

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

The meeting convened at 1200 on 13 February 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, Othan Gilbert, Faye Swinehart, Mary Rutkowski, Dennis Newton and Ray Collins.

Dennis Newton opened the meeting with prayer following with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

**Old Business**

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

**New Business**

- The Treasurer's 13 February 2023 finance report was approved. Loel stated he is working on the budget and the IRS report and should have them ready within the week.
- Ron Kaita stated that the Ambassador Program has a graduation this week. He recruited 64 from the 23:06 class for MOAA national.
- Randy Godfrey reminded all that our speaker for Saturday's dinner is Robert Mitchell, the Director of the Aviation Museum.
- Frank was recognized for the superb job he does with the newsletter. He is appreciated.
- Othan reported that we have 129 chapter members at this time. He mentioned that he has a list of all past presidents of our chapter. It was recommended that this list be published in the next newsletter.
- Ray Collins report on Legislative Affairs saying that a few issues for budget cuts include Tricare For Life enrollment fees, smaller cost of living increases, reductions in VA Care and reduced benefit payments. On the active-duty side favorite targets are capping pay raises and cuts in housing benefits
- Mary Rutkowski reported that ROWA will meet tomorrow at The Landing. Eleven reservations were made for the meeting. Carolyn Wooley is the hostess.
- Mary took reservations for our Saturday night dinner. She only has 16 at this time and needs 30. It was decided that we would not cancel the dinner and that the treasurer would make up the difference in cost.
- Randy Godfrey asked for help to excess MOAA web page and Facebook page.
- Ron said that he, his wife, and Othan and his wife will attend the MOAA regional leadership workshop this month in Birmingham.
- Ron informed us that the Alabama Council of Chapters wants to hire a consultant to readdress the needs of veterans at a cost of \$7000 annually. They want our chapter to give \$500 yearly to this cause. We voted to not to participate in this.
- Our next Chapter meeting will be a lunch meeting on 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 noon .

The board adjourned at 1250 hours.

The next board meeting will be on 13 March 2023.

Carolyn Wooley, Secretary

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