**East -Central Alabama Chapter, MOAA**

**MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

**October 6, 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 1:04 P.M. by President Mike Horsefield. The following were present:

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

Not present: Cathy Golden & Earl Digman.

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 down. He reminded us that we are not out of the woods yet.

 b. New Treasurer – Tabled until the end of the year. Earl said that he would remain until the end of the year.
c. Member Calls – Judy Bohler stated that these are complete.

New Business:

1. Vice President Report – Jeff Bohler:
a. Jeff reported that the virtual September meeting had 15 members viewing and that overall, the first virtual meeting was successful.

 b. Jeff also reported that he met a retired Army Reserve LTC and sent him information about the chapter.

2. Treasurer – Earl Digman:
a. Absent.

3. Secretary – Bill Broome:
a. 81 Members. 67 Regular, 12 Surviving Spouse, & 2 Associate.

 b. 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.

 b. Mike Golden did suggest either calling or sending a letter/card to members just to keep in touch with them and let them know that we are still here.

6. Director, Chapter Affairs – Marilyn Horsefield

 a. Surviving Spouse Liaison: Marilyn Horsefield. Nothing to report. Marilyn did express her appreciation to everyone who stepped in for her when she was unable.

 b. TOPS: Mike Horsefield. Nothing to report.

 c. Membership Chair: Judy Bohler. Judy reported that she contacted a new DISTAFF member who is a possible MOAA member.

 d. Personal Affairs: Marilyn Horsefield. Nothing to report. Charlie Block made a motion that dues for new members be waived for their first *calendar* year. It was seconded by Judy and approved by vote.

7. Director, Communications: Cathy Golden

 a. Newsletter: Cathy Golden. Not present. However, Mike indicated that the newsletter will go out Friday.

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

 c. Social Media: Jeff Bohler. LinkedIn and Facebook are up and static. The Facebook page has a new look.

 d. News Releases: Bill Broome. Nothing to Report. Jeff Bohler stated that he would write up a short news release on the September meeting.

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 October speaker and this will be another Zoom meeting with a Professor from Troy University who has an archived military post card collection.

9. Director, Legislative Affairs: Charlie Block

 a. Bylaws: Charlie Block. Nothing to Report.

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

 c. Legislative Updates: Charlie Block. The hot topics right now are military healthcare, the election, and the federal budget.

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

10. Round Table Discussion: Mike Horsefield

 a. Mike Horsefield discussed the Navy Research Center’s program to encourage STEM careers. He is still working on how the chapter could be involved possibly as mentors and will send a letter of commitment.

Next meeting: Tuesday, November 3rd at 1 PM by Zoom video conference.

Adjournment: Having nothing further, the meeting adjourned at 2:01 P.M.

Submitted by: Approved by:

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Approved: November 3, 2020