



**Military Officers Association Of America  
Fort Campbell Chapter  
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**Executive Committee Meeting  
26 Jan 2018  
Kandahar Room  
Cole Park Commons, Fort Campbell, KY**

**BOARD OFFICERS (Present):**

**CW4 Monroe Gildersleeve**, President  
**CW4 Brian Lynch**, 2nd Vice Pres  
**CDR Steve Singleton**, Secretary  
**MAJ Dick Noggle**, Treasurer

**Absent:** LTC Tim Powers, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Pres

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**Others Present:** CW2 Warren and Nancy Evans, Directory Chair; MAJ Vivian Fivecoat, Historian; MAJ Bill Summers, Legislative Liaison; CDR Ivan Adames and COL Tom Borlund, Past President, and MAJ Van Chase

Meeting called to order @ 12:00 by President **CW4 Monroe Gildersleeve**.

Prayer led by **Eddie Sumbler**.

**CW4 Gildersleeve** welcomed the attendees and asked **CDR Adames** to give an update on upcoming events, to include:

**KY Council of Chapter, Ft Knox, KY** – Sat, 30 JAN 2018

**TN Veterans on the Hill (TVET)** – Nashville State Capitol - 07 FEB 2018

**Operation Stand Down HEROES Breakfast** – 08 FEB 2018, Clarksville, TN

**Buffalo Soldier Black Tie Banquet** – 17 Feb.

**CDR Adames** stated next meeting is at New China Buffet on Lowes Dr. Venue and invitation have been posted on the chapter website.

**CDR Singleton** presented the minutes of the previous stated meeting. Motion made, seconded, and minutes were unanimously approved.

**MAJ Summers** noted that **CDR Singleton** was listed as Legislative Liaison on the 2018 list of officers. The President said this was in anticipation of **MAJ Summers** run for mayor this year. The decision was made to leave **MAJ Summers** as the Liaison with **CDR Singleton** as the alternate.

**MAJ Dick Noggle** presented the financial report and proposed budget for 2018. Checking account has a balance of \$3120 and the scholarship fund has a balance of \$4,854. Directory fund has been zeroed out. **CW2 Warren Evans** stated that we still needed someone to take over the role as Directory Chair. **MAJ Noggle** also led a short

discussion on the Turkey shoot event which we would be taking the lead on this year for Ft Campbell. How funds will be collected, deposited and tracked is being worked out with the organizers. **MAJ Chase** had a suggestion for taking credit cards from cell phones.

**CW4 Brian Lynch** gave a report on leadership attendance at the Bowling Green meeting of MOAA attended by **Lt. GEN Dana Adkins**, President on the state of MOAA. He noted the issue of falling membership in all organizations and ours in particular. He emphasized the need for getting younger veterans into MOAA to keep the organization representing all veterans. The "Big 6" (largest veteran organizations) met with SecDef to discuss various veteran issues.

**MAJ Bill Summers** gave an update on TVET. Still looking at 7 Feb as date of Veterans Day on the Hill. Legislators are now moved into Cordell Hull. Four bills were submitted by the TVET team for consideration, all four received sponsors within 24 hours of submission. They include:

- Naming convention for state Veteran homes
- Stolen Valor as a misdemeanor
- Appointment of veterans to state higher education boards
- Appointment of veterans to state mental health and substance abuse boards.

We will also have an on-line registration for attendees this year. Registration sits at about 110. He thanked **COL Tom Borlund** and **MAJ Vivian Fivecoat** for starting the initiative of Veterans Day on the Hill. **CDR Singleton** noted the progress made in just three years of activity and the hope that other veteran groups would get onboard.

**CDR Singleton** raised the issue of the chapter's by-laws stating that each officer will hold a term of one year. Since we have had a policy of officers, specifically the President, serving for two consecutive years, the by-laws need to be revised. After a brief discussion, the motion to revise the by-laws was tabled until the next meeting when a draft can be provided of new, proposed wording in-line with national guidance.

**Good of the Chapter:** **MAJ Fivecoat** made a motion that **Phil Gray** be given an honorary membership to our MOAA chapter. The last anyone had heard, he was in the hospital in Vanderbilt and his prognosis did not look good. A decision was made to check with his family to see if he is able to take visitors and see if this is something we could do to recognize all of his work for veterans.

**CDR Adames** stated that a press release on the installation of new officers had been sent to the area press outlets in Kentucky and Tennessee. Clarksville Now published the information. We hope others will follow. City of Clarksville is also hosting a Senior Citizen Olympics with a registration fee of \$30.

A recommendation was made by the attendees to consider having a meeting at the Ajax Senior Citizens Center to see what services they offer and to make members aware of MOAA. This will be investigated to determine the feasibility.

**Chaplain Eddie Sumbler gave the closing prayer.**

Meeting adjourned at 1330.

**CDR Steve Singleton, Sec**