

East Central Alabama Chapter

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

November 7, 2023

The executive meeting was held at Chappy's Deli in Auburn, Alabama, and was called to order by Chris Richie at 11:43 a.m. Present were Chris Richie, Ron Carson, Jeff Bohler, Judy Bohler, and BJ DeBardeleben. Not present were Mike Horsefield, Mike Golden, Ron Barto, and Gordon Bugg.

Board Member Remarks.

1. **President:** No Report. Arrived at 12:21 p.m.
2. **Vice President:** Chris Richie announced that Bill Shannon, Auburn University Athletics, will be the speaker for the November 16th General Meeting. Also, discussed having members share a story for some of the general meetings instead of having a guest speaker so often. Dave Moore would like to discuss Tricare Long Term Care at the January or February meeting.
3. **Secretary:** BJ DeBardeleben requested approval of the minutes for the October 3, 2023, Board Meeting. Jeff Bohler made a motion, seconded by Ron Carson, that the minutes be approved. The motion carried and Chris Richie signed approval for Mike Horsefield.
4. **Treasurer:** Fund has \$3957.41.
5. **Past President:** No Report.
6. **Chapter Affairs:** Ron Carson reported on the work of the Nominating Committee and stated recruiting is complete and the new members are serving in their roles.
7. **Communications:** No Report.
8. **Program and Banquet:** Judy Bohler reported that the December General Meeting will be on December 9th at the Saugahatchee Country Club from 11:00-1:00 pm. It was decided there will be an equal split of gift cards and gifts in total of \$200 for the Christmas party. The January General Meeting will be on January 18th at the Auburn University Club. The annual ROTC Banquet is planned for April 18th at the Saugahatchee Country Club.
9. **Legislative Affairs:** No Report.
10. **Membership Chair:** Judy Bohler reported that there are currently 73 regular members, 8 surviving spouses, and 2 auxiliary member for a total of 83 members in ECAC.

Topics.

1. There was discussion led by Jeff Bohler, Director of Social Media about ECAC use of social media for advertising and spreading information to members and the community. Jeff pointed out that we don't currently have an Instagram or snapchat page and that lots of other organizations use

those to reach people. As a group we decided it was good information, but that we should focus on increasing usage with our current social media platforms of Facebook and LinkedIn.

2. **The next Executive Board Meeting will be 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, December 5, 2023, at Chappy's Deli in Auburn.**
3. **The next General Meeting will be 11:00 a.m., Saturday, December 9, 2023, at the Saugahatchee Country Club.**

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 12:32 p.m.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Benjamin J. DeBardleben

Mike Horsefield

MAJ, USMC (RET)

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Secretary

President

Approved: Minutes for October 3, 2023 approved on November 7, 2023.