

FORT RUCKER CHAPTER AT FORT NOVOSEL
MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
11 March 2024

The meeting convened at 1200 on 11 March 2024 at the Divots Restaurant at Silver Wings Golf Course, Fort Novosel, AL and chaired by Ron Kaita. Attendees were Ron Kaita, Randy Godfrey, Carolyn Wooley, Loel Ewart, Frank Estes, Othan Gilbert, Ray Collins and Susanne Bailey.

Ron Kaita opened the meeting with the invocation and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Old Business

- Minutes of the 12 February 2024 board meeting were approved.

New Business

- The Treasurer's 11 March 2024 finance report was approved.
- Ron Kaita gave the Ambassador Program report. He stated that yesterday he recruited 65 candidates to become MOAA national members.
- Frank stated he wanted news articles in by 20 March.
- Randy reported that he has Shannon Smith of Barry Moore's office to speak at our April chapter dinner. Randy said that since we have not had a MOAA National representative since 9/2021, he hoped to line up one for our June Chapter dinner. Ron said he hoped to get General Kelley for the Eagle Rising Ceremony in July.
- Othan reported that our membership is at 122 plus 11 surviving spouses. He said he is featuring Dennis Newton and Houston Printing in our next newsletter. Othan also sent pictures and an article to the newspapers about our last dinner meeting.
- Ray gave a report on the Legislative Affair and Retiree Council meetings. COLA Watch: The CPI is .2 percent below the 2024 baseline. We need to be aware of the congressional Budget cuts. It was noted that as of 1 October the commissary will no longer supply grocery bags.
- Susanne said that ROAA will meet tomorrow here at the club. They no longer make reservations.
- Susanne gave the menu for our next chapter dinner. Tossed salad with assorted dressings; stuffed chicken breast with spinach and goat cheese, wrapped with bacon; vegetable medley; rice pilaf; rolls and butter; Oreo pie; sweet and unsweet tea, water, coffee. The cost will be \$22.00.
- Randy mentioned that the new VA Hospital in Enterprise has 178 beds which have been filled by military personnel in other VA homes across Alabama. It was reported that Mary Rutkowski donated her library of over 10,00 books to the hospital.
- Ron reported that there is now a Warrant Officer's Museum in Ozark at the Holman House. He said it was very well done.
- Ron told us that MOAA has a vacation Club and if we use it for vacations and cruises that our chapter would receive a donation from MOAA National.
- Ron reminded us that we needed to keep a record of our volunteer hours for purposes of reporting them to the appropriate office at Fort Novosel.

The Board adjourned at 1256.

The next board meeting will be on 8 April.

Carolyn Wooley, Secretary