

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

The meeting convened at 1205 on 13 November 2023 at the Divots Restaurant at Silver Wings Golf Course, Fort Novosel, AL and chaired by Ron Kaita. Attendees were Ron Kaita, Dennis Newton, Carolyn Wooley, Loel Ewart, Frank Estes, Othan Gilbert, Ray Collins, Faye Swinehart and Mary Rutkowski.

Dennis Newton opened the meeting with the invocation.
Ron Kaita led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Old Business

- Minutes of the 9 October 2023 board meeting were approved.

New Business

- The Treasurer's 13 November finance report was approved.
- Ron Kaita gave the Ambassador Program report. The next graduation will be this Thursday for class 2402. He recruited 61 new MOAA basic members from this class. Ron and Dennis attended the Retiree Appreciation Day and recruited 8 new members for MOAA.
- Frank reminded us that he would like all news items for the newsletter to be in by Wednesday of this week.
- Othan reported that our membership is at 131. He made up a new schedule for the coming year. We had a discussion on the MOAA chapter Dinners. It was decided that we would keep to six a year and all on the third Saturday night. No more luncheons. The newsletter would stay the same, six a year.
- Ray gave a report on Legislative Affairs and Retiree Council. Congress still has not signed the National Defense Authorization Act for the coming year. COLA Watch: The August CPI index is 307.551 or 3.3% above the 23 COLA baseline. The closure days for Commissary and Exchange during the holiday season are Nov. 23, Dec 25 and Jan 1. MWR Winter Fest is coming Dec. 12. Use your Star Card during the holiday season for possible prizes.
- Mary Rutkowski said ROWA's next meeting will be tomorrow at the Silver Wings Golf Course. This is ROWA's 50th anniversary. There are 11 reservations.
- Mary gave two different menus, one roast beef the other prime rib. We voted on prime rib at \$25.00 a plate. The rest of the menu consist of mixed green salad with cucumbers, assorted dressings; green beans with crispy onions; baked potatoes with sour cream, butter, shredded cheese; rolls and butter; cheesecake with assorted toppings; sweet and unsweet tea, water and coffee.
- Ron reminded us that he is still looking for his replacement and for vice president.

The board adjourned at 13:00
The next board meeting will be on 11 December.

Carolyn Wooley, Secretary

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