**East -Central Alabama Chapter, MOAA**

**MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

**November 3, 2020**

The meeting was held via Zoom Teleconference due to the COVID-19 virus and the State of Alabama, Stay-at-Home Order. It was called to order at 1:00 P.M. by President Mike Horsefield. The following were present:

Mike Horsefield, Jeff Bohler, Bill Broome, Judy Bohler, Charlie Block, Marilyn Horsefield, Earl Digman, Cathy Golden, & Mike Golden.

Not present: None

Bill Broome started the meeting with the Pledge.

A quorum was present.

Announcements: None.

Old Business:

a. COVID Status – Jeff Bohler stated that while we are still under restrictions, the trends are starting to move up in Alabama. He reminded us that we are not out of the woods yet.

b. 2021 Dues Waiver – It was decided that dues would continue in 2021.   
c. October Zoom Meeting Feedback – Jeff Bohler stated that while the meeting went well and his follow up with the presenter was positive, it was disappointing to see so few members attend.

New Business:

1. Vice President Report – Jeff Bohler:   
a. Nothing to Report.

2. Treasurer – Earl Digman:   
a. The Account balance is $5,173.08.

b. The only expenditure last month was to Secretary Bill Broome for postage stamps.

3. Secretary – Bill Broome:   
a. CDR Len Cochran, USN (Ret) passed away.

b. 81 Members. 66 Regular, 13 Surviving Spouse, & 2 Associate.

c. Motion was made by Bill Broome to accept the September minutes. It was seconded and approved by vote.

4. Past President – Mike Golden:

a. Nothing to Report.

5. Chaplain – Mike Golden:

a. Nothing to Report.

6. Director, Chapter Affairs – Marilyn Horsefield

a. Surviving Spouse Liaison: Marilyn Horsefield reported that she reached out to CDR Cochran’s widow and provided her with some information that was well received. Additionally, she contacted MOAA and had CDR Cochran’s Life Membership converted to her as a Surviving Spouse Membership.

b. TOPS: Mike Horsefield. Nothing to report.

c. Membership Chair: Judy Bohler. Judy reported we have a new member and she will get the application filled out.

d. Personal Affairs: Marilyn Horsefield. Nothing to report.

7. Director, Communications: Cathy Golden

a. Newsletter: Cathy Golden stated that the newsletter in progress and that she is waiting on some parts.

b. Webmaster: Bill Broome. Website up and running, no problems. Links recently checked.

c. Social Media: Jeff Bohler. LinkedIn and Facebook are up and static. The Facebook Group has 6 members and LinkedIn has 3.

d. News Releases: Bill Broome. Nothing to Report.

8. Director, Program & Banquet: Mike Golden

a. ROTC/JROTC Awards: Mike Golden. Nothing to Report.

b. Monthly Meeting Coordinator: Nothing to Report. We are still in a holding pattern until things return to normalcy. Mike will maintain contact Moore’s Mill for status updates.

c. Guest Speakers: Jeff Bohler has confirmed the November speaker and this will be another Zoom meeting with a presentation on Suicide Prevention in the military.

9. Director, Legislative Affairs: Charlie Block

a. Bylaws: Charlie Block. Nothing to Report.

b. State Council: Charlie Block. The next meeting will be on January 12 by Zoom videoconference.

c. Legislative Updates: Charlie Block. The hot topics right now are Arlington National Cemetery eligibility and what will happen after the election.

d. Monthly MOAA Update: Charlie Block. There are discussions going on about a MOAA Zoom account that every chapter can use.

10. Round Table Discussion: Mike Horsefield

a. Mike Horsefield discussed the upcoming virtual MOAA workshop on Membership. He and Judy Bohler will plan to attend.

b. Discussion was made to spend up to $500.00 for gift cards to raffle at the Christmas Party/Zoom video conference. Motion was made to approve $500 in various amounts. It was seconded and approved by vote.

Next meeting: Tuesday, December 1st at 1 PM by Zoom video conference.

Adjournment: Having nothing further, the meeting adjourned at 2:06 P.M.

Submitted by: Approved by:

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Secretary President

Approved: December 1, 2020