

**MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA  
COUNCIL OF CHAPTERS**

MINUTES, FEBRUARY 8, 2014  
FT JACKSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 1001  
FOLLOWED BY PLEDGE TO THE FLAG AND PRAYER

DALE INTRODUCED THE NEW PRESIDENT OF DANIEL MORGAN, HILTON HEAD AND STAR FORT. KEOWEE AND SANTEE WERE NOT PRESENT TODAY.

MINUTES APPROVED.

TREASURER'S REPORT ACCEPTED. WAS MENTIONED FOR THOSE WHO ARE TAX EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS DON'T FORGET TO FILE YOUR E-FORMS WITH THE IRS. THERE FOLLOWED A DISCUSSION AS WHEN IT IS APPROPRIATE TO DROP MEMBERS FROM THE ROLES IF THEY ARE NOT PAYING THEIR DUES. MOST USE ONE YEAR AS A GUIDELINE.

MR. ELI WISHART DISCUSSED SEVERAL AREAS OF EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT FOR GUARD AND RESERVE (ESGR) SUCH AS THE 1994 REEMPLOMENT ACT PROTECTING EMPLOYEES, AND THE DOD ORGANIZATION, AND EMPLOYER SUPPORT AND MEDIATION. TALK WITH YOUR CHAPTERS TO GET THE WORD OUT FOR THIS PROGRAM.

FEB 26<sup>TH</sup> THE GOVERNOR IS MEETING WITH MANY EMPLOYERS TO DISCUSS THE HIRING OF VETERANS.

MYRTLE BEACH MILITARY APPRECIATION DAYS IS FROM MAY 1-31. AS LAST YEAR ALL SORTS OF ACTIVITIES ARE PLANNED DURING THE MONTH.

OUR CONVENTION IN 2015 IS STARTING OFF WITH THE HOSE CHAPTERS, LOW COUNTRY AND HILTON HEAD, BEGINNING THEIR PLANNING. GENERALLY WE SUPPORT SOME STATE CONVENTIONS AS IN GEORGIA AND FLORIDA. WE USUALLY TAKE OUT ADS IN THEIR CONVENTION BOOKLETS. HOWEVER IN THE FUTURE WE

WILL CUT BACK. TWO MOTIONS WERE PRESENTED: ONE WAS FOR ONE HALF PAGE ADS FOR \$175. THIS MOTION WAS DEFEATED. THE OTHER WAS TO PAY FOR ONE QUARTER PAGE ADS IN COLOR FOR \$115. THIS MOTION PASSED

THE ISSUE OF STATE INCOME TAX EXEMPTION FOR MILITARY RETIREMENT PAY WAS BROUGHT UP AGAIN. IT IS TOO LATE TO DO IT NOW, (AND IT HAD BEEN APPROACHED BEFORE). HOWEVER WE SHOULD BEGIN TO DISCUSS IT SERIOUSLY. DAVID LOBB VOLUNTERED TO HEAD UP THIS EFFORT. THE GOVERNOR HAS STATED MANY TIMES SHE WANTS SOUTH CAROLINA TO BE A VET FRIENDLY STATE.

DAVID LOBB BROUGHT UP SEVERAL ISSUES BEING WORKED. LOSS OF COMMISSARY PRIVILEGES BEING DISCUSSED AGAIN; DEBT LIMITS TO INCLUDE MEDICARE AND TRICARE PROGRAMS AND COLA; WITH TRICARE STANDARD THE EMPLOYER CANNOT PAY FOR COMPANY INSURANCE; HAVE IN-STATE TUITION WITH THE GI BILL FOR OUT OF STATE STUDENTS. LASTLY, THE STATE VETERANS RALLY WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 23<sup>RD</sup> ON THE STEPS OF STATEHOUSE AS USUAL.

JOHN ALLEN LOOKING FOR MEMBERS FOR THE AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION. MANY OF THE YOUNGER MEMBERS WANT AN E-MAIL TYPE OF MAGAZINE RATHER THAN THE STANDARD PAPER COPY. OUR CHAPTERS MAY WANT TO INVESTIGATE SOME SORT OF ELECTRONIC SYSTEM FOR SIGN UPS OR FOR NEWSLETTERS. MANY DIFFERENT ORGANIZATIONS ARE GOING THAT WAY.

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AND THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE MAY10, 2014.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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