



**Military Officers Association Of America  
Fort Campbell Chapter  
P.O. Box 3569**



**Clarksville, TN 37043-3569  
Executive Committee Meeting  
13 December 2018  
Kandahar Room  
Cole Park Commons, Fort Campbell, KY**

**BOARD OFFICERS (Present):**

**CW4 Monroe Gildersleeve**, President  
**MAJ Dick Noggle**, Treasurer  
**CDR Steve Singleton**, Secretary

**Absent:**

**LTC Tim Powers**, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Pres  
**CW4 Brian Lynch**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Pres

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**Others Present:**, **LT COL JT Smith**, Newsletter, **MAJ Van Chase** JROTC Liaison, **Chaplain Eddie Sumbler**, **CDR Ivan Adames**, Past Presidents; **Young Park**, Directory

Meeting called to order @ 12:10 by President **CW4 Monroe Gildersleeve**.

Prayer led by **Chaplain Eddie Sumbler**.

**CDR Singleton** presented the minutes of the previous stated meeting. There was one correction. Motion made to accept with corrections by **Chaplain Eddie Sumbler**, seconded by **LT COL JT Smith**, unanimously approved.

**Sickness and Distress:** Continued prayers for **Gary Ezell**.

**Scholarship-** **COL Jeff Yaeger** gave a report on scholarship status. Applications will be sent out in January with a deadline of 1 Mar. The applications are sent to the JROTC units with the intent to award to students who will attend college. There have not been a lot of response in previous years (we bumped up the individual awards last year because of this). We have not had interviews or meetings with applicants in prior years. There are four national scholarships affiliated with our chapter. National requires them to write after they start attending to provide updates on progress.

A recommendation was made by **Chaplain Eddie Sumbler** to meet with students who apply to get a better feel for their intent and let them know a little more about us. We could also require a update letter as part of the local scholarship process. It was agreed to set up a committee to assist with the scholarship process, with the intent of changing the procedure next year to have a review of applications by committee and require a letter on status after award. We want to try to award scholarships to students who potentially, may get commissioned and have a future with MOAA.

**COL Yaeger** suggested another option: create another national scholarship which provides greater funds for the student and oversight of the program by national. A way to do this is to reinstitute the "250 Club" where members donate \$250 a year to go toward the national scholarship goal. The next one could potentially be named the Ft Campbell MOAA Chapter scholarship. Over the years, our chapter has contributed \$100,000 for

scholarships, a fact that has received special recognition from national.

**MAJ Noggle** stated that since we did not receive revenue from the directory last year, we may want to consider limiting the scholarship awards to \$4000 until the revenue from the next directory and golf fundraiser can be build up. It was agreed to have offer up to four scholarships for a total of \$4000 this year.

**COL Yaeger** gave an update on the turkey hunt project we do in conjunction with Ft Campbell. The hunt will be held on 6 April, with a lunch at Cole Park commons. He gave an update on Ft Campbell units, stating that the groups deployed to the border are starting to return (4.5 out of 5). The half unit deals with fueling and plans to individually rotate members back for the holidays are in the works. Units are also deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan with some coming home in March and April.

**MAJ Dick Noggle** presented the Treasurers report. \$5657.84 in General Fund, \$8607.98 in Scholarship fund, \$1950.00 in Directory fund, \$450 in Turkey fund and \$500.00 in Golf Outing fund for a total of \$17,165.82.

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Vice Report. LTC Powers (Absent)**

President Gildersleeve stated that he has the schedule for next year and that currently we will meet at Smokhaus in January, with COL Taliento providing the presentation.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Report CW4 Lynch (Absent)** **President Gildersleeve** stated that we continue to work on the roster and are making every attempt not to remove folks who we are still interested in maintaining their membership but have not paid dues. A brief discussion on concerns for reporting to national was held and the president assured membership that we would all work with CW4 Lynch preparing the January report.

**Legislation.** **CDR Steve Singleton** reported that TVET executive officers met with Sen Briggs, chair of the Veterans Caucus, to discuss bills for next year. They meet with Rep Hodges this month as well. Veterans Day on the Hill is set for 6 February, 2019.

**JROTC.** **MAJ Van Chase** reported he had ordered 'kits' for JROTC and ROTC presentations. 14 high school kits and 4 college kits (one extra of each as backup). He e-mailed **COL Taliento** for dates of award ceremonies. The certificates are embossed and only need signatures. Recommendations will be made on first semester grades since there isn't time to get second semester totals prior to award.

#### **Special Programs.**

**CDR Adames** is working on the MOAA Community Outreach Grant application to be awarded to the Veterans Treatment Court. **CDR Singleton** asked if there was a possibility of using this for the TVET organization and it was suggested he contact the MOAA Council to see if they would submit an application. This may have to wait until next year as TVET is still filing their non-profit paperwork.

**LT COL Smith** asked if we were sponsoring a table for the Montgomery County Veteran Coalition fundraising banquet (at cost of \$400). Still discussing to determine number attending.

We received a couple of Christmas cards: one thanking us for contributing to "Wreaths Across America" and another from **LTC Dave and Jean Marr**, along with a check for \$1000 for the scholarship fund.

Attendees were reminded of the Remembrance (Bell) Ceremony at next month's lunch.

**CDR Singleton** reminded everyone that with the holiday season is upon us, we should search for ways to thank those still serving. He suggested picking up an Exchange (or any) gift card (\$10) and hand to the security guard after showing your ID to get on Ft Campbell. It's a small token, but greatly appreciated.

**Chaplain Sumbler** gave the closing prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 1400.

**CDR Steve Singleton, Sec**