

**Maryland Council
Military Officers Association of America
Meeting Minutes
12 September 2009**

Members Present:

Jack Fringer, President
Norm Taylor, First Vice-President
John Whitman, Second Vice-President
James Pede, Secretary
Jim Coleman, President, Annapolis Chapter
David Myers, Secretary, Annapolis Chapter
Harvey Kaplan, President, Montgomery Chapter
David Peterson, Second Vice President, Montgomery Chapter
Jim Dittbrenner, Montgomery Chapter
Bill Wight, Montgomery Chapter
Evelyn Deluca-Widmer, Southern Maryland Chapter
Joseph Bush, Southern Maryland Chapter
Elaine Brauer, President, Upper Potomac Chapter
George Evans, Incoming President, Upper Eastern Shore
Pete Dillingham, Outgoing President, Upper Eastern Shore
George Evans, Upper Eastern Shore
Ed Kreiner, Susquehanna Chapter
Ray Rowland, President, Prince Georges Chapter
Bill Knehans, MOAA Board

Members Absent:

Baltimore Chapter
General Smallwood Chapter

Call to Order. The Maryland Council, MOAA, met at the Hershey Lodge, Hershey Pa on 12 September 2009. LTC Jack Fringer opened the meeting at 13:15 by calling upon Capt Norm Taylor to make the invocation. Following the invocation all members present made brief personal introductions.

OLD BUSINESS:

Review and approval of minutes: As no minutes were available from the 22 Feb 09 council meeting LTC Fringer reminded all of our ongoing commitment of support to the Maryland Veterans Task Force. During the February meeting, the Council voted to contribute \$200 to help defray costs associated with their efforts.

Treasurer's report: CDR Dalke provided a report as of 31 August 2009 showing assets of \$9,591.91. LTC Fringer highlighted the fact that the Lower Easter Shore Chapter folded in 2009 and their assets totaling \$2,502.71 rolled into the council treasury.

Item: Ed Kreiner volunteered to provide a dues payment for the Susquehanna Chapter.

LTC Fringer reported that the council was awarded \$500 from MOAA National in response to recruiting efforts. This funding is intended to be used to support future recruiting initiatives and he asked the council for guidance on how best to use the funds. Jim Dittbrenner suggested that the funds be used to reimburse chapters for recruiting expenses such as hosting new comers to lunch/dinner etc. Dave Peterson made a motion that the \$500 be used for recruiting incentives to be determined by the Council Officers. Jim Dittbrenner seconded the motion and all present were in favor of the motion.

New Business:

MOAA National email support: Jim Coleman announced Annapolis Chapter programs using various media and stressing 'shotgun' membership emails from MOAA National. Dave Myers stressed that Face Book and other new media are the "place to be" in the future to aid recruitment efforts of all chapters. He said "old rules are changing" and we need to rethink just using emails to reach our members and prospective members. Lee Lange explained to the council that MOAA National will send two emails per chapter per year to help reach new members. He cautioned that all members and MOAA have a "binding agreement" to respect privacy.

A motion was made to have the council send a letter to MOAA National requesting they support chapter recruitment by offering to send more than two emails per year. The motion was seconded and the vote unanimous.

Chapter recognition: LTC Fringer announced that the Upper Potomac and Southern Maryland Chapters have been recognized by MOAA National with Five-Star Levels of Excellence Awards. The presidents of these chapters have been invited to attend MOAA's Annual Meeting which will be held in San Diego, 23-24 October 2009.

LTC Fringer urged all chapters to submit applications for both the Levels of Excellence award and the Communications Award. He stressed that preparation of the applications was neither complicated nor time consuming. He reviewed some of the guidelines and asked all to look at reporting requirements and award descriptions to participate more effectively in the future. The Upper Potomac and Southern Maryland Chapters were asked to share their applications for the Levels of Excellence Award at the next Council meeting.

Maryland National Guard Award: The 224th Area Support Medical Company has been recognized by MOAA as Maryland's "Outstanding Unit of the Year." LTC Fringer moved that the council support the unit by attending the award ceremony. Date to be announced. Jim Dittbrenner seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Secretary Adkins Term Ending: LTC Fringer announced the departure of Maryland Veterans Secretary Adkins. Jim Coleman moved that the council recognize his service with an appropriate memento at a future Council meeting. Dave Peterson seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Maryland Veterans Task Force: Ed Kreiner reported to the council on the ongoing initiatives of the MVTF. He told the council that most of the twelve members are members of MOAA and that this affiliation includes past presidents etc. It means MOAA is a strong proponent for initiatives in Maryland. But, of the 46K retirees in Maryland, only a few show up in Annapolis to support initiatives such as the tax exemption for retire pay. He cautioned that it is very important that all MOAA members become active and contact their representatives in the legislature. A future MVTF goal is to meet with the state comptroller to ensure the tax bill is a priority in 2010. LTC Fringer reminded all present that chapters should consider funding the MVTF to help reimburse the group for expenses associated with the conduct of their business.

