

**FORT RUCKER CHAPTER  
MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA  
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING  
August 13 2018**

The meeting convened at 1157 hours on 13 Aug 2018 at the Divots Restaurant and Silver Wings Golf Course, Fort Rucker, AL by Charlie Wigglesworth. Attendees were: Charlie Wigglesworth, Lisa Bailey, Mary Rutkowski, Ron Kaita, Ben McKee, Frank Estes, Ray Collins, Dennis Newton, Othan Gilbert and Faye Swinehart.

Ben McKee opened the meeting with prayer.

Old Business

- Minutes of the 16 July 2018 meeting were approved with the changes that the workshop to be attended by Dennis Newton and Lisa Bailey was going to be held **September 7-8**, not in August and that the coverage of a WOC graduation by Charlie Wigglesworth would be **29 August**, not July.
- The Treasurer's July report was approved.
- Charlie Wigglesworth comments included:
  - The MOAA election ballot was in the August magazine and encouraged all to vote.
  - The 7-8 Sep Mid Atlantic Council and Chapter Leadership workshop will be attended by Lisa Bailey and Dennis Newton.
  - Annual Meeting is 2-3 Nov in Phoenix, AZ and the chapter will not be sending a delegate although we have once again won the 5 Star Level of Excellence Award. Dennis Newton may be travelling in the area during the meeting and may drop in if so.
  - ROTC and JROTC certificates are only free with the purchase of a medal and only one certificate is provided. Recommend practice printing before using the actual certificate.

New Business

- Ron Kaita reported the addition of awards responsibility for the commissioned officer classes due to Stan Smith's change of job. Ron will be providing the certificates for the awards. As for the WOC classes, Dennis Newton will attend the ceremony 16 Aug, Charlie Wigglesworth will provide certificates/plaques and attend the ceremony 29 Aug. Ron recommended that all volunteer hours be captured for inclusion in the next 5 Star Award submission.
- Frank Estes reported he needs newsletter input by Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> Sept.
- Sept. The Coffee County Arts Alliance got their information in for future newsletters and that Ed Sherling Ford has dropped as an advertiser.
- Lisa Bailey reported that Frank Estes will be the guest speaker at the 18 Aug MOAA dinner and that she was having difficulty confirming the Oct speaker. Several recommendations were made for an alternate speaker.
- Othan Gilbert provided an accounting of membership gains and losses for our chapter as of the end of July. The solicitation letters sent to MOAA national life members had about a 10% return in adding members to the chapter. He also noted that the surviving spouse of a life member of MOAA national is given a membership and a new member number.

- Dennis Newton reported on the website. He has converted to a secure site and is trying to eliminate access to the non-secure old site. He reported that legislatively the new DOD budget has no increases in our healthcare costs.
- Ben McKee reported he had notified National MOAA of the deaths of COL(Ret) Sam Griffith and CW5(Ret) James Rathburn. He also informed us that bereaved spouses will have a packet mailed to them by DFAS for application for death benefits and that the phone was 1.800.321.1080. Chris Moore can help when the packet is received.
- Faye Swinehart contacted the Penny Griffith and provided her with support.
- Ray Collins reported on the activities of the August Retiree Council meeting.
- Mary Rutkowski reported that ROWA meets 11 Sep at The Landing.
- Charlie Wigglesworth discussed his comments on behalf of our MOAA chapter at the funeral for Jim Rathburn.
- Dinner meeting will be 18 Aug at The Landing and the next BOD meets 10 Sep at Divots.
- Meeting adjourned at 1301.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa Bailey, Recorder