

**East Central Alabama Chapter**  
**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**  
**August 1, 2023**

The meeting was held at Chappy's Deli in Auburn, Alabama, and was called to order by Mike Horsefield at 11:40 a.m. Present were Mike Horsefield, Judy Bohler, Jeff Bohler, Ron Carson, Jerry Williams, and Chris Richie. Not present were Jim Matthews, Gordon Bugg, and Mike Golden.

**Board Members Remarks.**

1. **President:** Remarks will be included in topics below.
2. **Vice President:** Chris Richie indicated he was working on speakers for upcoming General Meetings. He will continue to make arrangements for the meetings at the Auburn University Club.
3. **Secretary:** Jerry Williams requested approval of the minutes for the board meeting on May 9, 2023. Judy Bohler made a motion, seconded by Jeff Bohler, that the minutes be approved. The motion carried.
4. **Treasurer:** Gordon Bugg had emailed Board members the treasurer's report.
5. **Past President:** No Report.
6. **Chapter Affairs:** No Report.
7. **Communications:** Jeff Bohler reported that he had updated Facebook to reflect 29 members. He will also add the schedule for the remainder of the year, information about the Luau, and stories. He will update LinkedIn for 8 members the same as for Facebook. The information will also be updated on the Chapter website.
8. **Program and Banquet:** Judy Bohler gave an update on the plans for the Luau/General Meeting scheduled for August 19, 2023, at the Grove Hill Clubhouse. She indicated that the contract has been signed and mailed, and a check has been forwarded for the rental of the Clubhouse. She needs volunteers on the morning of the Luau to assist with setup and decorations. The meal is set at \$25 per person. Judy also reminded Chris Richie that the AU Club needs to be reserved for General Meetings on September 21, October 19, and November 16, 2023.
9. **Legislative Affairs:** No Report
10. **Membership Chair:** Judy Bohler reported that current membership is 68 regular members, 9 surviving spouses, and 1 auxiliary member. She gave an update on recently deceased and hospitalized members. Sympathy cards are being mailed to the appropriate families. She indicated that 4 potential members have been invited to the Luau.

**Topics:**

1. Mike Horsefield encouraged Board Members to explore ways for ECAC to help charitable organizations in the community. A suggestion was made to get younger chapter members to help with home repairs for older members. Another suggestion was to take older members to

lunch. Board members were asked to continue thinking of other ways to be involved with charitable organizations.

2. There was a discussion about interfacing with ROTC Units to assist in cadet development.
3. There was some discussion of the use of family members of Board Members to assist with public relations and recruitment of new members.
4. Mike Horsefield asked Board members to consider whether they wanted to continue in their current capacity. He suggested that those who did not should look for replacements.
5. **The next General Meeting of ECAC will be the Luau at 4:00 p.m., August 19, 2023, at the Grove Hill Clubhouse.**
6. **The next meeting of the Executive Board will be at Chappy's Deli in Auburn at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 12, 2023.**

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

**Submitted By:**

**Approved By:**

**Jerry F. Williams**

**Mike Horsefield**

**LTC, USA (RET)**

**CAPT, USN (RET)**

**Secretary**

**President**

**Approved: September 12, 2023**