Chapter President Reports:

Montgomery Chapter: Harvey Kaplan stated that the new secretary of veteran affairs is a "friend" to MOAA and that we can work together. Successful programs for the year included the gold bar program, ROTC award support, luncheons, and an active speaker list.

Prince Georges Chapter: Ray Rowland reported that his chapter takes the summer off and is experiencing dwindling membership due to age. He needs help recruiting.

Upper Eastern Shore Chapter: The Upper Eastern Shore has 134 members and has finally begun using computers to ease the task of communicating with membership. They have luncheons and a great speaker list.

Annapolis Chapter: Jim Coleman announced they are the new kid on the block. They have used the email list sent out by MOAA National and it works! He offered that national will customize the list as requested. He reported that the chapter is exploring a stronger relationship with the Naval Academy.

Southern Maryland Chapter: Evelyn Deluca-Widmer emphasized that having a good speaker list is very important and helps ensure a good turn out. They have Saturday meetings. She said they support all rallies in Annapolis.

Upper Potomac Chapter: Elaine Brauer reported they have 185 members and that they take outings using buses etc. They team up with the Pen/Mar Chapter to bolster participation.

Ft Meade Chapter: Jim Pede told the council that they have about 150 members and meet five times yearly. They support a large JROTC award program and recognize the graduating class at the University of Maryland Air Force program.

Susquehanna Chapter: Ed Kreiner announced that the chapter had purchased TVs for Air Force units in Iraq to better communications with families at home via computers. They also sent books and clothes.

LTC Fringer thanked all in attendance for their time and hard work throughout the year. The meeting was adjourned at 1530.

James Pede, Maj, USAF Ret
Secretary

Atch: Maryland MOAA Council Treasurer's Report

Maryland MOAA Council
Treasurer's Report, as of 31-August-2009 (CDR Greg Dalke, USN, retired)

Balance Sheet	31-Dec-08	31-Aug-09	change in position	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
Assets	\$6,845.24	\$9,591.91	2,746.67	\$6,845.24	\$6,812.70	\$7,099.44	\$6,929.46	\$7,865.88	\$8,230.99	unk	\$7,462.49
Cash	\$1,845.24	\$4,591.91	2,746.67								
CD	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	0.00								
Liabilities	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00								
Equities	\$6,845.24	\$9,591.91	2,746.67								
A-L-E	\$6,845.24	\$9,591.91	2,746.67								

Financial Activities or Profit-Loss Statement		(date)	(amounts)
Receipts	(from)		
dues:	FGGM Ch	9-Feb-09	\$149.00
	PGC Ch	20-Feb-09	\$26.00
	BA Ch	13-Mar-09	\$108.00
	SM Ch	10-Mar-09	\$100.00
	GWS Ch	15-Mar-09	\$71.00
	UES Ch	26-Feb-09	\$87.00
	UPC Ch	31-Mar-09	\$41.00
other:	BB&T	2-Jan-09	\$95.75
	Council meeting	22-Feb-09	\$450.00
	MOAA	7-Jul-09	\$500.00
	LES Ch	4-Aug-09	\$2,502.71
	Total:		\$4,130.46
Expenses	(to)	(date)	(amounts)
	Jim Shifrin (gifts)	22-Feb-09	\$30.00
	MD JTF (contribn)	22-Feb-09	\$200.00
	Club Meade	22-Feb-09	\$469.80
	Norm Taylor (Hill)	8-Jun-09	\$655.22
	Jack Fringer (plaid)	15-Jun-09	\$48.77
	other - worded	na	\$0.00
	check #275		\$1,383.79
	Total:		\$2,746.67

Notes: 1. In 2006, checks by Dalke started at #260 & finished at #xxx.
 2. Maryland MOAA Chapters: A Ch = Annapolis Chapter
 BA Ch = Baltimore Area Chapter
 FGGM Ch = Fort George G. Meade Chapter
 GWS Ch = General William Smallwood Chapter
 LES Ch = Lower Eastern Shore Chapter
 MC Ch = Montgomery County Chapter
 PGC Ch = Prince Georges County Chapter
 S Ch = Susquehanna Chapter
 SM Ch = Southern Maryland Chapter
 UES Ch = Upper Eastern Shore Chapter
 UP Ch = Upper Potomac Chapter

