. These two bills

are major victories for the coalition of veteran groups. CDR Singleton stated the next step is to get the veteran groups organized under one legislative PAC similar to KY.

**COL Tom Borlund** reported that Steve Singleton had been appointed as interim Secretary due to the resignation of **Maj Vivian Fivecoat**. He also stated that **CW5 Schuler** would not be advancing in the line next year due to studies, so we need to start considering filling positions for next year.

**CDR Ivan Adames** thanked everyone for their attendance.

**CPT Eddie Sumblor** gave closing prayer

Meeting adjourned at 1332 hours

**CDR Steve Singleton, Sec**