**East -Central Alabama Chapter, MOAA**

**MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

 **June 1, 2021**

The meeting was held at the Horsefield’s residence. It was called to order at 2:30 P.M. by President Mike Horsefield. The following were present:

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

Not present: None.

Bill Broome started the meeting with the Pledge.

A quorum was present.

Announcements: None.

**Old Business:**

 **a.** COVID Status – Jeff Bohler reported the trends across the state have lowered but there a still a few variants globally. We are slowly returning to normal.

 **b.** May Zoom Meeting Feedback – Jeff Bohler stated that the meeting went very well.
**c.** Good Deeds/Charitable donations – We received a donation request from Central High School Navy JROTC as well as one from the Auburn Heritage Society for a Korean War Memorial. There was some discussion about a donation to the speaker a few months ago (Koon’s). A motion was made to send $100 to the Auburn Heritage Society, $100 to Mr. Koon’s charity, and $100 to Central High School’s Navy JROTC. It was seconded and approved by vote. Mike Golden to disburse funds as soon as possible. An attempt will also be made to get a photo of the donation for the news/website. Donations to the formalized charities will be reviewed at a fall meeting.
**d.** Mercer/USAA Monies – Mercer advertising money has still not been received. Bill Broome to follow up. Mike Golden stated that he has received the $300 from USAA.

**Reports:**

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

2. **Treasurer – Mike Golden:**
**a.** Current account balance is $6071.86.

3. **Secretary – Bill Broome:**
**a.** 79 Members. 63 Regular, 14 Surviving Spouse, & 2 Associate as of April 30, 2021.

 **b.** Motion was made by Bill Broome to accept the May 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. Judy stated that Joy Elam had broken her hip. Mike Golden to reach put to her.

6. **Chapter Affairs:**

 **a. Surviving Spouse Liaison:** Marilyn Horsefield. Nothing to report.

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

 **c. Membership:** Judy Bohler. Judy reported that she was following up on Mike O’Brien’s application as well as a few others.

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

7. **Communications:**

 **a. Newsletter:** Cathy Golden reported that while there is no newsletter published in June or July, she is going to do a summer edition so that the J/ROTC winners can be published as well as notification to the August Luau.

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

 **c. Social Media:** Jeff Bohler. LinkedIn and Facebook are up and static. New videos and pictures have been added. It was also agreed to go public with the Facebook page.

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

8. **Program & Banquet:**

 **a. ROTC/JROTC Awards:** Mike Golden. Mike stated that he has one (1) award medal and certificates to send out and is waiting for input from a school.

 **b. Monthly Meeting Coordinator:** Mike Golden. Mike stated that he August Luau is confirmed with MMC catering and a cash bar. The 50th Gala is scheduled for October 19th at MMC.

 **c. Guest Speakers:** Jeff Bohler. Jeff stated that with no summer meetings, the August Luau, the October Gala and Christmas party, he is looking for speakers for September and November.

9. **Legislative Affairs:**

 **a. Bylaws:** Charlie Block. Nothing to report.

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

 **c. Legislative Updates:** Charlie Block. Nothing to report.

 **d. Monthly MOAA Update:** Charlie Block. We are seeing inflation and that will affect our COLA adjustments. Active duty are predicted to receive a 2.7% raise and a flat defense budget.

10. **New Business:**
**a.** None.

**Round Table Discussion: Mike Horsefield.**

 **a. Luau RSVP:** Discussion was held about using the RSVP drafts that Mike Horsefield presented. Judy to look into printing and mailing as well as emailing to folks to better promote the event.
**b. Ukulele Band:** Cathy Golden to talk with band about limiting their numbers to 10 or less. Motion was made and approved by vote to provide meals to the band.
**c. Harris Awards:** Mike Horsefield presented Cathy Golden (newsletter) and Bill Broome (website) the 2020 Harris Communication 5-Star awards.

 **d. Elections:** Discussion was held about forming a nomination committee headed by Mike Golden (Past President) next month.

**Next meeting:** Tuesday, July 6th at 2 PM at the Horsefield’s residence.

**Adjournment:** Having nothing further, the meeting adjourned at 3:40 P.M.

Submitted by: Approved by:

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Secretary President

Approved: July 6, 2021