

FORT RUCKER CHAPTER
MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
12 February 2018

The meeting was convened at 1200 hours on 12 February 2018 at the Divots Restaurant at Silver Wings Golf Course, Fort Rucker, AL by VP Lisa Bailey. Attendees were Lisa Bailey, Loel Ewart, Mary Rutkowski, Othan Gilbert, Frank Estes, Charlie Block, Ron Kaita, Ben McKee, Ray Collins and Faye Swinehart.

Ben opened the meeting with prayer.

Old Business

**Minutes of the 8 January 2018 meeting were approved.

**The Treasurer's February 2018 finance report was approved as well as the budget for 2018.

New Business

**During the Treasurer's report there was a discussion of different fund-raising opportunities for the chapter. The main recipient of this activity would probably be the MOAA Scholarship Fund. The final outcome of the discussion was to have a Silent Auction at the December dinner.

**Ron Kaita gave a report of recent recruiting activities with those training to be warrant officers. In addition, he published a schedule of upcoming warrant officer graduations. Othan agreed to cover the graduations on 14 February and 1 March. Lisa volunteered to cover the graduation on 21 March. Ron will cover the graduation on 22 February, if necessary. He is currently contacting high school ROTC programs in our area to establish dates when their graduation programs will be conducted. As he previously advised, several new Air Force officers will be commissioned this spring at Troy University in Troy which will require the purchase of additional rank insignia and certificates. The purchase was approved.

**Frank was complimented on the outstanding quality of the recent newsletter and for placing the chapter membership application on the last page of the newsletter.

**Lisa discussed upcoming programs for future dinner meetings. Right now, June and August 2018 are open.

**Othan reported that several members had recently been deleted from the chapter roster due to PCS moves and non-payment of 2018 dues. All board members have been provided a current chapter roster. He also reported that one of our chapter life members had allowed his membership status with MOAA to lapse. If this individual does not renew with National, his chapter membership will be terminated but allowed to renew his chapter membership in the future at no cost if he renews his National membership.

**Charlie Block reported on the latest legislature items that impact our military community.

**Ben McKee led a discussion on honoring the surviving spouses that are associated with our chapter. It was felt that flowers at our October meeting would be appropriate. Details TBD.

**There was a discussion about how to go about trying to name the Fort Rucker Equestrian Center after one of our deceased chapter members, COL Herman Heath. Othan volunteered to try to speak with the Garrison Commander and inquire about the proper procedure.

**Mary reported that ROWA's next meeting would be on 13 February at The Landing.

**Mary also accepted reservations for the dinner this Saturday night.

**Ray reported on the last Retiree Council meeting with a focus on the PX and the commissary.

The Board adjourned at 1301 hours.

The next Board meeting will be at 1200 hours on 12 March 2018

Othan Gilbert for Carolyn Wooley, Secretary