

MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

ALAMO CHAPTER
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MINUTES OF STAFF MEETING

Thursday September 5, 2019

Meeting was called to order by President Kitty Meyers at 1000 hrs. A quorum was present and acting throughout the meeting.

Attendees:

Staff: Col Irene Collier, Col Stu Myers, Col Peter Hunt, CAPT Cora Bayle Cox, COL Vaughn Caudill, LTC Robert Blake, LtCol Kathie Estrada, LtCol Kitty Meyers, MAJ Jim Cunningham, Susie Tolman

Invocation and pledge by Jim Cunningham.

Secretary: Col David Patrick, USAF (Ret) – Absent. Minutes from the August meeting were reviewed and approved for filing. Motion made by Jim Cunningham, seconded by Vaughn Caudill. Vote was unanimous.

Treasurer: No financials to review.

VP Membership: Maj Jim Cunningham, USA (Ret) Membership statistics not available for review. The July membership stands at 1063 consisting of 208 Active Duty, 158 Surviving Spouses, 21 Former Military and 676 Retired. Membership numbers continue to be an issue. MAJ Cunningham advised that membership has increased by a few. Has contacted the Morgans at the Army Residence Community and offered assistance in the creation of the satellite. They are planning to meet with Grace Newton at the ARC to discuss an initial planning meeting. He will assist as they request. Has a list of potential folks in the Austin area regarding a satellite. Is scouting locations for a preliminary meeting. Folks include members of the former chapter as well as new contacts. The newly created Army Futures Command with 500 located in the Austin area will be a population to connect. His connections with Army North CC, Major General Richardson will be an asset as she is the spouse of the Futures Command Deputy Commander. Also discussed request of Texas Council of Chapters to hold the December 6/7 meeting at Blue Skies of Texas. Discussed dinner location and other logistic details. He will be honored with the MOAA Steve Strowbridge Legislative Award at the event. He also mentioned that the Texas Council is currently accepting nominations for leadership positions. Interested parties should contact him. Annual BAMC Retiree event to be held on October 19. LtCol Meyers advised that Randolph's Retiree event scheduled on September 28 at Kendrick Club.

VP Programs: Col David Patrick, USAF (Ret) – Absent. The current program calendar is full of great speakers and David is already working on the first 6 months of next year.

VP Legislative Affairs: LTC Robert Blake, USA (Ret) – Discussed the Military Officer Magazine article updating status of the National Defense Authorization Act legislation. In conference for both Congressional houses to resolve differences in individual house bills, passage of final and then presidential signature. LTC Blake announced that he is retiring from position and won't seek re-election. MAJ Cunningham announced he will seek that position.

President: LtCol Kitty Meyers, USAF (Ret) – Discussed the success of the golf tournament. Advised submission of SBP-DIC and DHA impact on BAMC/military medicine in San Antonio as two topics for the SA Chamber of Commerce's annual SA to DC trip in February 2020. Will

continue to monitor and assist Chamber as needed during ramp up of trip agenda items. Advised staff of her recognition at the San Antonio Women's Chamber of Commerce November 9 Constellation of Stars Gala as one of the "stars". Will attend the September 13 UTSA AFROTC Dining Out. Upcoming event is the POW Vietnam Veteran event in Round Rock on September 28.

Buddy Program Status: Encouraged all to solicit buddies as volunteers for the open positions and as committee members.

Scorecard: LtCol Meyers advised that the focus is still on membership and financials. COL Caudill discussed the impact the golf tournament proceeds will have on future discussions. Item to be a focus at the October staff meeting.

Staff Reports

Advertising Coordinator: Col Lisa Skopal, USAF (Ret) – Absent. Out of pocket over the summer but will soon return and continue her yeoman efforts.

Volunteer Coordinator: Col Pete Schaub – Absent

Solitaires: (Open) - No report.

VP Personal Affairs: Col Stu Myers, USAF (Ret) / CAPT Cora Bayle Cox USN (Ret) – Stu advised there were no passings in August. CAPT Cox discussed efforts to create checklist of resources and actions required prior to and post event of death. Combining several different lists. Col Myers, COL Caudill, LtCol Estrada will assist on her adhoc committee to review product to ensure substance. Discussed opportunity to utilize and communicate upon completion via website and Lariat. MAJ Cunningham suggested Army Retiree Council as another venue. LtCol Estrada suggested publishing for sale. All options open.

Chaplain: Chaplain LTC James Taylor, USA (Ret) – Absent. No report.

VP Public Relations/Marketing: LtCol Kathie Estrada USAF (Ret) – Continuing to post on Facebook. Discussed changes to retiree ID cards that will include microchips. MAJ Cunningham provided details regarding the new card and the potential process for issuing to current retirees. Details to follow as finalized and available.

Editor: (Open) - No report.

VAC/VGSAA Rep: MAJ Jim Cunningham, USA (Ret) – First meeting of Fall will be September 12.

Administration: Trish Meserve – Absent.

Historian: (Open) No report.

Chapter Affairs Officer: Col Irene Collier, USAF (Ret) – ?

Transition Liaison Officer: LtCol Meyers advised activities in process for the upcoming Red, White & You Hiring Fair in November where David and Kitty coordinate the Veterans Village. Also continuing transition counseling.

Scholarship/JROTC: Col Peter Hunt, USAF (Ret) – Discussed the change in the reporting to the Educational Foundation Board. Advised that has been contacted by Col Certain, Board Chair, regarding organizational issues. LtCol Meyers advised this is all part of establishing new

structure, etc. Col Hunt in process of setting up committee and structure for next academic year. Would like to build a more permanent committee rather than new folks each year. Also needs more participation in logistical and other details, not just the actual recipient selection process. Will write an article for the October Lariat (due by September 15 to Trish). Also, will contact Col Schaub for a message blast to volunteers. First meeting anticipated for October 17.

Special Activities Representative: Susie Tolman (Surviving Spouse) – No report.

Blue Skies of Texas Satellite Chapter Representative: LtCol Jim Conner, USAF (Ret) – Absent. Next event is full membership meeting at Blue Skies East Sky Lounge on October 24.

Old Business:

- 1) Lariat – LtCol Meyers advised that she has a list of folks who currently receive printed version but do not have emails. Four pages of names. Most are very senior. CAPT Cox advised she would assist in calling.
- 2) LtCol Meyers presented revised organization chart. Clarified relationship between Educational Foundation and Scholarship Committee.

New Business:

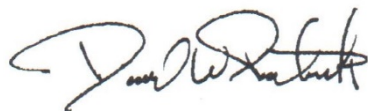
- 1) Welcoming Newcomers at Luncheons, etc. Reviewed comments from RBFCU lunch. Discussed logistic layout and full room capacity attendance at event. Need to ensure that we connect with new members and welcome at each event.
- 2) LtCol Meyers discussed bi-annual elections for Chapter positions. Advised is going to pursue current position as president. Col Patrick is onboard for Programs as is COL Caudill for treasurer. With departure of LTC Blake, MAJ Cunningham will move for the Legislative position. Openings include president-elect, secretary and membership.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 11:25am.

Next Golf Planning Committee Meeting – Mon 12 September 30 @ 2pm

Next Staff Meeting – Thursday October 3 @ 10am

Next Board Meeting – TBD

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David Patrick", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Col David Patrick, USAF (Ret), Secretary