



**BALDWIN COUNTY CHAPTER
MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA**

15 SEP 2016

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

FROM: Board of Directors, Baldwin County MOAA

SUBJECT: Minutes of Board Meeting Conducted 15 SEP 2016 at Holly Hills Country Club in Bay Minette, AL

1. Jerry Davis, Chapter President, called the meeting to order at 1330L on 15 SEP 2016.
2. Members Present - Larry Rathbun, Charlene Rathbun, Mac Morrison, Sid Vogel, Jerry Davis, Ron Morgan, Ken Cooper, Jack Gifford, Frank Connell, Jim Beck
3. The Board approved the minutes for the 21 August 2016 board meeting.
4. **Initial Remarks - Jerry Davis.** Jerry requested reports be presented by board members.
5. **Treasurers Report – Frank Connell.**

MOAA Baldwin County Chapter Treasurer's Report 20 Jul - 14 Sep 2016			
Beginning Balance			\$ 2,276.69
Expenses \$			
July Lunch		\$ 936.00	
August Dinner		\$ 1,875.00	
Holly Hills Deposit		\$ 150.00	
IRS (Non-Profit)		\$ 400.00	
Total			\$ 3,361.00
Deposits \$			
July Lunch		\$ 970.00	
August Dinner *		\$ 1,871.00	
Dues **		\$ 75.00	
Total			\$ 2,916.00
Net Decrease			\$ 445.00
Ending Balance			\$ 1,831.69
* FYC overcharge \$1.00 per meal (\$75.00). FYC will credit next dinner accordingly.			
** \$15.00 for 2017 dues.			
Accounts payable USPS P.O. Box \$102.00			

6. **Membership Committee Report – Jerry Morrison.** Jerry Morrison was unable to attend the meeting but sent word that he will develop a plan for the 2017 membership/renewal campaign, including a form to gather relevant information on members.

7. **Program Committee Report – Ron Morgan.** Our chapter will convene for its next meeting at the Gift Horse in Foley at 1130L on 20 Oct 2016. Charlene and Frank both questioned why the meeting was not scheduled for an evening meal. After discussion by board members, the consensus was that the October lunch meeting will remain as scheduled. The November meeting will be a dinner and will include a short business session to nominate chapter officers for 2017. Nominations will be put forth by the Nominating Committee and also accepted from the floor. Charlene asked about any new changes in our chapter's bylaws. Jerry Davis said there were no proposed changes, but proposals for such would be published on our chapter website in advance.

8. **Legislative Committee Report – Sid Vogel.** There are no new items to report. Ken Cooper has all legislative issues posted on our chapter website at *BCMOAA.org*. Links are available to legislative issues that MOAA is addressing. Most of the list pertains to health care, housing cost, and cap and pay. Our Congressional representatives are almost 100 percent in support of MOAA issues.

9. **JROTC Committee– Patrice Tiggs.** Patrice was unable to attend the meeting. Frank Connell stated that Foley and Gulf Shores High School ROTC programs, previously under the purview of the Pensacola Chapter, are now the responsibility of our Baldwin County Chapter . Frank indicated he would contact these schools to determine what type support we can provide. As discussed in minutes from the last board meeting, National MOAA will no longer provide medals for AFROTC programs but will provide names of local vendors who will produce them at a reasonable price. Frank said he had not heard from the national representatives on this matter but will contact the national MOAA organization if he has not heard from them by October.

10. **Publicity Committee – Larry and Charlene Rathbun.** Charlene submitted an article about today's meeting in Bay Minette to the Baldwin Times and the Mullet Rapper. It wasn't published in either paper but she will follow up with both newspapers. There is no other communications items to report.

11 **Web Site - Ken Cooper.** There is a "Member's Only" tab on the web site. All chapter members using this link will need to register and receive a password. Once you connect with the link there is a simple process for obtaining a user-unique password. DO NOT ASK KEN COOPER FOR A PASSWORD. Ken does not have your password and cannot provide this for you. Only chapter members will be able to access the Members Only link, which will include such information as roster of members and spouses, treasurer's reports, board meeting minutes, and link to spouses e-news letter. Ron Morgan asked about a page for feedback, comments and programs.

