

Military Officers Association Of America Fort Campbell Chapter P.O. Box 3569 Clarksville, TN 37043-3569 Executive Committee Meeting 25 Oct 2018 Kandahar Room Cole Park Commons, Fort Campbell, KY



BOARD OFFICERS (Present):

CW4 Monroe Gildersleeve, President **LTC Tim Powers**, 1st Vice Pres **CW4 Brian Lynch**, 2nd Vice Pres **MAJ Dick Noggle**, Treasurer **CDR Steve Singleton**, Secretary

Others Present: CDR Ivan Adames, Past Presidents, MAJ Van Chase JROTC Liaison, Chaplain Eddie Sumbler, MAJ Vivian Fivecoat, Historian, Col Gary Chilcott, .ROTC Chairman, CWO Howard French, MAJ Van Chase, Young Park

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. Motion made by **MAJ Vivian Fivecoat**, seconded by **CW4 Brian Lynch**, unanimously approved.

Sickness and Distress: Chaplain Eddie Sumbler offered up prayers for **MAJ Vivian Fivecoat** and **Gary Ezell**, who is at the VA home going through rehab after surgery and **Joy Huggins** (sadly we found out later that day that Joy had passed away late that morning).

MAJ Dick Noggle presented the Treasurers report. \$3428.54 in General Fund, \$7028.98 in Scholarship fund, \$200.00 in Directory fund, \$450 in Turkey fund and \$500.00 in Golf Outing fund for a total of \$11,707.52. Motion made by **CWO Howard French**, seconded by **MAJ Vivian Fivecoat.** and approved to accept Treasurer's report. **MAJ Noggle** also asked that as we prepare next year's budget, we remember to include recurring expenses, such as dinner/breakfast for Welcome Home event, etc. Chaplain Eddie Sumbler asked that we make a donation to F.U.E.L. for kids in lieu of sending flowers to Joy.

1st Vice Report. LTC Powers

A schedule of events for remainder of the year. November will be at Edwards in November, with the **meal starting at 10:30** because of another group coming in. In December the luncheon will be at F&M Bank – Christmas party. (*EVERYONE IS REMINDED OF DIRTY SANTA GIFT*). This will include a \$24/per cost because of restrictions on which caterers can access the bank facilities. Meal will be catered by Nicolettas. We will need to vote on approving changes to the by-laws at the annual meeting.

CW4 Lynch gave a report on our mailings to potential members. He used a mailing list provided by MOAA, and mailed 131 letters with 30 coming back and no response from other letters. National sent another list with only a few e-mails included. Brian called about 30 and 3 agreed to receive our

newsletter. We need to discuss procedures for introducing new members to national. We did get some interest at the Veterans Appreciation day at Ft. Campbell.

Legislation. CDR Steve Singleton reported that TVET executive officers met to discuss potential bills for next year. The topic of Veteran Suicide has taken a priority since Tennessee is above the national average in suicides. **Sherry Pickering** has said there would be suicide training on 30 October, last two full days from 0800 to 1630.

Veterans Day on the Hill is set for 6 February, 2019. It was suggested that Steve contact **Bill Harpell** at US Bank who apparently has a lot of info on other state's veteran issues.

JROTC. COL Gary Chilcott was asked to be a speaker at a ball at Westbrook HS as part of the Veteran's Day events. There will be a breakfast at Austin Peay prior to the veterans day parade. Clarksville's parade is Saturday the 10th, same time as Hopkinsville. There will also be a USMC cake cutting at 2:00 at Austin Peay. The Clarksville Kiwanis council received a check for \$130 for the veterans tribute book they put together. A short discussion was held on review and selection of chapter scholarships and "return on investment" by trying to ensure those selected may have a career in the military and may also be future MOAA members. It was added that some provide scholarships to rising freshmen who have proven they will handle college (and possibly, be enrolled in ROTC). The frustration with our previous scholarship programs is getting responses back from schools. The key to getting participation is parent awareness.

Special Programs. CW4 Gildersleeve presented a letter from **Young Park** about a sponsorship for the chapter. Young gave a short explanation that the presentations would not be commercials, but rather information of use to members (social security, IRAs, wills, trusts, etc). Attendees voted unanimously to accept Young Park's offer.

A proposal was made to create a new membership status called "Friends of the Chapter". This would allow individuals who did not qualify for MOAA membership to attend meetings and participate. The motion was tabled until we can get clarification on restrictions, etc. at the national conference. Individuals would not pay dues, non-voting, would only pay for meals at monthly meeting.

The President reminded everyone of the ceremony in honor of **Cindy Stonebraker's** dad in Kentucky. APSU will have it's veteran alumni dinner on Friday.

Chaplain Sumbler gave the closing prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 1345.

CDR Steve Singleton, Sec