

FORT RUCKER CHAPTER
MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
14 MARCH 2022

The meeting convened at 1233 on 14 March 2022 at the Divots Restaurant at Silver Wings Golf Course, Fort Rucker, AL and chaired by Ron Kaita. Attendees were Ron Kaita, Faye Swinehart, Loel Ewart, Frank Estes, Othan Gilbert, Ray Collins, Mary Rutkowski, Dennis Newton and Lisa Bailey.

Dennis Newton opened the meeting with prayer.

Old Business

- Minutes of the February meeting were approved.

New Business

- The Treasurer's 14 March 2022 finance report was approved.
- Ron said that the warrant officer college was now conducting open graduations without masks. There is a graduation scheduled for tomorrow and all are welcomed to attend.
- Frank reminded everyone to submit their articles for the newsletter this week, and, because there are not the normal dinner pictures (the dinner scheduled for 19 February was cancelled because of insufficient reservations) to insert in the newsletter, he requested filler input that would be appropriate. Ron stated that he had many pictures from prior warrant officer graduations that he would submit.
- Othan reported the addition of a new chapter member today, CPT Jerry Ogles, who lives in Enterprise. We now have 137 chapter members.
- Faye reported that she had followed up on the few member deaths in recent months and sent cards to the surviving spouses.
- Ray Collins gave a report on Legislative Affairs: the National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2022 gave a 2.7% increase to active duty pay, supported the basic needs allowance, added leave for parental care and bereavement leave, impact aid for some school districts, special pay for National Guard for hazardous duty, and reformed the UCMJ in sexual harassment cases.
- Ray in reporting on the retiree council meeting: the PX will observe Viet Nam service through various promotions, the food court will have a planned power outage 30/31 March, the PX has job openings at \$15 hourly, H&R Block now open in PX, Arts & Crafts now conducting pottery class, MWR offering a pickle ball clinic on 19 March, golf course conducting their annual membership drive, and, the equestrian center has become a very active entity including adding a new riding instructor.
- Mary Rutkowski reported that ROWA met on 9 March at the Landing with 8 in attendance.
- Mary Rutkowski reported that the dinner meeting scheduled for 19 February was cancelled due to insufficient reservations. Therefore, a luncheon meeting was scheduled at The Landing for Thursday, 21 April, at 1100. The idea is to see if our membership will respond more readily and in greater numbers to a luncheon on Thursdays rather than a dinner on Saturday. The luncheon in April will offer 2 choices: salmon or chicken salad, with choice to be designated when the reservation is made. Cost will be \$19.
- Ron said he could contact Russell to determine if he has an available speaker for our April luncheon. It was agreed that Ron will ask those attending the luncheon for suggestions and ideas for dinner/luncheon meetings and see what the favored consensus was.
- Ron announced that the project to spruce up the wounded warrior cottage this past Saturday was cancelled since the grounds were in good shape and did not need further attention at this time.

The board adjourned at 1318 hours.

The next Board meeting will be on 11 April 2022.

Othan Gilbert for
Carolyn Wooley, Secretary