

MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

ALAMO CHAPTER
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MINUTES OF STAFF MEETING Thursday, February 4, 2016

Meeting was called to order by President, Jim Cunningham at 1000 hrs. A quorum was present and acting throughout the meeting.

Attendees: Col Irene Collier, Col Kerry Green, Col Peter Hunt, Col Stu Myers, Col David Patrick, Col Bruce Willett, LTC Bob Blake, LtCol Jim Conner, LTC Randy Hoff, LTC James Taylor, LTC Jim Webb, MAJ Jim Cunningham, Susie Tolman, Trish Meserve.

Invocation by Chaplain Taylor and pledge led by Jim Cunningham.

Additions to the agenda: None

Introductions made to Jim Conner from Blue Skies.

Secretary: Col David Patrick – Minutes from the January meeting were reviewed and approved for filing.

Treasurer: Vaughn Caudill – absent. David Patrick reviewed the January financials.

Outreach Account:

INCOME	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	Oct	Nov	Dec	2016 Budget	Variance
Donations	2,025.00												\$ 7,000.00	(4,975.00)
Other														-
Golf Tournament														-
In														-
Out														-
Sub Total Golf	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 15,000.00	(15,000.00)
TOTAL INCOME	2,025.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 22,000.00	(19,975.00)
OUTFLOWS														
Charity														
Wounded Warrior													\$ 7,500.00	(7,500.00)
MOAA Heritage													\$ 125.00	(125.00)
Undesignated Charities													\$ -	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 7,625.00	(7,625.00)
Scholarships														
Col Torrey													\$ 2,500.00	(2,500.00)
Gen Herring (JROTC)													\$ 500.00	(500.00)
Col McCarthy (JROTC)													\$ 500.00	(500.00)
Chapter													\$ 500.00	(500.00)
ROTC Army													\$ 9,000.00	-
ROTC AF (LtCol Ed & Ruby Marvin)													\$ 2,000.00	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 15,000.00	(15,000.00)
TOTAL OUTFLOW	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$ 22,625.00	(22,625.00)
Decrease/Increase	2,025.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ (625.00)	2,650.00

Operating Account – Inflow:

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	2016 Budget	Variance
Membership Dues															
MOAA National													\$0.00	\$ 3,000	-\$3,000.00
New Aux													\$0.00	\$ -	\$0.00
New Retired													\$0.00	\$ -	\$0.00
New Active Duty													\$0.00	\$ -	\$0.00
New Former													\$0.00	\$ -	\$0.00
Renewal Aux	420.00												\$420.00	\$ 1,200	-\$780.00
Renewal Retired	2,460.00												\$2,460.00	\$ 8,000	-\$5,540.00
Renewal Active Duty	30.00												\$30.00	\$ 700	-\$670.00
Renewal Former	1,950.00												\$0.00	\$ -	\$0.00
Total	\$ 2,910.00	\$ -	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,910.00	\$ 12,900	-\$9,990.00
Non-Dues Revenue															
CFC													\$0.00	\$ -	\$0.00
Trip Rewards	373.80												\$373.80	\$ -	\$373.80
Golf Tournament													\$0.00	\$ 1,700	\$1,700.00
Shirt Sales													\$0.00	\$ -	\$0.00
Merchandise	105.00												\$105.00	\$ 120	-\$15.00
Advertising Lariat													\$0.00	\$ 19,000	-\$19,000.00
Corporate Partnership	100.00												\$100.00	\$ 1,000	-\$900.00
Donations to Chapter	860.00												\$860.00	\$ 5,000	-\$4,140.00
Donations to Outreach	1,515.00												\$1,515.00	\$ 7,000	-\$5,485.00
Social Events	1,950.00												\$1,950.00	\$ 15,000	-\$13,050.00
Total	\$ 4,903.80	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$4,903.80	\$ 48,820	-\$43,916.20
TOTAL INCOME	\$7,813.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,813.80	\$ 61,720	-\$53,906.20

Operating Account – Outflow:

