



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

17 AUG 2017

**MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD**

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

**SUBJECT:** Minutes of Board Meeting, Conducted 17 AUG 2017, VFW Post, Fairhope, AL.

**1. Call to Order.** Larry Rathbun, Chapter President, called the meeting to order at 1400L.

**2. Board Members and Others Present.**

- a. Larry Rathbun, President
- b. Charlene Rathbun, First Vice-President
- c. Jerry Morrison, Second Vice-President
- d. Jerry Davis, Immediate Past President
- e. Dennis Koppersmith, Director
- f. Jim Beck, Secretary
- g. Ken Cooper, Website Coordinator
- h. Frank Connell, Treasurer

**3. Opening Remarks.** Larry asked for presentation of reports.

**4. Secretary's Report - Jim Beck.** Draft minutes for the 6 JUL 2017 BOD meeting were previously submitted electronically to the Board members. Ken Cooper raised objection to approving these minutes along with minutes which had already been approved for the past six months. His objection centered around the fact that Charlene Rathbun was appointed first vice president without the action being noted in any minutes. Jim Beck said the topic was not discussed in prior meetings and was therefore not covered in the minutes. He indicated that Charlene's appointment to the position of first vice president was not accomplished through general membership vote. Rather she was appointed through a majority vote of board members after each board member was personally polled by Jerry Davis. This action was taken to replace Richard Geiger who resigned from this position. This being said, Jim Beck made the motion the Board retroactively accept Charlene Rathbun as first vice president and document the action in minutes for the current 17 AUG 2017 BOD meeting. Board members concurred.

**5. Treasurer's Report - Frank Connell.** Frank presented the treasurer's report for the period 4 JUL 2017 - 17 AUG 2017, and is documented on Page 4 of these minutes.

## **6. Membership Committee - Jerry Morrison.**

a. Colonel Terri Coles, Senior Director of National MOAA Council and Chapter Affairs, will be joining us on Thursday, 18 JAN 2018 for the following activities.

(1) Leadership Training for Incoming/Outgoing officers and directors of BCMOAA. An invitation will also be extended to the leaders of the Mobile and Pensacola chapters. Location will be the Cottages on the Greene Clubhouse, 3800 Cottages on the Greene Parkway, Foley, AL 36535. Time will be 0900L -1200L on 18 JAN 2018.

(2) Keynote Speaker. Colonel Coles will serve as our keynote speaker at the BCMOAA installation dinner for new chapter officers on 18 JAN 2018 at the Fairhope Yacht Club. Jerry distributed a copy of Colonel Coles' bio.

b. Potential Member Prospects. National MOAA recently provided our chapter with a consolidated list of 569 present and past members who live in the AL-13 BCMOAA area. This list includes multiple changes of status, addresses changes and other contact data. Jerry Morrison stressed that action be taken by the board to utilize this information resource for recruitment purposes, and proposed personal contacts be made through email messages, postal letters and phone calls by 1 SEP. No action was taken by the BOD for this proposal.

c. Renewal of Existing Member Chapter Dues. Jerry Morrison suggested the board approve mailing renewal notices to approximate twenty BCMOAA members who are delinquent on their 2017 dues. Charlene volunteered to establish a phone bank at her house and have volunteers call these members. *(Update: Board members volunteered to call four or five people on their own as they had time to solicit dues for 2017 and 2018. This had positive results.)*

d. Charlene Rathbun showed board members a MOAA ball cap and a coffee mug, which she suggested giving to new members when they join the chapter. These would serve as good recruiting promotions. The board approved this recommendation.

**7. Legislative Affairs - Sid Vogel.** Sid was not present. There was no information to report.

**8. Programs - Charlene Rathbun.** Charlene recapped the program schedule documented in the minutes for last month (AUG 2017). This included the following:

a. 21 SEP Lunch Meeting. Location will be the Gift Horse in Foley at 1130L. Price will be \$20 per person. Speaker will be Mr. Tom Meyer who will talk about Team River Run. *(Note: The meeting had been scheduled for the Holly Hills Country Club in Bay Minette, with Ms. Kathleen Voll, Director of the William F. Green Veterans Home, as our speaker. She had to cancel and the speaker and location were changed.)*

b. 19 OCT Dinner Meeting. Location will be at the U.S.S. Alabama Battleship Memorial Park Aircraft Pavillion in Mobile. Price will be \$24 per person. Mr. Lee Shelton, SR-71 pilot, will be the speaker. The meal will be catered by Taziki's in Daphne. Menu will include grilled chicken. Attendance by sixty people will cover the cost of everything, excluding alcoholic drinks. Charlene indicated that someone with a drink pourer's license is required to serve alcoholic drinks, including wine, and asked board members for recommendations for this person. Parking at the Battleship Park will be free and there will be no admission fee outside of the cost of the dinner. Invitations will also be extended to the SACMOAA chapter in Mobile. We will also nominate Chapter officers for 2018 during that meeting. Ken Cooper informed Charlene that Lee Shelton will need one and a half hours to conduct his presentation.

c. 16 NOV Dinner Meeting. Location will be the Fairhope Yacht Club at 1730L. Major Tommy Waller, Jr., USMC, will speak about Toys for Tots. Price TBD.

**9. Communications - Charlene Rathbun.** Press releases will be accomplished for Team River Run and the SR-71 presentation at the U.S.S. Alabama Battleship Memorial Park.

**10. JROTC - Patrice Tiggs.** Patrice was not present. There was no information to report.

**11. Website - Ken Cooper.** Ken volunteered to work with Jerry Morrison to edit and condense the Excel Spreadsheet of prospective members mailed to Jerry by National MOAA. Ken said he would be making major modifications to the BCMOAA website soon, but did not provide any details.

**12. Old Business.** None.

**13. New Business.** Charlene Rathbun indicated positive responses to the recently established BCMOAA Facebook Page and Twitter account.

**14. Adjournment.** No further business was discussed. The meeting was adjourned at 1515L.

JIM BECK, Chapter Secretary  
BCMOAA

Enclosure:  
Treasurer's Report for 4 JUL 2017 - 17 AUG 2017

**APPROVED:** 21 SEP 2017

**MOAA Baldwin County Chapter  
Treasurer's Report  
4 JUL 2017 - 17 AUG 2017**

**Frank Connell - Treasurer**

<b><u>Beginning Balance</u></b>			\$3,633.75
<b><u>Expenses \$</u></b>			
July Dinner		1,056.00	
August Luncheon		994.00	
Total			2,050.00
<b><u>Deposits \$</u></b>			
July Dinner		1,000.00	
August Luncheon		995.00	
Dues		75.00	
June Dinner Raffle		260.00	
MOAA		250.00	
50/50		41.00	
Total			2,626.00
<b>Net Increase</b>			576.00
<b>Ending Balance</b>			\$4,209.75