

FORT RUCKER CHAPTER
MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
JULY 10, 2023

The meeting convened at 1200 on 10 July 2023 at the Divots Restaurant at Silver Wings Golf Course, Fort Novosel, AL and chaired by Ron Kaita. Attendees were Ron Kaita, Carolyn Wooley, Loel Ewart, Faye Swinehart, Othan Gilbert, Frank Ewart and Mary Rutkowski.

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

Old Business

- Minutes of the 10 June 2023 board meeting were approved.

New Business

- The Treasurer's 10 July 2023 finance report was approved. Loel said that we are on target to give \$500 to both the food bank and MOAA scholarship in December.
- Ron Kaita gave the Ambassador Program report. He said that class 2319 will be held this Friday at the Museum. Last class to graduate this month is class 2320 on July 30.
- Frank reminded us that the Newsletter Input is due 19 July but would prefer earlier. Ron and Othan agreed to send their reports earlier. We tabled a discussion on sending out the newsletter quarterly instead of every other month.
- Ron Kaita reported for Randy Godfrey that our speaker for the August luncheon will be Tracy Robinson, Novosel's Casualty Affairs Chief.
- Othan reported 127 MOAA members and 27 spouse members. He reported that we two active members died recently: LTC Benny Jones and MAJ Carlie Bryant. Othan stated that he spent \$250 on postage for the coming year to mail newsletters. We voted to have Loel put in the 2024 budget the cost of 20 lunches that will be a special free lunch to recruit new members that are MOAA national members but not chapter members.
- Legislative Affairs: MOAA's priorities for 118th congress as follows: Compensation and Service Earned Benefits; Military housing; Health Care for Currently Serving and Retirees; Health Care and Benefits for Veterans; Service Families; Survivors; and Guard and Reserve.
- Faye Swinehart reported that she was in touch with Benny Jones's widow to offer advice and assistance.
- Mary Rutkowski said ROWA's next meeting will be 12 Sept. at the Silver Wings Golf Course.
- Mary stated the menu for the August luncheon is as follows: southern style BBQ chicken: green beans almandine: potato salad: rolls and butter: sweet and unsweet tea, water and coffee. The cost will be \$20.00.
- Ron said that he hopes to get Congressman Barry Moore for our speaker at the October MOAA chapter meeting.

The board adjourned at 1302 hours.

The next board meeting will be on 14 August 2023.

Carolyn Wooley, Secretary