

MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA CHAPTER

MINUTES - BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

15 December 2022

Call to Order

President Matt Haag called the meeting of the Board of Directors of The Southwest Virginia Chapter, Military Officers Association to order at 1010 hours Eastern Standard Time on 15 December 2022.

Directors and Chapter Officers Present

President Matthew Haag; 1st Vice President Gary Powers;; Secretary Steve Jamison; Chaplain David Gilleran; Director Tom Dalzell; Director John Miller; Director Larry Johnson;.

Directors and Chapter Officers Absent

2nd Vice President; Treasurer and Membership Chair Robert Brown; Sergeant At Arms Michael Kasnick; Legislative Affairs Representative and Awards Chair Robert Habermann; Community Services Volunteer Representative Dan Karnes; Past President Lee Ensley; Smith Mountain Lake Satellite Representative Rick Cocrane; Surviving Spouse Representative Mary Lou Summers; VCOC Representative Anita White; Transition Team and Director Michael Leigh; Director Roger Burnett; Military Family Support Center President Roger Talmadge.

Opening Prayer

Chaplain David Gilleran led the Board of Directors in prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance

1st Vice President Gary Powers led The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag recited by all present.

Approval of Board of Directors Meetings Minutes

Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting of 17 November 2022 were approved as submitted.

President's Report

- Attended the Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations (the JLC) on 15 September 2022 at the Virginia War Memorial.
- Attended a Veterans town hall meeting on PACT Act (Matt need more infor on this meeting)

Secretary's Report

- Working to clean up the chapter roster for 2023.

Treasurer's Report

- Income and Expenses Budget vs. Actual – Copy provided to each Board member.
- Income and Expenditures in November were primarily related to meals income and expenses, made \$100 budgeted donation to Hospitality House of the Blue Ridge, received \$100 from MOAA National for membership incentives.
- Prime Checking Account balance – \$7,185.86
- Leadership Savings balance is - \$5,624.97
- 2023 Budget approved

1st Vice President's Report

- No report

Membership Chair Report

- 4 realistic leads from the Oct, Nov, and Dec Real Time Report of MOAA members changing addresses to our catchment area. I will send out invitation letters to these after the Christmas rush.

Program Directors Report

- 16 December 2022 – Board of Directors meeting. Installation of Officers and Board of Directors for 2023 by MG James E. Archer, USAR (Ret). Program by Mr. Bob VandeLinde on gliders in the Normandy Invasion. He was a member of the 187th Infantry Regiment of the 101st Airborne Division in Korea, a recipient of the Silver Star, Purple Heart and CIB and made two combat jumps in Korea.
- 19 January 2023 – Video program of Staff Sergeant David G. Bellavia Medal of Honor recipient for his heroics during Operation Iraqi Freedom in Fallujah, Iraq in 2004.
- 16 February 2023 – Board of Directors meeting. Program by Ms, Linda Breckinridge and Ms. Betty Shideler dressed for the time period of the Northern War of Aggression to discuss "*The Women Left Behind.*" with a focus on the Breckinridge family and the Burwell family and the impact the war had on them.
- 16 March 2023 – Program by Mr. Ken Dutch Rauch "Thoughts of a Career Well Spent As a Naval Aviator, Combat Pilot, and Test Pilot".
- 20 April 2023 – Board of Directors meeting. Program by Ms. Rebecca J Stackhouse, CTRS, FACHE, Executive Director Salem VA Health Care System with an update on the Salem VA Health Care System.
- 18 May 2023 – Bus trip to the Virginia War Memorial in Richmond, Virginia to include a tour of the Virginia War Memorial and lunch.

Surviving Spouse Representative Report

- The 10th Annual Wreath Laying ceremony is scheduled for 17 December 2022 at 1300 at the Wall of Honor in the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery Dublin, VA. Funding support to purchase wreaths is requested.
Chapter representatives participating in the ceremony are:
US Army Representative - COL John Miller, USA (Ret)
US Navy Representative - CAPT Gary Powers, USN (Ret)
US Marine Corps Representative - COL Thomas Dalzell, USMC) Ret)
US Air Force Representative - COL John Rogers, USAF
US Coast Guard Representative - CDR Richard At Lee, USCG (Ret)
POW-MIA Representative - LTC Bob Habermann, USA (Ret)
Commonwealth of Virginia Flag Representative - CDR Lee Ensley, USN (Ret)

Smith Mountain Lake Satellite Report

- No report.

