



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

**BOARD OFFICERS (Present):**

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

**(Absent)**

**CW4 Monroe Gildersleeve**, President  
**MAJ Dick Noggle**, Treasurer

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**Others Present:** LT COL JT Smith, Newsletter/Website; **CHAP Eddie Sumbler**, Chaplain; **MAJ Van Chase**, Tenn ROTC Liaison, **CW2 Warren Evans**, **COL Tom Borlund** and **CDR Ivan Adames**, Past Presidents, and **MAJ Vivian Fivecoat**, Historian

Meeting called to order @ 12:10 by 1<sup>st</sup> V. President **LCOL Tim Powers**

Prayer led by **Chaplain Eddie Sumbler**.

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

**MAJ Dick Noggle** was not present, but **LTC Tim Powers** stated that the chapter made money on the last meeting. Cost was \$460 and \$568 was taken in.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice Report. LTC Tim Powers** gave an update on future meeting:

Jun – Montgomery County Library. Speaker will be Cindy Stonebraker who has return from Far East trip.

Jul- Smokehaus. Speaker will be Francis Manzitto who will update membership on Welcome home Veterans plans.

Aug- Pioneer Club. Speaker will be manager of Hopkinsville VA Cemetary

Sep- Welcome Home event

Oct- Library- speaker TBD

Nov- Edwards Steak House – officer nominations

Dec – F&M Bank – Christmas party. This will include a \$24/per cost because of restrictions on which caterers can access the bank facilities.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Report. CW4 Brian Lynch** reported that he had received two rosters: one with membership and another with 1484 names which are perspective members in the area. Of the latter list, only 15 had e-mail addresses. CW4 Lynch will investigate cost of bulk mailing letters to the remainder of the list to invite them to attend our meeting. He also stated that we had gained two new members.

**Sec Report. CDR Singleton** stated that he will be gone for the stated and Executive meetings in July. He also mentioned that the perspective VIP Veteran for the Welcome Home Veterans Event in September will be Edgar Harrell, survivor of the USS Indianapolis.

**Web/Newsletter Report. LT COL JT Smith** mentioned that we need to appoint a new KY Legislative liaison since that billet is vacant. **Tony Thomas** was recommended as a replacement. **CDR Steve Singleton** will replace **MAJ Bill Summers** as the Tenn liaison as Bill starts his run for the mayor office.

**Historian Report.** MAJ Fivecoat stated that she would need help getting ads together for the new directory. Both CDR Adames and CW2 Warren Evans agreed to help. She also proposed to bring the directory to the monthly meeting to let members verify their information. She also has a box of pictures she wishes to bring along to see if the members can help her identify who they are. MAJ Fivecoat also mentioned that legislature was going through Congress to help pay for aid to pre-9/11 veterans caregivers. She is also going through training to assist veterans with VA claim processing. **LT COL Smith** said he would get her a copy of the 2017 Level of Excellence submission for the records.

**ROTC Report. MAJ Van Chase** reported on wrapping up the JROTC award presentations, finishing with N Hopkinsville (**CDR Adames**) and NW Montgomery County (**MAJ Chase and CW2 Evans**). Pictures of the presentations are important for our files and use with LOE submissions, articles and web site use. He stated that we will send award notifications out earlier next year and include scholarship information as well to increase participation in competition.

**Surviving Spouse report. Nancy Evans** said that the Women's group was planning a Blue Heron Cruise for their next event. She added that **Eunice Sumbler** would be taking over her duties as her eyesight is failing.

The question was raised about the overall goal of our scholarships:

- Is it to give college funds to superior JROTC students or to potential ROTC/future officers?
- Should the goal of our recipients be that they are going into the military?
- If we don't have enough candidates, why not roll the money over until some become available?

It was agreed that the Executive Committee need to meet with COL Yaeger to get clarification of our scholarship policy.

**Chaplain Report. Chaplain Eddie Sumbler** reported that he had been given additional responsibilities as Chaplain for MOAA Council and National Chaplain for Buffalo Soldiers.

**COL Tom Borlund** Reported that veterans received special recognition at a Clarksville High School reunion on Saturday. He also mentioned that we need to try and submit our LOE packages earlier this year as last year was a last-minute rush. He updated everyone on potential local political changes; Jay Reedy will probably run for Sen Mark Greens office when he runs for US Congress. He also stated that we need to take advantage of our recent successes when we send letters to prospects.

**CDR Ivan Adames** A brief discussion was then held on the Western KY Veterans Cemetery. He researched articles to determine where the funds came from in Tennessee to help pay for the Kentucky veterans cemetery. DAV Memphis paid \$25,000 to assist in the creation of the cemetery. A MOA was created between TN and KY to allow joint use of the grounds but in 2015, the Director of the Veterans

Services went back to the letter of the law. We will pursue getting KY and TN legislators behind getting back to the agreed process.

He also added that **MAJ Jesse Owens** has been diagnosed with cancer.

**CHAP Eddie Sumblar** gave the closing prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 1315.

**CDR Steve Singleton, Sec**