

**East Central Alabama Chapter**  
**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**  
**April 4, 2023**

The meeting was held at Chappy's Deli in Auburn, Alabama, and was called to order by Mike Horsefield at 11:43 a.m. Present were Mike Horsefield, Gordon Bugg, Chris Richie, Ron Carson, Jim Matthews, Jerry Williams and Jeff Bohler. Judy Bohler and Mike Golden were not present.

**Board Member Remarks.**

1. **President:** Mike Horsefield indicated that the primary topic of discussion for the meeting would be the upcoming ROTC/JROTC Awards Banquet scheduled for April 20, 2023.
2. **Vice President:** Chris Richie reported that he is looking for a speaker for the May 18 General Meeting.
3. **Secretary:** Jerry Williams requested Board approval of the minutes of the March 7 meeting of the Board. Jim Matthews made a motion for approval, seconded by Gordon Bugg. The motion was approved.
4. **Treasurer:** Gordon Bugg presented the financial status of the Chapter and the Treasurer's Report at the end of March. Jim Matthews made a motion that the Report be approved. The motion was seconded by Ron Carson and approved by the Board.
5. **Past President:** No Report.
6. **Chapter Affairs:** No Report.
7. **Communications:** Jeff Bohler indicated that he is incorporating some new technology that will improve the communications systems. He mentioned a need to reach out to older members of ECAC to find ways to increase their involvement in Chapter activities.
8. **Program and Banquet:** Jim Matthews (with written input from Judy Bohler through Jerry Williams) summarized plans for the Awards Banquet. He presented a list of all the awardees and their guests as well as the school representatives accompanying each cadet. He provided for the President's signature the certificates that are to be presented to each awardee. Information on the set up for the banquet and the itemized costs to ECAC were included in the written report from Judy Bohler.
9. **Legislative Affairs:** No Report.
10. **Membership Chair:** Jerry Williams reported information provided by Judy Bohler indicating there are 69 regular members, 9 surviving spouses, 1 auxiliary member for a total of 79 members at the end of March.

**Topics.**

1. Jim Matthews outlined the order of the events for the Awards Banquet. The awardees are expected to arrive at Saughatchee Country Club by 5:45 p.m. on April 20. Members should

plan to arrive by 6:00. The agenda calls for brief comments, Pledge of Allegiance, Prayer, Meal and then presentation of the awards.

2. After some discussion, it was concluded that Mike Horsefield would serve as Master of Ceremonies at the Awards Banquet and would present the awards. Jeff Bohler will present the cadets to Mike Horsefield for the awards.
3. Jim Matthews discussed the need for a Board Member to attend the awards ceremonies at each of the schools when awards were presented at the respective schools. Board members volunteered for each of the ceremonies.
4. **The next General Meeting of ECAC will be the ROTC/JROTC Awards Banquet at 6:00 p.m., April 20, 2023, at Saugahatchee Country in Auburn.**
5. **The next meeting of the Executive Board will be at Chappy's Deli in Auburn at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 9, 2023.**

**Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 12:43 p.m.

**Submitted by:**

**Approved by:**

**Jerry F. Williams**

**Mike Horsefield**

**LTC, USA (RET)**

**CAPT, USN (RET)**

**Secretary**

**President**

**Approved: May 9, 2023**