

FORT RUCKER CHAPTER
MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
JANUARY 11, 2021

The meeting convened at 1200 on 11 January 2021 via Zoom due to Fort Rucker's CG's current General Order prohibiting in-person meetings/indoor dining by Ron Kaita. Attendees were Ron Kaita, Loel Ewart, Russell Smith, Charlie Wigglesworth, Dennis Newton, and telephonically by Mary Rutkowski.

Dennis Newton opened the meeting with prayer.

Old Business

- Minutes of the 14 December 2020 meeting were approved.
- The Treasurer's December 2020 finance report was approved. Loel's request for approval to destroy the 6th year tax reports and keeping the last 5 years was approved. He has completed working on the budget for next year. Bottomline: We need to be careful of our expenditures for all of 2021.

New Business

- Ron Kaita gave the Ambassador report for January/February 2021. He stated there are a couple of WOCS graduations for February. None for January. He said class schedules may be affected with the Post going to shut down through 18 January 2021.
- Though not in attendance, the BOD continues to acknowledge what a great job Frank continues to do for us on our chapter newsletter.
- Russ Smith stated a Guest speaker for next meeting is up in the air until Fort Rucker changes its COVID protocols. He is considering COL Nelson from USAWOCC, Rucker Garrison Commander or MG Francis. If nothing else, I am always ready to give a presentation on the heritage of the Warrant Officer.
- Othan Gilbert reports our current chapter membership is 141. He has also provided a current roster and the 2020 gain/loss report. From MOAA National, LIFE membership outperformed expectations in 2020 with upgrades exceeding target by 215 and fewer deaths than projected. Additionally, there were more upgrades to both LIFE membership and PREMIUM membership in 2020 than in 2019. Other good news on the paid membership front – the PREMIUM renewal rate for the year was 79.2% vice the goal of 78.5% set in the operating plan.
- Charlie Wigglesworth had a negative report for MOAA Legislative Affairs.
- No report was provided on Surviving Spouses Affairs.
- There was not a Retiree Council report due to the cancellation of the council's meeting due to COVID-19 post CG's general order.
- Mary Rutkowski announced that ROWA was to meet tomorrow as permitted by installation guidelines.
- Mary Rutkowski said our February 20th Membership Dinner at The Landing is all set up.
- Regarding PAO, Russ will put notices in local papers if the next meeting appears it will occur. In addition, there is a local radio station which will publicize upcoming events.
- Ron stated he is in the works of ordering new name tags for BOD members, pending him finding his Outreach Ambassador name tag as an example.

The board adjourned at 1300 hours.

The next Board meeting will be on 8 February 2021

As reported to Carolyn Wooley, Secretary, by Chapter President