

FORT RUCKER CHAPTER
MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
MAY 8, 2023

The meeting convened at 1202 on 8 May 2023 at the Divots Restaurant at Silver Wings Golf Course, Fort Novasal, AL and chaired by Ron Kaita. Attendees were Ron Kaita, Randy Godfrey, Carolyn Wooley, Loel Ewart, Frank Estes, Ray Collins and Mary Rutkowski.

Ron Kaita opened the meeting with the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Old Business

- Minutes of the 10 April 2023 board meeting were approved with two corrections.

New Business

- The Treasurer's 9 May 2023 finance report was approved. Loel stated that we are on track for the \$500 scholarship fund by December.
- Ron Kaita gave the Ambassador Program report. He said that there is a graduation this Wednesday at 1000 if anyone would like to attend.
- Frank Estes reminded the board that the newsletter deadline for input is May 17.
- Randy Godfrey announced that June's luncheon speaker is Chris Mendez from M.W.R.
- Ron reported for Othan, that we still have 129 chapter members at this time.
- Ray Collins reported on the Legislative Affairs. This month's report centers on the recently released presidential budget proposal for DOD which tips the scales at \$800 billion dollars or 3.3% over last year. COLA Watch: is 1.1% above the FY 2023 COLA baseline.
- Ray's report on the Retiree Council is the Day at the Lake is 20 May, the MWR sale is 17-19 May and the Freedom Fest 30 June.
- Mary Rutkowski said that ROWA will meet tomorrow here at the Silver Wings Golf Course at 11. She has 10 reservations.
- Mary said she would get the menu for next month's luncheon to Frank for our newsletter. She has booked the Landing for our 17 August luncheon, 21 October and 16 December dinners.
- Randy stated that the MWR property sale is at 11 different sites. The web page will give pictures of the items that are for sale. May 26 is the Memorial Day Ceremony at 0830 out at the Veteran's Park. June 9 is the Chief Warrants Officers of Branches Change of Responsibility at 0830.
- Ron remarked that our military is lacking equipment and supplies to do the job, also that recruiting is down. He reminded us of next month's meeting, lunch and newsletter deadline.

The board adjourned at 1243 hours.

The next board meeting will be on 12 June 2023.

Carolyn Wooley, Secretary