

MOAA Minutes meeting 7/19/2018 at the VFW luncheon

Roll call. Everyone here but Jim and Brenda Wallace and Jim Parnell.

Treasurers report. It was discovered that some members made checks for 60 bucks to the Mobile chapter, by the treasurer Dennis. After some audit and effort, Dennis fixed the issue.

Frank Connell, 1<sup>st</sup> VP. VFW luncheon service was not acceptable. Fairhope yacht club is too expensive, and the meals are not good these days. We need a place for evening meals. VFW not available on Thursday evenings. Blue Marlin can accommodate us. Buffet meal up to 80 people in the Blue Marlin. Pennie Pete has a room in the Sunset Point that is a "military I love me" room which may be able to accommodate us. Frank will check with Pennie Pete to see if the restaurant will work, also if he can cater for us at the Nix Center.

Speakers. Political leaders from the county and the county economic development director were positively seen as potential speakers. Frank is looking to get the County Commissioner Gruber to speak at the evening meeting in October.

Ken reported on the Web site, and he will be gone the month of Aug. He would like to update the leader's pictures. Sid needs to send minutes to Ken for posting. Ken was awarded a National MOAA award for his work for the Chapter.

Ken discussed the posting of minutes and agenda to the web site. It was agreed that he would do it as they become available.

Max Mattox resigned from the board.

Discussion of results of calling. Good results.

Frank discussed the joint meeting at the 5 Rivers and considered it a good meeting. We were all impressed with the Alabama National Guard A G.

We will ask for Kay Ivey to come speak at the meeting, and if not then Chris Elliott. Frank wants to do the next joint meeting at the 5 Rivers again.

We want Scully to speak at the November luncheon. Jack will work on that option for us.

Sid discussed the proposed trip to NO for the D-Day museum in Oct or Nov. Board decided that Sid would put out the notice and collect names of those interested in going. It will be a car pool event not a buss event. Sid will put out the dates, costs, hotel recommendations.

Discussion of new board members.

Decision on life membership. No life membership.

Request from Jenny Thompson to sell mattresses on our web site. It was decided we would not allow commercial advertising on our website.

Membership email results. We have received 12 payments of dues. 87 have paid for the year so far. We decided that we should ask for next years dues in October and start billing for 1 January.

Larry is back into the hospital. Jerry Morrison, talked to them. They are leaving in 8 weeks to Houston. They have family in Sugar land, Tx. The Board authorized Jerry to purchase an appropriate gift for them with a budget cap of 200 bucks or less. Jerry agreed to handle the gift purchase and delivery and report to the treasurer.

Nominating committee that Jack put together. Completed the work and got the slate filled out. See attached list.

It was determined we need to get a POC on the magnetic name tags. Dennis was going to ask Charlene where she bought the name tags so we can continue buying them for new members.

The group also discussed that the club has a balance of over \$4000 and we should consider positive used of that money consistent with our mission. Sid stated that he had been purchasing the gift books for our speakers out of his own pocket, but will start turning in a receipt for the books for reimbursement. In addition, Sid recommended we try to host a annual dinner for the Baldwin county graduating seniors and their parents who have signed up to serve the nation in the Armed Forces. It would be an event with key political or military speakers, and will be to recognize these young men and women who have volunteered to step forward to serve. Sid has offered to do the preliminary research to see if this is a project we can do as a group.

In addition, Frank reminded that we also purchase awards for some of the ROTC cadets in the county.

Meeting was adjourned.

Colonel W. Sid Vogel (US Army, Retired)

Secretary