**East -Central Alabama Chapter, MOAA**

**MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

**February 1, 2021**

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, 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 the trends across the state are steady. The vaccine is available and the Alabama Department of Public Health has published the priority list. There are new strains appearing that are more contagious.

 **b.** January Zoom Meeting Feedback – Jeff Bohler stated that the meeting went very well. The video was posted to the Chapter’s Face Book page.
**c.** Mike Horsefield led a discussion on the Good Deeds/Charitable donations. It was agreed that we will fund local (vs. national) charities. Further discussion needs to be held for amounts and charities.
**d.** 2021 Calendar & Goals: Mike Horsefield stated that he wants to keeps things steady and move forward with the Good Deeds/Charity Program.
**e.** New Application Form: Jeff Bohler & Bill Broome stated that we will wait until the MOAA National form is released and then see if any changes are needed. It was also agreed that Judy, as membership chair, should be involved with any changes.
**f.** Harris Award: Mike Golden & Bill Broome met to discuss the award submission. Mike Golden completed the submission for the newsletter & website.

**Reports:**

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

2. **Treasurer – Mike Golden:**
**a.** The Account balance is $5312.86.

3. **Secretary – Bill Broome:**
**a.** 81 Members. 66 Regular, 13 Surviving Spouse, & 2 Associate as of January 31, 2021.

 **b.** Motion was made by Bill Broome to accept the January 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:** Nothing to Report.

 **b. TOPS:** Mike Horsefield. Nothing to report.

 **c. Membership:** Judy Bohler. Judy reported that dues are still being collected. National is reporting that the zip-code roster will not be available until later in the month.

 **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 any additional input by the end-of-day Friday.

 **b. Webmaster:** Bill Broome. Website up and running, no problems.

 **c. Social Media:** Jeff Bohler. LinkedIn and Facebook are up and growing

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

8. **Director, Program & Banquet: Mike Golden**

 **a. ROTC/JROTC Awards:** Mike Golden. Mike reported that he has heard from one high school and that getting the awardees and mailing the certificates/medals is looking like the best option for this year. If possible, Mike will attend any ceremonies at the schools.

 **b. Monthly Meeting Coordinator:** Mike Golden. Mike contacted National and gave them October 9, 2021 for the 50th Anniversary banquet. Until COVID is lifted, MOAA leadership is not traveling. Mike will continue to maintain contact with Moore’s Mill for updates.

 **c. Guest Speakers:** Jeff Bohler. The February speaker is CAPT Ted Mills, USN (Ret) an analyst at the VA who will give a presentation on the disability adjudication process.

9. **Director, Legislative Affairs: Charlie Block**

 **a. Bylaws:** Charlie Block. Charlie presented changes to the bylaws. It was seconded and approved by vote.

 **b. State Council:** Charlie Block. The next meeting will be on April 13 by Zoom videoconference.

 **c. Legislative Updates:** Charlie Block. The National Defense Authorization Act was passed. Future NDAAs are unknown.

 **d. Monthly MOAA Update:** Charlie Block. Nothing to Report.

10. **New Business:**
**a. Zoom Purchase Options:** Jeff Bohler reported that Judy bought a plan and sees no reason for the chapter to purchase one.

**Round Table Discussion: Mike Horsefield**

 **a.** Bill Broome stated that we are still expecting a $25 check from WAA.
**b.** Bill Broome stated that he had contacted Mercer for the $100 advertising stipend. They have acknowledged the submission and a check is forthcoming.
**c.** Mike Golden stated that he would contact USAA for the $300-chapter stipend to be used at the Anniversary Banquet.

Next meeting: Monday, March 1st at 1 PM by Zoom video conference.

Adjournment: Having nothing further, the meeting adjourned at 2:14 P.M.

Submitted by: Approved by:

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William J. Broome Mike Horsefield

LCDR, USCG (Ret.) CAPT, USN (Ret.)

Secretary President

Approved: March 1, 2021