



MARYLAND COUNCIL

Military Officers Association of America

Minutes of the Council Meeting

27 April 2008

1610 Call to order/Opening Remarks by Council President, LCDR Smith

Pledge to the Flag – LTC Fringer

Invocation - LCDR Smith

Treasurer's report as of 31 March 2008 – CDR Dalke, Treasurer

Cash: \$3,493.70 CD: \$4,000.00 Total Assets: \$7,493.70

Our current \$4,000 CD will mature soon and we will roll it over into a \$5,000 CD.

Discussions:

- LCDR Smith welcomed Jim Coleman, the Interim President of a prospective new chapter, the Annapolis Chapter. It was noted that one of our current chapters is in danger of collapsing due to lack of members and lack of leaders. National will attempt a “Chapter Rescue” this summer or early fall.

- State Legislative Review for 2008 – LTC Fringer. Bills in the State General Assembly to exempt military retired pay from state and local taxes never got out of committee. A bill was passed to prohibit “for profit” use of the names of those killed in action in the War on Terror. LTC Fringer urged the use of the MOAA Website to stay active on legislative issues, including bills in the Congress to grant a Congressional Charter to MOAA.

- Storm the Hill – LCDR Smith. Maryland sent two representatives this year, LCDR Smith and LTC Fringer. The issues included disproportional military health fee increases, financial penalties for military caused disabilities and deaths, and closing the military pay gap.

- A new Second Vice President will be required to take office in January 2009. The Council is also looking for a Council Secretary.

- Chapters are urged to keep their Chapter Officer Forms and Chapter Rosters up to date with national MOAA.

- Council Web Site. The Council Website is www.mdmoaa.org and the Council Webmaster is Major Jim Shiffrin. Chapters are urged to send updated chapter information and their newsletters to Jim.Shiffrin@gmail.org for posting on the Council Website.

- Military Family Support Center – This organization is not part of MOAA. This organization provides support to families of our mobilized military, such as home/auto repair assistance, legal assistance, counseling, etc. The organization is based in Virginia but hopes to expand into Maryland. They are looking for volunteers in Maryland.

- Council Bylaws update. CAPT Taylor - The Council Bylaws were updated by LTC Fringer and CAPT Taylor. Several changes were recommended by the Council. These changes were approved and the Bylaws were approved as amended.

- The next Council Meeting will be held on either 17 or 18 November 2008 in Arlington VA. The primary order of business at that meeting will be the election of officers for 2009/10.

1730 - Adjourn

Tom Smith

Attendees:

Tom Smith, President

Jack Fringer, First Vice-President

Norm Taylor, Second Vice President

Greg Dalke, Treasurer

Montgomery Chapter

Tony Mitchell, Treasurer

Prince George's County Chapter

Ray Rowland, President

Southern Maryland Chapter

Jack Fringer, Past President

Susquehanna Chapter

Jim Wasson, President

Upper Easter Shore Chapter

RADM Pete Dillingham, President

Upper Potomac Chapter

Joe Shrader, President

Ft. Meade Chapter

Jim Pede, President

Annapolis Chapter

Jim Coleman, Interim President

Not represented:

Baltimore Area Chapter

Lower Eastern Shore Chapter

General Smallwood Chapter