Public Relations Report

- Communiqué Newsletter – 4th quarter 2022 (OCT-NOV-DEC) to be published in December 2022.
- Chapter Website & Face book – Up and running.
- Public Affairs/Media. CAPT Powers volunteered to cover these duties.
- Col. Marvin J. Harris Communications Award is due to MOAA 31 January 2023.
- Chapter Levels of Excellence Award for 2021 is due to MOAA 1 May 2023.

Past President's Report

- No report.

Directors Report's

- CAPT Burnett – Provided comments regarding proposed letter to the membership requesting volunteer and financial support. Keep volunteer and financial issues separate. Emphasize support of Military Family Support Center.
- LTC Gilleran – Salem VA – CBOPC Danville Mall
- COL Miller – 4 February 2023 Rail Dogs Hockey Team Game, Veterans Appreciation night. 29th Division Band and Color Guard will participate. Vietnam Veterans night Vinton War Memorial 29 March 2023 1800 hours.
- Capt Johnson –

Legislative Liaison Report - LTC Habermann –

- **MOAA's Legislative Priorities** for advocacy as the 118th Congress continues its work. Their focus remains on all seven of the uniformed services and their service-earned entitlements.
 - Compensation and Service-Earned Benefits
 - Military Housing
 - Health Care for Currently Serving and Retirees
 - Health Care and Benefits for Veterans
 - Service Families
 - Survivors
 - Guard and Reserve
- As protecting health care and service-earned benefits is a challenge, MOAA will press forward to engage Congress to shape outcomes in these vital areas. There are steep hills before us. Our nation has a rising debt of more than \$30 trillion and a deficit of more than \$3 trillion. Because of this, MOAA anticipates robust attempts to control federal budgets, reduce or eliminate unprogrammed expenditures, and reduce entitlements. MOAA needs you to be ready to reach out to your legislators and keep that engagement going as necessary to make sure your voice is heard. Details at <https://www.moaa.org/content/publications-and-media/news-articles/2023-news-articles/advocacy/moaas-legislative-priorities-118th-Congress/>

VCOC Report - COL White

- **JLC 2023 Initiatives:** JLC 2023 Approved Initiatives
 - JLC 2023-01 Expand Tax Relief for Surviving Spouses of Military Service Members to also include “Died in the Line-of-Duty”
 - JLC 2023-02 Real Property Tax Exemption Effective Date.
 - JLC 2023-03 Removal of Age Requirement Income Tax Subtraction
 - JLC 2023-04 Appropriate \$400,000 (GF) for State Veterans Cemeteries; Eliminate Spouse/Dependent and Guard/Reserve Burial Fees
 - JLC 2023-05 Virginia National Guard State Park Admission
 - JLC 2023-06 Virginia National Guard Income Tax Exemption
- A summary of the approved 2023 JLC Initiatives Policy papers for each initiative can be accessed on the JLC webpage at: <https://www.dvs.virginia.gov/dvs/joint-leadership-council-veterans-service-organizations-2>
- VCOC end of quarter report due 10 January 2023.

Committee Chairperson's Report

- **Awards Chair** – LTC Habermann
 - Letters requesting nominations will be sent to all ROTC, JROTC, CAP units in January 2023 for all the
 - MOAA ROTC/JROTC Medal Awards
 - Archer Awards
 - SWVC Leadership Awards

- **Community Services Volunteer Representative** – LTC Karnes

Old Business

- Recognition of Chapter members - criteria. Committee to meet.
- Results of 3 December 2022 Legislative Update American Legion Post 3

New Business

- Proposed letter to the Chapter membership requesting financial assistance.
- Soldier Pantry looking for volunteers Monday – Friday 1030-1200 hours

Adjourn –

- 1147 hours