

Maryland Council
Military Officers Association of America
Meeting Minutes
6 December 2009

Members Present:

Jack Fringer, President
Norm Taylor, First Vice-President
John Whitman, Second Vice-President
James Pede, Secretary
Greg Dalke, Treasurer
Jim Shiffrin, Webmaster
Jim Coleman, President, Annapolis Chapter
Gunter Finkenauer, President, General Smallwood Chapter
David Peterson, Second Vice President, Montgomery Chapter
Pete Dillingham, Outgoing President, Upper Eastern Shore
George Evans, Incoming President, Upper Eastern Shore
David Robinson, President, Susquehanna Chapter
Chip Chipley, past President, Upper Potomac Chapter
John Cully, MOAA Travel

Members Absent:

James Shelley, President, Baltimore Chapter
Harvey Kaplan, President, Montgomery Chapter
Evelyn Deluca-Widmer, President, Southern Maryland Chapter
Raymond Rowland, President, Prince George's Chapter
Tom Smith, Past President, Maryland Council

Call to Order. The Maryland Council, MOAA, met at Club Meade, Ft Meade Maryland on 6 December 2009. LTC Jack Fringer opened the meeting following brunch at 1300.

OLD BUSINESS:

Review and approval of minutes: Minutes were provided to all attendees. In the future minutes will be emailed and provided to the webmaster to be placed on the web site. LTC Fringer reminded all presidents to ensure their newsletters are forwarded to the webmaster. September minutes were accepted as written.

Treasurer's report: CDR Dalke provided a report as of 30 November 2009 showing assets of \$9,681. He reported that \$5000 is in a certificate of deposit (CD) and recommended rolling \$2,500 in another CD. The motion was seconded and approved.

New Business:

MOAA Awards Program: LTC Fringer encouraged all to participate in the MOAA awards program throughout the year. He provided copies of the Southern Maryland Chapter submission for the 5 Star Level of Excellence Award. He emphasized that everyone should try to become familiar with all awards citing the communications award as one we should all strive for.

MOAA Sponsored Maryland National Guard Outstanding Unit of the Year Award: LTC Fringer asked all attendees to support the 12 December 2009 award ceremony recognizing the 224th Area Support Medical Company (ASMC). The 224th achieved outstanding results in readiness ratings throughout 2008 and 2009 and while deployed in Iraq they supported coalition forces treating 68,000 patients and performing 20,000 radiology procedures.

Council Recognition: LTC Fringer announced that the Maryland Council will recognize BG James Adkins, Maryland Adjutant General and former Secretary of Veterans Affairs at our next meeting, 28 February 2010.

Maryland Council Convention: LTC Fringer discussed the idea of holding a Maryland MOAA Council sponsored convention for the state. All agreed more specifics need to be worked out and tabled the motion for the next meeting.

MOAA Travel: John Cully, Col, USA Retired, briefed the membership on the MOAA travel program sponsored by MOAA through International Cruise and Excursions, Inc.

TOPS Representative: LTC Fringer announced that Jim Ditbrenner will join the council staff as TOPS representative.

The meeting was adjourned at 1400. The next scheduled meeting is 28 February 2010 at 1300 at Club Meade. Brunch will be available.

James Pede, Maj, USAF Ret
Secretary

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