Category	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	2016 Budget	Variance
Bank Charge/Int	56.80												56.80	\$ 100	43.20
Board & Staff Mtg													-	\$ -	-
Building Costs (rent)													-	\$ 1,200	1,200.00
Copier Mntn Agreement													-	\$ 400	400.00
Square Service Fee	32.52												32.52	\$ 400	367.48
PayPal Service Fee	41.75												41.75	\$ 500	458.25
D&O Insurance													-	\$ 650	650.00
Dues & Subscription	586.00												586.00	\$ 1,350	764.00
Golf Tournament Contr													-	\$ 500	500.00
Independent Contr	1,209.38												1,209.38	\$ 14,725	13,515.62
Lariat Postage	225.00												225.00	\$ 3,000	2,775.00
Lariat Printing	463.64												463.64	\$ 8,000	7,536.36
Liability Insurance													-	\$ 500	500.00
Marketing													-	\$ 1,000	1,000.00
Membership Recruiting													-	\$ 100	100.00
Miscellaneous (Move)													-	\$ 100	100.00
Office	326.39												326.39	\$ 2,300	1,973.61
Personal Affairs													-	\$ -	-
Postage & Delivery	196.00												196.00	\$ 1,900	1,704.00
ROTC													-	\$ 350	350.00
Satellite Chapters													-	\$ -	-
Social Events													-	\$ 15,000	15,000.00
Solitaires													-	\$ 100	100.00
Special Activities													-	\$ 1,200	1,200.00
Telephone													-	\$ 1,800	1,800.00
Trans To Outreach	2,025.00												2,025.00	\$ 7,000	4,975.00
Volunteer Recogn													-	\$ 100	100.00
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TOTAL OUTFLOWS	5,162.48	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,162.48	\$ 62,275	57,112.52
Surplus/(Deficit)	2,651.32	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,651.32	(555.00)	3,206.32

Reserve Balances & Social Events:

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
Outreach													
RBFCU													
Savings	\$ 7.90												
Money Market	\$19,994.40												
Checking	\$ 108.48												
Certificates	\$ 9,512.15												
Total	\$29,622.93	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Chapter Operations													
Broadway	\$34,677.88												
USAA	\$16,047.93												
Total	\$50,725.81	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Job Fair In	\$ 870.87												
Job Fair Out	\$ 227.27												
Balance to be transferred	\$ 643.60												
Social Events	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
Income	\$1,950.00												\$1,950.00
Outgo													\$0.00
Variance	\$1,950.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,950.00

Executive VP Operations: LTC Bill Goforth – Absent. No report.

Vice President Administration/ROTC: Jim Webb – MOAA awards have been received as well as responses to presentation inquiries. 117 High Schools and 7 ROTC units have been contacted.

VP Membership: LTC Randy Hoff – Membership chart reviewed: Active Duty 236, Auxiliary 188, Former 35, Retired 909 totaling 1368. Additionally, recent ETAP and Job Fair events netted 23 more members. Next recruiting events in March include an Extravaganza and a Job Fair. Thanked Dave Padden, Mac McDonald, Kitty Meyers and Jim Cunningham for their assistance at the Job Fair.

Jim provided Randy with a copy of the new MOAA 2016 Recruiting Program. Each new member will be rewarded with \$10 stipend, \$15 for each premium member and \$30 for each life member. New is a \$250 incentive for 95% retention as determined by MOAA.

VP Programs: Col Bruce Willett – Still working on a possible speaker from the local Tuskegee Airman chapter. Have left word for Mary Garr at the ARC re their luncheon slated for August. KLRN's Blazing Saddles telethon is scheduled for Wed-Sat Jun 8th-11th and 15th-18th. Will try to get the 6pm slot a group of MOAA folks.

President: Maj Jim Cunningham – Met last week for the annual TVCO meeting (made up of 38 Military Service Organizations and Veteran Service Organizations) and discussed Hazlewood Act, transportation and mental health. Jim was elected Chairman of the TVCO.

Next week the Texas Veterans Commission is holding its Veterans Summit in College Station. Decisions will be made on what to propose to the 2017 Legislature. Jim encouraged all to attend.

Volunteer of The Year information is now available and any suggestions on the Chapter's nominee should be emailed to Jim.

Materials for the Communications Award were submitted to MOAA and he is now working on the Level of Excellence Award to be submitted by March 1.

Kitty Meyers and Jim attended a town hall meeting with State Senators Carlos Uresti and Robert Menendez to talk about veterans issues and what should be on the 2017 legislative agenda. The Navy has requested MOAA-AC's assistance in setting up a dinner during Navy Week during the last week of Fiesta.

MOAA National Update:

Jim Conner: MOAA's new leader Dana Atkins recently visited Florida and feedback Jim has received from his contact there indicate he has a different leadership style compared to Norb Ryan. He is very enthusiastic and travelling a lot to meet his "charges". The April Storming The Hill has changed to a week later than originally planned and the talking points are currently being worked out.

Applications are being taken to replace the 12 outgoing Board members.

Buddy Program Status – No updates..

Staff Reports

Chapter Affairs Officer: Col Irene Collier – Tries to talk ARC residents into becoming local chapter members but to no avail. Jim encouraged all to insist we need their membership to increase our numbers to give us sufficient representation to the state and local government. Discussion followed on how to convey the importance of numbers in membership. Jim Webb suggested a professional create a paper to be included at Welcome Orientations at the ARC and Blue Skies. It was decided Fernando Carreon has that skillset and David Patrick will ask him to contact Jim Conner and come up with something suitable for Blue Skies.

