East -Central Alabama Chapter, MOAA

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

November 5, 2019

The meeting was held at the American Red Cross Building Conference Room, 206 26th St., Opelika, AL 36801, and called to order at 1:00 P.M. by President Mike Horsefield. The following were present:

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

Not present: None.

A Quorum was present to conduct official business for the meeting.

Announcements:

Mike Horsefield started the meeting with the Pledge. He welcomed everyone to the meeting as his first time as President.

1. Vice President Report – Jeff Bohler:   
a. Jeff reported that he had taken over from Gary with no problems.

2. Treasurer – Earl Digman:   
a. Earl stated that the current bank balance was $3665.53.

b. He handed out a 2020 Budget for review.

c. The 2020 Budget will be reviewed and voted on at the December BOD meeting.

3. Secretary – Bill Broome:   
a. The shift in Secretary from Judy Bohler to me has just begun.

b. Motion was made to accept the October minutes. It was seconded and approved.

4. Past President – Mike Golden:

a. Nothing to Report.

5. Director, Chapter Affairs - Mrs. Marilyn Horsefield

a. Surviving Spouse Liaison: Mrs. Marilyn Horsefield. Nothing to Report.

b. TOPS: Mike Horsefield. Nothing to Report.

c. Membership Chair: Mrs. Judy Bohler. Judy stated that we added 2 new members in October; COL Linus Fiely, USA (Retired) and CW4 Frank Ovnic, USA (Retired).

d. Personal Affairs: Mrs. Marilyn Horsefield. Nothing to Report.

6. Director, Communications: Cathy Golden

a. Newsletter: Cathy Golden. Newsletter in progress. Hope to have it out soon.

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

c. Social Media: Jeff Bohler. Facebook and LinkIn and up and static with little activity.

d. News Releases: Bill Broome. There is a draft release waiting approval by Mike Horsefield.

7. Director, Program & Banquet: Mike Golden

a. ROTC/JROTC Awards: Mike Golden. Bill Broome has passed the materials and files to Mike. He will be working on contacting the schools over the next few weeks.

b. Monthly Meeting Coordinator: Mike Golden. Mike will be confirming with SCC our cancellation for November’s meeting. He will be negotiating for December’s meeting as well. After the MMCC dinner, the BOD will decide to move or return to SCC.

c. Guest Speakers: Jeff Bohler. Jeff reported that he had emailed Sheriff Jay Jones, November speaker, to confirm and let him know that we will be at the Moore’s Mill Country Club (MMCC). He also reported that he was working on a few speakers leads for next year.

8. Director, Legislative Affairs: Charlie Block

a. Bylaws: Charlie Block. Nothing to Report.

b. State Council: Charlie Block. Nothing to Report.

c. Legislative Updates: Charlie Block. Charlie stated that he intends to email the members when new legislative news or calls for action are received.

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

Old Business:

a. Dinner venue: Discussion centered on a new venue. The November meeting will be at MMCC and the December/Christmas brunch back at SCC. Whether to move from SCC will be decided after we see how MMCC goes.

b. Mike Horsefield discussed the sponsorships for the newsletter. He will work on some talking points that people can use to approach businesses with. BOD agreed on $100 per year to start for a business card size ad plus a link on the website.

New Business:

a. Bill Broome brought up the ALCOC Eubanks Award from Senator Tom Whatley. Mike Golden has the lead on this from the Council; but we may be the ones presenting the award. More from Mike Golden to follow.

b. Bill Broome also bought up the Wreaths Across America and stated that we had sold 19 wreaths so far. This is $95 back to the chapter. He presented the first WAA check for $10.

c. The Auburn Student Veterans Association (ASVA) Gala is Friday the 8th at 6 PM. We have a table for 10.

d. Veterans Day is next week. Some of us will be at the City’s Ceremony at Veterans’ Park.

e. Based on the venue decision, we will need to firm up the 2020 meeting dates.

f. Future BOD meeting dates will also need to be decided.

Next meeting: Tuesday December 3rd at 1 PM at the American Red Cross.

Adjournment: Having nothing further, the meeting adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

Submitted by: Approved by:

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William J. Broome, Michael Horsefield

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

Secretary President

December 3, 2019

Enclosures: (1) Treasurer’s Report