



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

9 MAY 2017

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

FROM: Baldwin County MOAA (BCMOAA) Board of Directors (BOD)

SUBJECT: Minutes of Board Meeting, Conducted 9 MAY 2017, Nix Center, Fairhope, AL.

1. Larry Rathbun, Chapter President, called the meeting to order at 1030L.
2. Board Members and Others Present
 - a. Larry Rathbun - President
 - b. Charlene Rathbun - First Vice-President
 - c. Jerry Davis - Immediate Past President
 - d. Dennis Koppersmith - Director
 - e. Chuck Dumas - Director
 - f. Patrice Tiggs - Director
 - g. Sid Vogel - Legislative Affairs Committee
 - h. Ken Cooper - Website Manager
 - i. Frank Connell - Treasurer
 - j. Jim Beck - Secretary
3. **Secretary Report - Jim Beck.** The BOD approved the minutes for the 13 MAR 2017 BOD meeting. Draft copy of the minutes were previously sent to all BOD members for review. There were no suggested changes.
4. **Treasurers Report – Frank Connell.** See enclosure (Page 5) for proposed budget for the period 15 FEB - 8 MAY 2017.
5. **Membership Committee Report – Jerry Morrison.** Jerry Morrison was not present but let the BOD know that he and Linda Morrison had mailed letters and renewal applications to forty-one members who had not paid 2017 dues. To date, twenty-six members have not paid. Jim Beck asked how long the Chapter would recognize someone as a member who had not paid their dues. It was recommended that a member be dropped from the Chapter membership role if he/she had not paid their dues by 30 SEP. Patrice Tiggs indicated she would personally call several people on the list about delinquent dues and suggested other BOD members do the same.

6. Legislative Committee - Sid Vogel. Sid summarized a number of Congressional initiatives for legislative action, including health care, compensation and benefits, and veterans issues. A comprehensive review of these items and their impact on Chapter members will be published in the Legislative Update of our Chapter newsletter.

7. Communications - Charlene Rathbun.

a. Newsletter. The May-June 2017 newsletter has been published, emailed to members and posted by Ken Cooper on our website. Larry Rathbun stressed the need for the BOD and committee members to submit information and news items on a timely basis. Larry further stated that it takes many hours to develop a quality publication with value to its readers, and we need more than one person to carry the load.

b. May Lunch Meeting. Frank Connell has previously coordinated BCMOAA meetings at the Fairhope VFW, but requested that he no longer be the one to do this. Charlene Rathbun said she would assume this responsibility, and will work with Lee Lambert at the VFW to coordinate future events at this facility. Jim Beck provided Charlene with Lee's phone number and email address.

c. June Dinner Meeting.

(1) A press release will be published 15 JUN for the joint meeting between the BCMOAA and the South Alabama Chapter MOAA (SACMOAA), to be conducted at the Venue, 105 South Section Street, Fairhope, AL on 12 JUN 2017. Social hour will begin at 1830L, followed by dinner and a speaker. Cost is \$30 per person. Reservations are required no later than Monday, 12 JUN 2017. Non-member guests are welcome. Business attire is recommended. William McDonald III will speak on his book *The Shadow Tiger*, an account of Alabama native William McDonald, Jr., and his flying career with General Claire Chennault and the Flying Tigers.

(2) Charlene has talked with Tammie Wentzell about setting up for the joint meeting. We will have tables of six for more arm room. There will be two buffet lines. The bar will be outside in the courtyard. Price of drinks will be \$4 - \$7. We will set up that morning and test the sound system at 0800. The restaurant will set up the night before with podiums and tables. Internet capability will enable us to run history channel YouTube videos of General Chennault and the Flying Tigers and a projector will be secured in order to view videos on a large screen. We will set silverware on the tables. The menu will consist of Italian food. Charlene is donating table centerpieces which will be raffled off. There will also be raffles for a model P-40 aircraft and a gift basket. When asked about invitations for local mayors, Jerry Davis stated that based on previous discussion, we are NOT going to invite the mayors or political officials. There will be a book signing at Page and Pallet the following day. Charlene will also follow up with a press release after the joint meeting.

d. The 20 JUL meeting will be at the VFW with speaker Major Kolb, Amphibious Recon. The AUG meeting (date TBD) will be at the VFW with speaker Congressman Bradley Byrne. The 21 SEP meeting (date TBD) will be at the William F. Green State Veterans Home, with speaker Kathleen Voll. The 19 OCT meeting will be at the Fairhope Yacht Club, with Lee Shelton, SR-71 pilot. The 16 NOV meeting will be at the Fairhope Yacht Club with speaker Major Mike Wright, USMC, representing Toys for Tots.