Duty Officers are to be honored at the February luncheon and presented with a certificate.

(BTW - Irene is to take on an added task of calling chapter members who deserve an "attaboy" or response phone call – e.g. calling to congratulate 98 year old member, or to thank a long time member who is now leaving the state and thereby cancelling their membership – an added personal touch.

Editor/VGSAA Rep: Col Kerry Green – Minutes from past VGSAA meetings attached – see Appendix 1 and 2.

Webmaster: Col Bill Hudson – Absent. No report.

Administration: Trish Meserve – Requested calendar updates. Advised on shipping costs of MOAA items. Discussion that followed resulted in the coin being the speaker gift of choice and Trish to look into coin case options.

Historian: LTC Kerry Reyna – Absent. No report.

ARC Satellite Chapter: MG Chuck Honore – Absent. No report.

Scholarship: Col Peter Hunt – One JROTC scholarship is in and another inquiry has been made. Jim Cunningham to contact Brigade Commander re speaking at the March Scholarship luncheon. The Detachment commanders will also be invited to the luncheon to further build the college level scholarships. JROTC winners will be limited to one free guest plus their unit commander, and any additional guest will need to submit payment. Peter is also producing a background paper to present to the ROTC Commanders to promote and explain our scholarship program. A date to review the JROTC submissions will be decided soon.

Transition Liaison Officer: LtCol Kitty Meyers – Absent. Kitty and David Patrick hosted a 2 hour clinic at JBSA Lackland providing help in writing resumes and other transitioning tips.

Special Activities Representative: Susie Tolman – Dates for VOYA JBSA still to be announced.

Blue Skies West Liaison: LtCol Jim Conner – Jim will be in charge of the Veterans Day Program at Blue Skies West next November and will incorporate the JROTC cadets from John Jay High School again as part of the program.

Jim submits a short article on MOAA for the Blue Skies bi-weekly newsletter and anyone having an item of interest for this group can send it to him for publication.

Jim is a member of the Blue Skies Ambassador Program greeting new potential residents and will give them information on the Alamo Chapter.

Advertising Coordinator: Maj Fernando Carreon – Absent. Mention was made that USAA advertising for local chapters was definitely cancelled and replaced with \$300 grant to be applied for on line. David Patrick will submit the request

Caring Transitions has agreed to place a 12 month contract for a third of a page ad. Will be attending Marketing meeting with David Patrick, Jim Conner and Jim Cunningham on Feb 19th.

Volunteer Coordinator: (Open). No report

Solitaires: Pat Shecter – Absent. No report.

VP Personal Affairs: Col Stu Myers – Reported two (2) retired officer member deaths in January.

Consultant: Maj Len Mull – Absent. No report.

Chaplain: Chaplain Taylor – No report. Inquired as to whether the homeless veteran burial services had a chaplain present. Jim to make sure his name is on the list as an alternate.

VP Public Relations/Marketing: LTC Charles Poole - Absent. No report.

VP Legislative Affairs: LTC Bob Blake – Military Officer's magazine contained an article on TriCare and included the CapWhiz forms. Make sure you send them in or complete on line. They may not be physically read but they are counted.

VP Logistics: (Open) No report.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

MEETING ADJOURNED at 11:47am.

Next staff meeting scheduled for Thursday 3 March at 10am.

Next Board meeting Wednesday 13 April at 1pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Patrick".

Col David Patrick, USAF (Ret), Secretary

APPENDIX 1



Veterans of Greater San Antonio Area

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5804 Babcock Road #193, San Antonio, TX 78240

MINUTES of November 24, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 1342 hrs by Tom Earnest, President, and the pledge of allegiance was led by Juan Molina. Those present were: Tom Earnest, MERV; Nicki Frey, WMA; Kerry Green, MOAA; Trish Martin, WOSL; Manny Mendoza, MSD; Juan Molina, USSV; Karen Nauschuetz, DAR; and Wendy Weller, MOWW. The minutes for October 2015 were read and accepted as corrected.

The treasurer's report showed \$10,155.88 with \$120 set aside for cemetery ceremonies. \$100 was sent to the American Cancer Association as a donation in honor of Congresswoman Ruth McClendon. The report was accepted subject to audit.

Committee reports-

MSD- provided firing squad at Veterans Day ceremony, and also participated in VAVS Bake sale. 36 MSD members received the second highest civilian meritorious medal from Army North at the 17th annual banquet hosted by Ruth McClendon on November 2. Currently MSD provides 9-12 services daily due to less available active duty details; this includes services for active duty and retired.

