

THE MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION
OF AMERICA SOUTH CAROLINA COUNCIL
FT JACKSON, SOUTH CAROLINA
NOVEMBER 8, 2014

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 10:05.

PRAYER WAS OFFERED BY WARREN BENSON FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

MINUTES WERE ACCEPTED WITH ONE CHANGE THAT HILTON HEAD NOT LOW COUNTRY WAS WORKING WITH THE HOTELS FOR OUR STATE CONFERENCE. FINANCIAL REPORT WAS ACCEPTED

A DONATION FROM THE COUNCIL TO THE MOH SOCIETY MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED AND UNANIMOUSLY PASSED FOR \$1000. SEVERAL CHAPTERS, CHARLESTON, COLUMBIA, GRAND STRAND, GREENVILLE, AND PIEDMONT HAVE ALREADY COMMITTED THEIR DONATIONS. CHAPTERS ARE ASKED TO ROUTE DONATIONS THROUGH THE COUNCIL NOT LATER THAN FEBRUARY 14, 2015. 2 V-P BILL KOEHLER WILL DRAFT A LETTER FOR THE DONATIONS AND PRESENT AT THE NEXT MEETING. INTENT IS TO PRESENT TOTAL DONATIONS TO THE MOH SOCIETY AT THEIR LOCATION ON PATRIOT'S POINT WITH COUNCIL AND CHAPTER MEMBERS ABLE TO ATTEND PRESENT TO PRESENT THE SYMBOLIC CHECK TO THE MOH DIRECTOR/S. GOAL SPRING 2015.

WE HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT CHAPTER SATELLITES FOR A LONG TIME. DALE HAS SOME PEOPLE IN FLORENCE THAT ARE INTERESTED IN BEGINNING ONE. ALSO CHARLOTTE IS WILLING TO SPONSOR A SATELLITE IN ROCK HILL UNTIL THEY COULD SOLIDIFY A CHAPTER IN ROCK HILL. THERE WAS A MOTION AND SECONDED TO APPROVE A SATELLITE FROM CHARLOTTE IN ROCK HILL.

HILTON HEAD AND LOW COUNTRY ARE WORKING THE STATE CONFERENCE, BUT NEED TO HAMMER DOWN THE DATES. GREENVILLE CHAPTER OFFERED TO SHARE INFORMATION. ALSO DALE MADE A PLEA TO THE CHAPTERS TO PRODUCE LISTS

OF THEIR DEPARTED MEMBERS SINCE THE LAST CONFERENCE FOR THE CEREMONY AT THE CONFERENCE.

LOW COUNTRY AND GRAND STRAND ARE THE STARS FOR MEMBERSHIP. WE ALL KNOW THAT IT IS HARD, BUT INVESTIGATE FORMER OFFICERS, GUARD AND RESERVE. THIS RESULTED IN A GOOD DISCUSSION GIVING MANY GOOD IDEAS FOR RECRUITING MEMBERS.

RAFFLES HAVE BEEN APPROVED FOR 501(C)3 ORGANIZATIONS SO THEY CAN RAISE MONEY MORE READILY. THE COUNCIL IS A 501(C)19 ORGANIZATION.

GRAND STRAND ASKED ABOUT LIABILITY INSURANCE, AND HOW MUCH WOULD BE ENOUGH. MOST CHAPTERS AND THE COUNCIL HAVE NO INSURANCE.

COUNCIL V-P FOR LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS SPOKE ON LEGISLATIVE ISSUES IN REGARDS TO THE UPCOMING (STATE & FEDERAL) SESSIONS. ANY BILLS PENDING FROM PREVIOUS SESSIONS ARE DROPPED AND MUST BE REINTRODUCED IN THE NEW SESSION.

SEN JOHN MCCAIN IS THE NEW CHMN OF THE SASC AND SEN LINDSAY GRAHAM SERVES AS ITS PERSONNEL SUBCOMMITTEE CHMN.

AIKEN IS DOING A BIKE RIDE TO HELP HIGHLIGHT THE PROBLEMS WITHIN THE VA. AT THE STATE LEVEL, THE ISSUE OF THE EXEMPTION FOR MILITARY RETIRED PAY DIED BECAUSE OF THE BLOCKAGE BY SEN LEATHERMAN.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:30
NEXT MEETING IS FEBRUARY 14, 2015

SUBMITTED BY:

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