

FORT RUCKER CHAPTER  
MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA  
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING  
MARCH 13, 2023

The meeting convened at 1200 on 13 March 2023 at the Divots Restaurant at Silver Wings Golf Course, Fort Rucker, AL and chaired by Ron Kaita. Attendees were Ron Kaita, Randy Godfrey, Carolyn Wooley, Loel Ewart, Frank Estes, Othan Gilbert, Mary Rutkowski, Dennis Newton and Ray Collins

Ron Kaita opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.  
Dennis Newton gave the invocation.

**Old Business**

- Minutes of the 13 February 2023 board meeting were approved.

**New Business**

- The Treasurer's 13 March 2023 finance report was approved. The budget for the coming year was approved also. Tax papers from 2017 have been burned.
- Ron Kaita stated that the Ambassador Program has three graduations this month. He recruited 64 basic memberships for MOAA national from class 23:09.
- Frank Estes has 10 pages at this time for the next newsletter. Ron has pictures to send to Frank to go in. Mary will send him the menu for April's luncheon.
- Randy Godfrey announced that April's luncheon has been confirmed for April 20<sup>th</sup>. It will be held at the Terrace, Oak Grove Park in Dothan. This is a free lunch: meet at 11:30 and eat at 12.
- Othan reported that we have 129 chapter members at this time. He also gave some interesting facts: 350,000 national MOAA memberships, 40% of those are basic members, 45% life members and 15% premium members. He stated that MOAA has 10 paid lobbyists.
- Ray Collins's report on Legislative Affairs saying that our Congressional Budget Office would like to reduce our TRICARE for Life benefits. COLA Watch: The December 2022 Consumer Price Index is 291.051 or .3% below the FY 2023 COLA baseline.
- Ron reported on Retiree Council. Main thing is welcome to Ft. Novosel. Ron reminded us that we would not be renaming our chapter. We will have to change our city address to Fort Novosel but our post office box number and zip code will remain the same.
- Randy said there is a rededication of Fort Rucker to Fort Novosel on 10 April. On 12 April the Headquarters Building will be named McNair Hall. On April 15 will be the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary Aviation Branch Ball.
- Mary Rutkowski reported that ROWA will meet tomorrow at The Landing with 10 reservations.
- Mary will take reservations for the lunch.
- Ron said that he had received the order for the MOAA pens for our speakers.
- Ron said that he, his wife, and Othan and his wife attended the MOAA regional leadership workshop this month in Birmingham. It was very informative.
- Ron informed us that he has asked Charlie Wigglesworth to submit our application for the Five Star Level of Excellence Award for 2022.

The board adjourned at 12:42 hours.  
The next board meeting will be on 10 April 2023.

Carolyn Wooley, Secretary

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