Cemetery Committee- Tom Earnest reported that the Veterans Day ceremony had large attendance. Judge Primomo swore in 20 military members as new citizens. Members of SFA escorted representatives from each service to the stage at which time the reps read the service creed and presented a wreath, and each service song was sung. The color guard was provided by the Southside AFJROTC. MAJ James Cunningham, President of MOAA, received applause for his speech.

Unfinished Business: 6 Wreaths were purchased and will be placed on the graves of former VGSA members Robert Garcia, Lois Johns, Ed miller, Frank Perales, many Rangel, and Jim Stryzak. Discussion about printing the programs yielded the following suggestion: NCOA might prepare the program as usual, and give the jump drive to VGSA, who would then take it to the printer. JW Martin might be able to provide prices from a printer. The estimated number of copies would be 1200. The list of organizations assisting in the ceremony was reviewed and culled. Discussion concerning projects to be taken on by VGSA was tabled and members are to bring ideas to the January meeting.

New Business- Nominations for election of officers for 2016 were made. The slate elected was: President, Tom Earnest, Vice President, Manny Mendoza Secretary - Wendy Weller - Treasurer, Trish Martinez, Assistant Treasurer- Kerry Green. The positions of Chaplain, and SGT at Arms, will be announced at the January meeting, when the officers will be installed.

The meeting was adjourned at 1500 hours.

The next VGSA meeting will be held on January 26 at 1330 hrs.

Respectfully submitted

Wendy Weller, Secretary.

Appendix 2



Veterans of Greater San Antonio Area

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5804 Babcock Road #193, San Antonio, TX 78240

MINUTES of September 29, 2015 (revised)

The meeting was called to order at 1335 hrs by Tom Earnest, President, and the pledge of allegiance was led by JW Martin. Bill Roberts gave the invocation. Those present were: David Cuellar, 141st IA Tom Earnest, MERV; Nicki Frey, WMA; JW Martin, SFA; Trish Martin, WOSL; Manny Mendoza; MSD; Juan Molina, USSV; Karen Nauscheutz, DAR; Bill Roberts, POW/MIA; and Wendy Weller, MOWW.

The minutes for June 2015 were read and accepted as corrected.

The treasurer's report showed \$10,155.88 with \$120 set aside for cemetery ceremonies. The report was accepted subject to audit.

Karen Nauscheutz was introduced as the rep for the 10 area DAR chapters,

Committee reports-

MSD-Vice President Manny reported that over 31,000 services have been provided so far by MSD. Ruth McClendon is hosting the 17th annual banquet for MSD on November 2. MSD will be participating in ceremonies for the Jewish War Veterans and at a retirement home in Gardenridge. MSD will be manning a booth at Retiree Appreciation Day at Fort Sam Houston on October 3. MSD also received a replacement van from the VA. Certain eligible MSD members will be awarded the second highest civilian meritorious medal from Army North at a banquet. Each year members who become eligible for award are considered for this honor.

Cemetery Committee- President Tom reported that the Veterans Day ceremony will feature the Children's Choir and Judge Primomo swearing in 22 military members as new citizens. The ceremony will be on the 11th of November which is a Thursday. The music will be provided by either an all veterans band or the Army band, and will begin at 0930hrs; the ceremony will begin at 1000hrs. Members of SFA will escort representatives from each service to the front area at which time the each rep will read the service creed and present a wreath, and each service song will be sung. The color guard will be provided by the Southside AFJROTC. MSD will provide taps and firing squad.

The caisson is available for Army personnel with a rank of E-9 and above, or KIA or MOH. The new cemetery director is Ms Freida Robinson, who was last posted at the St. Louis cemetery. The VA cemetery Information Center needs a volunteer on Saturdays from 9-2; the time could be divided by two folks into 3 hours each.

Sgt-at-Arms- JW Martin is now on the VA Advisory Committee.

New Business- MSD is requesting funds to purchase a new bugle for taps. JW Martin made a motion to purchase the bugle and Bill Roberts seconded. Discussion centered on making one person responsible for maintaining the bugles. The motion was passed and the treasurer will provide a check to MSD for \$532. Participation in the Wreaths across America program was discussed. A motion was made by Wendy Weller and seconded by John Molina to buy 6 wreaths honoring past VGSAA members. The motion passed and the treasurer will send a check in with the completed form.

Announcements- The Buffalo Soldiers will host a Veterans Day Ceremony on 11 November at 1330 hrs at the San Antonio National Cemetery.

The benediction was given by Bill Roberts and the meeting was adjourned at 1445 hours.

The next VGSAA meeting will be held on October 27 at 1330 hrs.

Respectfully submitted

Wendy Weller, Secretary.