

MILITARY OFFICERS OF AMERICA
COUNCIL OF CHAPTERS
MINUTES, NOVEMBER 9, 2013
FT JACKSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Meeting called to order at 1010

Prayer by Warren Benson (Bob Armstrong's wife is ill, so please remember her)

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes approved

Treasury report accepted

In order to receive an award for excellence the chapter must have a complete and accurate officer roster in place at national.

We had agreed to send a check to Florida for an ad in their conference brochure, but we wound up sending two.

Discussed the 2013 budget. Forecasted to be \$4900.00 with a deficit of \$2811.07. Since we don't have a lot of revenue we have to be careful of our expenses. Warren offered to store our equipment. David Lobb suggested we don't approve a budget starting with a deficit.

A motion was made to have a committee to look at this problem and to propose methods for revenue for the 2014

budget. Members of the committee to be: Bob Hawkins, Warren Benson, David Lobb and Bill Koehler. One issue to be put before the committee is that we reduce our support to other states. Then motion made and passed to table the 2014 budget until we receive the report from the special committee.

As for chapter development/redevelopment, Dale wants to look into a chapter in the Florence area. Warren will chair the charge on Florence. Bill Koehler will head the chapter “renovation” committee. Right now Santee-Wateree and Keowee chapters are in need of help. Myrtle Beach almost collapsed years ago, but now they have recovered. Bill Koeler will head up the chapter “renovation” efforts

The level of excellence awards were Aiken, Myrtle Beach, and Hilton Head. The MOAA National SE regional conference will be in Jacksonville, FL in the spring of 2014.

As for legislative issues, what will happen with sequester? There will be changes in Army programs, and generally in all programs. There is a new log in system for MyPay.

AIKEN: Had a 50th anniversary dinner and 120 people attended. Guest speaker was Adm. Ryan. Honor membership presented to Cong. Wilson. Had members of the legislative delegation

attending and the theme was the celebration of **ALL** veterans groups helping veterans?

NOTE: Key to a good chapter is about one third social, one third business, and having good speakers.

PIEDMONT: 50th anniversary is next month and 263rd AANG Major General will be there. Planning tour of Lake Hartwell dam. Tax exempt status costs about \$700-800. Then discussion about different categories of tax exempt followed.

STAR FORT: Our county council gave the old library as a new Vet Center. Jim Wheeler thanked Fred for all of his work, and as he leaves office, he accomplished a lot and has been a great help in the transition.

GREENVILLE: Think we had a great conference. There was a lot of work done by all concerned. The webmaster has prepared a guide for all chapter webmasters. Katie Damer is creating an after action report. Solicitation for ads was not responded to and business ads don't sell in other places.

Two comments arose that some were disappointed at the overall attendance and that in planning should consider cost per person.

MYRTLE BEACH: We, as chapters, need to publicize in our communities about who we are and what we do. We did a Korean appreciation ceremony with some high ranking dignitaries. The key to a successful chapter is to be active (meetings with speakers, dinners or luncheons) and don't forget speakers. Good speakers will draw members.

HILTON HEAD: Thought it was a great conference.

THEY VOLUNTEERED TO DO THE NEXT CONFERENCE, MAYBE JOINTLY WITH LOW COUNTRY.

LOW COUNTRY: Rich is looking forward to working with everyone.

COLUMBIA: Ft. Jackson has had several senior officers in the past few months that don't know what MOAA is, and they don't seem to have a commitment to the local community.

Meeting was adjourned at 1210.

Next meeting on February 8, 2014

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EDWARD J. BURNS, III, Col, USAF, (Ret)

Secretary