12. OLD BUSINESS.

a. **Liability Insurance.** Ron Morgan said there was nothing new to report. Jack Gifford reported that he talked with Bill Scully (attorney and chapter member) who offered to help with this issue.

b. **Name Tags.** Magnetic back name tags are available for \$11.00 each. They are often less abrasive to blouses and shirts than the clip-on name tags we currently use. Magnetic name tags are not mandatory and clip-on printed tags are still available at no cost. Charlene Rathbun is POC on this.

c. **James Greenwood Update.** We recently learned that James Greenwood's widow lives in Semmes, AL which is in the South Alabama Chapter's area of responsibility. Confusion has existed as to which local MOAA chapter should get involved since the funeral was conducted in Fairhope with burial in the Veterans Cemetery in Spanish Fort.. Jerry Davis has compiled all relevant information regarding this event and forwarded it to the South Alabama Chapter for any further action. If a fund is established for the family we will let our members know and they can elect to make a donation of they choose to do so.

d. **501 (C) (19) Tax-Exempt Status for Veterans' Organizations.** Jerry Davis previously discussed the requirements of this submission extensively with Bill Sculley. This tax-exempt application was submitted to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) which has not responded as of this date. The \$400 check submitted with the application has not been cashed. This is a standard one time application fee if our annual income is less than \$100,000 per year. Jerry said he will speak with our congressional delegation if we don't hear from the IRS soon.

e. **Printed Electronic Roster.** Jerry Davis discussed the proposed chapter directory. Jack Gifford displayed a hard copy of a directory from another chapter and asked for comments and discussion. This appeared to be a very time consuming project and expensive to print. The board favored a less elaborate document. There was no final action on this issue.

13. NEW BUSINESS.

a. **Scheduling of programs and meals.** Jerry Davis said he was told by the Fairhope Yacht Club (FYC) that Thursday dinners were not good because of conflicts, and that another day of the week would be better. This will be noted for future meal/meeting arrangements. There will be no chapter meeting in December.

b. **Transportation.** Ron Morgan asked about a page on the the web site where members could offer or ask for rides or carpool transportation to and from BCMOAAA meetings and events.

c. **Future Programs.** Ron Morgan has 14 program suggestions. He will send the list of suggestions to chapter members to prioritize program topics.

d. **Election of New Chapter Officers for 2017.** Ron Morgan addressed the need to change the chapter's bylaws in order to stagger election of officers over a two-year period. In other words, should we allow some office holders, perhaps half, to serve two year terms? We will lose continuity if we change out all chapter officers at the same time. As it currently stands, every position is up for election each year. Ron suggested changing the wording in the bylaws to give the Nominating Committee oversight of annual officer turnover. Jerry will develop a draft document concerning this matter, and will meet with that committee in the near future.

e. **Membership Campaign for 2017.** Jerry Morrison and Jerry Davis will form a strategy for the 2017 membership campaign. Jack Gifford suggested putting the application for MOAA membership in the Mullet Rapper, but was told by several board members it would be cost prohibited. For 2017 renewals, a form will be developed and sent to all members for their membership renewal. The chapter secretary will make not of any changes such as address, phone number, email, etc.

f. **Members with GMAIL addresses.** There seems to be a problem with GMAIL addressees getting emails through Constant Contact used by Charlene to invite chapter members to meetings and events. Some members with GMAIL are not receiving notifications through Constant Contact. This problem was not reconciled during the meeting. An erroneous email address was recognized and corrected in one member's case.

g. **50-50 Raffle.** Jerry Davis contacted Dave Pollard about the 50-50 raffle but Dave has not yet responded.

h. **William F. Green state VA home support.** Jack Gifford said he and a delegation of people visited the local VA home recently and were well received. Frank Connell volunteered to contact the manager at the VA home to see how our chapter members could get involved.

14. **Action Items.** No specific action items were discussed other than what is covered in these minutes.

JIM BECK
Chapter Secretary

APPROVED: 21 NOV 2016

