**East -Central Alabama Chapter, MOAA**

**MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

**September 1, 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 1:00 P.M. by President Mike Horsefield. The following were present:

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

Guests: LTC Dave Jensen, President, Alabama Council of Chapters.

Not present: None.

Bill Broome started the meeting with the Pledge.

A quorum was present.

Announcements: Dave Jensen thanked the BOD for allowing him to visit and speak.

He expressed his thanks to all chapter members for their outstanding support to MOAA and the community. He also congratulated the chapter for its 50th Anniversary, 2019 5-Star Level of Excellence Award, and 2019 5-Star Harris Communication Award. Lastly, he read and presented Mike Golden with the MOAA Leadership Award. Dave left the meeting at 1:10 PM.

Old Business:

 a. COVID Status – Jeff Bohler stated that while we are still under restrictions, with the schools returning, the number of positive cases has increased.
b. New Treasurer – Jeff Bohler stated that the search was still ongoing, Earl said that he would remain until the end of the year.
c. Member Calls – Judy Bohler stated that she had contacted approximately 95% of the chapter members.

New Business:

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

2. Treasurer – Earl Digman:
a. The chapter has a current balance of $5,229.73.

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

 b. Motion was made by Bill Broome to accept the August 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: Marilyn Horsefield. Nothing to report.

 b. TOPS: Mike Horsefield. Nothing to report.

 c. Membership Chair: Judy Bohler. Nothing to report.

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

7. Director, Communications: Cathy Golden

 a. Newsletter: Cathy Golden. A newsletter will go out soon.

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

 c. Social Media: Jeff Bohler. LinkedIn and Facebook are up and static. If someone has time to spend on these, Jeff is happy to relinquish them.

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

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 September speaker, Billy McDonald, on a Zoom videoconference for Tuesday, September 15th at 7 PM. The newsletter will have a link for the chapter members. For October, 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 last meeting on July 14 was conducted by Zoom videoconference and it went well. The October (Q4) meeting will be by Zoom as well.

 c. Legislative Updates: Charlie Block. The hot topics right now are military healthcare and Arlington National Cemetery’s proposed eligibility requirements.

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

10. Round Table Discussion: Mike Horsefield

 a. Mike Horsefield reminded us to think about a new treasurer, ideally one with an accounting background.

 b. Earl Digman proposed waiving 2021 dues. This is tabled until the October BOD.

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 6th at 1 PM by Zoom video conference.

Adjournment: Having nothing further, the meeting adjourned at 2:04 P.M.

Submitted by: Approved by:

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Approved: October 6, 2020