

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

Executive Committee Meeting

20 July 2017

Kandahar Room

Cole Park Commons, Fort Campbell, KY

BOARD OFFICERS (Present)

CDR Ivan Adames, President

CW3 John Schuler, 1st Vice Pres

CDR Steve Singleton, Secretary

LCOL Tim Powers, Treasurer

Absent: **CW4 Monroe Gildersleeve**, 2nd Vice Pres

Others Present: **LCOL JT SMITH**, Newsletter; **CW2 Warren Evans**, Directory Chair; **Nancy Evans**, Surviving Spouse Chair, **Anne Clark**, Historian, **CPT Eddie Sumbler**, Personal Affairs and Chaplain, **COL Jeff Yaeger**, Scholarship Chair, **MAJ Bill Summers**, Legislative Liaison, **LCOL Marty Schroeder**, ROTC Liaison, KY, **COL Tom Borlund**, Past President. **CW4 Howard French**, Past President.

Meeting called to order @ 12:05 by President **CDR Ivan Adames**.

CPT Eddie Sumbler gave opening prayer

CDR Adames welcomed the large number of attendees asked for reports.

LCOL Tim Powers gave the Treasurers report, stating a balance of the general fund (minus a couple of outstanding checks) of \$3,511.07. Scholarship fund is at \$6,916.00. Treasurer report was moved, seconded and carried for approval.

He then said that our liability insurance was due at a cost of \$720 from Dunn Ins. Company, but he had been investigating a new company, Mercer, that would only charge \$220. Everyone agreed this would be a good idea and paperwork for the change was filled out with members present.

MAJ Bill Summers asked about the status of increasing dues and **CDR Ivan Adames** stated that this would be discussed at the October meeting.

CW2 Warren Evans reiterated that he was giving up head of directory fund raiser and that someone else would need to be selected. The current directory is good through 2018.

CDR Steve Singleton presented the minutes from the 15 July meeting at Casey Jones Distillery. One correction was made to change the presentation made by **CDR Adames** from national anthem to pledge of allegiance. Secretary report was moved, seconded and carried for approval, with correction.

CW3 John Schoeder gave a report on future venues and speakers for the monthly meetings. Sportman's was still a location of contention since they keep adding costs to the venue. No profit has been made off the meals recently. Demos Restaurant was suggested as another location that may possibly work. In 2018, we will use the library facility four times. Tenn Veterans invited us to meet there. It was also suggested to go back to the VA Home.

COL Jeff Yaeger reported that all the scholarship checks had cleared from this year's recipients. He noted that although we have almost \$7,000 in the fund, we need to ensure we get someone working on the directory campaign since this is the major source of funding for the scholarships. He believes the process for soliciting and receiving scholarship applications is working, but wants to get the Kentucky schools more involved.

MAJ Bill Summers gave a quick update on the proposed Tennessee Veterans (TVET) project. The first meeting will be on 2 September. Invitations have gone out to the various groups. Someone from JECVO needs to be invited to attend.

Nancy Evans updated everyone on the ladies program. Last month they did a Blue Heron river cruise and this month they had a luncheon at Red Lobster. Next months luncheon will be on 11 Aug at Cheddars. She mentioned that Erika Mitchell had passed and that the Council was updated on national legislation which would affect spouses of veterans.

Anne Clark is working on updating the chapter history and tracking any deaths which may occur in the chapter. She relayed information on her trip to DC and changes that had occurred since the last time she visited. MLK, FDR, Korean War, and WW2 monuments were mentioned.

CPT Eddie Sumbler asked for any members who may need calls from him, reiterating that he was not a substitute for the member's minister, but an additional resource for God's strength. **Dean Grimes** and **Frank Pierce** were mentioned as needing lifted up due to illness.

COL Tom Borlund was welcomed back. He stated that **MAJ Richard Noggles** might be considered Treasurer if LCOL Powers moves up to one of the VP positions. He related stories about difficulties he was having getting some claims closed out through the 'Tricare for Life' program.

LCOL Marty Shroeder stated that the new JROTC coordinator was in place for Madisonville and Hopkinsville programs.

COL JT Smith provided information as to why the chapter's communication award was downgraded from 5 to 4. He was informed that new judges were assigned and that they wanted "more recruiting" in the newsletter, along with better quality pictures and more white space. Members were puzzled by these recommendations since two of the three recommendations require more pages and therefore more money to print, and potential members don't read newsletters anyway. He asked members communicating with him to use his new MOAA address of ftckymoaa@gmail.com.

CDR Ivan Adames then wrapped up with an update of upcoming events:

29 Jul, Ft Knox, Ky. KY Council and Chapter meeting
15-16 Sep, Mid-South MOAA Workshop, Memphis (this conflicts with Welcome Home event)
13-16 Sep, Welcome Home Veterans Celebration, Clarksville
21 Oct – Called meeting with Cindy Stonebreaker, National League of POW/MIA as guest speaker.

He is looking for members who will go with him to the Mid-South workshop in Sept. The meeting in September will occur as part of the Welcome Home Veterans event and will take place Friday, 15 Sep at the Wilma Rudolph Center. Reservations for the event will have to be done well in advance to ensure we have enough space for members. Each ticket is \$20. After some discussion, it was agreed to set up two separate registrations at the August event; one to collect money for the August dinner and one to pre-pay for the September Wilma Rudolph Center dinner.

CDR Ivan Adames showed attendees the flyer for the August visit from national MOAA representative and the letter that will be mailed to all non-chapter MOAA members in the area so they are aware of the visit.

A brief discussion on the upcoming solar eclipse was also held.

CPT Eddie Sumblor gave closing prayer

Meeting adjourned at 1345 hours.

CDR Steve Singleton, Sec