8. **JROTC - Patrice Tiggs.**

a. JROTC cadets at local area high schools have received their MOAA medals, now paid for by the local MOAA chapter. Cost for our BCMOAA chapter is \$64.

b. Feedback from JROTC programs indicate cadet interest in receiving information on military events, and what they can do to support MOAA.

c. Patrice and Frank separately attended JROTC awards programs at various local high schools. Frank indicated that the Gulf Shores High School conducts a change of command for first and second semesters. The Daphne/Spanish Fort programs do a great job but are having problems with low membership. Doug Goodlin, BCMOAA member, has indicated he will contact Fairhope High School to see if they want to get involved in the Daphne High School JROTC program. Frank reported that each school's ceremony was different and that Baldwin County High School does a "Dining In" and does it very well.

9. **Web Site - Ken Cooper.** Ken asked the BOD how many people look at the minutes on the website. He has received requests for less than 10 members who want to go to the *members only* part of the website, and wondered how many people actually want to see this information.

10. **Old Business.** Patrice indicated that Holly Hills Country Club is still available for a meeting in September. There is also a new event center in downtown Bay Minette. Both facilities require food to be catered. Patrice will also investigate whether the Coastal Community College in Bay Minette could accommodate our group, and whether their cooking school could prepare meals for a lunch meeting.

11. **New Business.**

a. Sid Vogel discussed previous BOD discussions regarding nation-wide efforts to honor the one percent of the population that enter military service and our hosting a dinner for these volunteers and their families. Jerry Davis reiterated that this should be a project to consider next year.

b. Larry Rathbun indicated his desire for the BCMOAA to support "Toys for Tots."

c. Charlene Rathbun stated that Tammy Wintzell's son, Eric Wintzell, is planning a 5K run in support of Wounded Warriors. The event is scheduled for Tuesday, 14 NOV. Eric is a veteran. Another veteran who is planning to attend the event is a double amputee. Charlene asked if he would speak to our BCMOAA, and will follow up on this request.

d. Survey Results. There were 66 replies to the recent survey emailed to our BCMOAA members. Responses indicated the most support for the Wounded Warrior program, legislative missions and support for JROTC programs. Results of the survey will be published in a separate document.

e. No-Shows at lunch and dinner meetings. Eight people made reservations for the April dinner meeting last month who did not show up. This is a real problem. Our Chapter is held responsible for meals we have committed to purchase, which in this case was about \$200. Fortunately, three people showed up that did not have reservations, which offset the expense somewhat. For future meetings, we need to include a statement, ***"You are an officer and we expect you to fulfill your commitment for the purchase of the meal."***

12. **Adjournment.** No further business was discussed. The meeting was adjourned at 1200L.

JIM BECK, Chapter Secretary
BCMOAA

Enclosure:
Proposed Budget (15 FEB 2017 - 8 MAY 2017)

APPROVED: 6 JUN 2017

MOAA Baldwin County Chapter
Treasurer's Report
15 FEB 2017 - 8 MAY 2017

Beginning Balance		\$2,829.21
<u>Expenses \$</u>		
March Lunch	\$ 910.00	
United Way Donation	\$ 1,200.00	
Venue Deposit	\$ 500.00	
April Dinner	\$ 1,224.00	
JRTOTC Medals (5)	\$ 64.46	
Total	\$ 3,898.46	
<u>Deposits \$</u>		
March Lunch	\$ 910.00	
Dues (18 Members)	\$ 270.00	
April Dinner	\$ 1,150.00	
50/50	\$ 142.00	
MOAA Roster Incentive	\$ 50.00	
MOAA Membership Awards	\$ 740.00	
Donations	\$ 650.00	
Total	\$ 3,912.00	
Net Increase		\$13.54
Ending Balance		\$2,842.75

FRANK CONNELL
BCMOAA Treasurer