**East -Central Alabama Chapter, MOAA**

**MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

**January 5, 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 1:03 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: Mike Horsefield welcomed everyone to 2021.

**Old Business:**

 a. COVID Status – Jeff Bohler stated that the trends across the state are rising. The vaccine is available and the Alabama Department of Public Health has published the priority list. There is a new strain that is appearing in the UK and Europe that is more contagious.

 b. December Zoom Meeting Feedback – Jeff Bohler stated that there were 16 attendees and the meeting went well. His follow up with the presenter was positive.

**Reports:**

1. **Vice President Report – Jeff Bohler:**
a. A Zoom account purchase was brought up and Jeff will brief us next month on the options and costs.

2. **Treasurer – Mike Golden (interim):**
a. The Account balance is $5,251.36.

 b. Discussion was held about an audit. Jeff Bohler has taken for action.

3. **Secretary – Bill Broome:**
a. 83 Members. 68 Regular, 13 Surviving Spouse, & 2 Associate as of December 31, 2020.

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

4. **Past President – Mike Golden:**

 a. Nothing to Report.

5. **Chaplain – Mike Golden:**

 a. Mike reported that his check-up calls were well received.

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 for 2020 we had 5 new members/4 pass away/no moves/8 non-renewals. So far for 2021 there have been 2 non-renewals.

 **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 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 started reaching out to the high schools and universities for the J/ROTC awards. Right now, 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. For planning purposes, October 9, 2021 will be the 50th Anniversary banquet. Mike will book with Moore’s Mill and also check on cancelation policy. Until things return to normal we will continue with the Zoom meetings. Mike will continue to maintain contact with Moore’s Mill for updates.

 **c. Guest Speakers:** Jeff Bohler. The February speaker is COL Ed Marshall, the Commanding Officer of Patrick Space Force Base.

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

 **a. Bylaws:** Charlie Block. Charlie reported that he was going to look at the by-laws for any cleaning up.

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

 c**. Legislative Updates:** Charlie Block. The National Defense Authorization Act was passed.

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

10. **New Business:**
**a. Wreaths Across America:** Bill Broome reported that the season is over. The chapter sold 13 wreaths for $65. We received a 2nd check for $30. We are still due $25.
**b. Good Deeds/Charity:** Mike Horsefield tasked everyone to come up with a charity for next month’s discussion.
**c. Harris Communication Award:** The award submission deadline is February 1st. Mike Golden will submit the newsletter and Bill Broome will submit the website.
**d. 2021 Calendar & Goals:** Mike Horsefield will work on this.
**e. Dues Payment to ALCOC:** Mike Golden stated that he has paid $33.50 to the Council.
**f. 2021 Dinner Meeting Dates:** Mike Golden stated that for planning we will keep the 3rd Tuesdays except for June and July. October 19th will be the Anniversary Banquet.
**g. 2021 BOD Meeting Dates:** After discussion the following dates were approved for the 2021 BOD Meetings: 1/5, 2/1, 3/1, 4/5, 6/1, 7/6, 8/3, 9/7, 10/5, 11/2, & 12/7.
**h. Huntsville Recruiting Letter:** Charlie Block has wordsmithed the Huntsville letter and it is OK for Judy to send out.
**i. New Application Form:** Jeff Bohler & Bill Broome will work on a new form.

**Round Table Discussion: Mike Horsefield**

 a. None.

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

Adjournment: Having nothing further, the meeting adjourned at 2:36 P.M.

Submitted by: Approved by:

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Approved: February 1, 2021