



Maryland Council  
Military Officers Association of America  
Meeting Minutes  
6 December 2014

Members Present:

John Whitman, President  
Andrew Fallon, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President MDCOC, President, Annapolis Chapter  
Norm Taylor, Immediate Past President  
James Pede, Secretary  
Greg Dalke, Treasurer  
Warren Prince, Southern MD Chapter  
Phil Campbell, Southern MD Chapter  
Jeff Brock, President, Susquehanna Chapter  
Annie Brock, Susquehanna Chapter  
Jim Dittbrenner, TOPS  
Dave Peterson, MDCOC Director, President, Montgomery County Chapter  
Mike DeHaemer, President, Star Spangled Banner Chapter  
Tom Seybold, Star Spangled Banner Chapter  
Bill Benson, President, Upper Potomac Chapter  
Doug Reichard, Upper Potomac Chapter

Members Absent:

Harvey Kaplan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President MDCOC  
Jack Fringer, Legislative Chair  
Eleanor Layman, Auxiliary  
Reggie Sealey, Prince Georges Chapter  
Jim Shiffrin, Webmaster, President Ft Meade Chapter  
Mike Rhoden, President, General Smallwood Chapter

The Maryland Council of Chapters met 6 December 2014 at 1300 in the Guy C. Parlett Post 7 of the American Legion in Annapolis, Maryland. Council President Maj John Whitman opened the meeting presenting Col Brian Anderson, USAF Retired, MOAA's Council and Chapter Affairs Department Deputy Director and our guest speaker, Doug Reichard, Star Spangled Banner Chapter and Phil Campbell, Southern MD chapter. He then called on CAPT Norm Taylor for an invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Maj Whitman reviewed items of interest first reminding all chapter presidents to send their membership rosters to MOAA no later than 1 February. He discussed a December MOAA web seminar focused on chapter tax exemption and he reported that our initiative to open a new chapter in western Maryland has the support of Pennsylvania and West Virginia chapters.

Minutes: MDCOC meeting minutes from the October meeting were presented by Maj Pede. Minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: CDR Greg Dalke reported that cash flow this year is low due in part to dues shortfalls versus expected (budgeted). He also discussed the closing of our BB&T account.

Auxiliary Affairs: Eleanor Layman was recognized again by Maj Whitman for her outstanding contributions to the council. She was presented with an MOAA award at the October membership meeting in Washington D.C. Eleanor will step away from council duties at the end of the year but intends to continue her efforts for the FGGM chapter.

Special Presentation: Maj Whitman called forward Mike DeHaemer and Tom Seybold to present a special plaque recognizing the 50 year anniversary of the chapter's founding. Huzzah!

Officer Installation: Maj Whitman, outgoing president, called forth Col Brian Anderson to officiate the installation of new officers. Col Anderson reminded all of the importance of chapter/council officer progression to maintain an active membership. He thanked Maj Whitman for several years of hard work and dedicated effort by presenting him with an MOAA coin. He called forth COL Andrew Fallon, incoming president for the oath of office. COL Fallon thanked Maj Whitman for his hard work as well. COL Fallon expressed his interest in expanding the MOAA 'footprint' at both state and federal levels.

TOPS report: Jim Dittbrenner expressed concern for the failure of MOAA to notify new members of chapter contacts nationwide. He believes we need to find chapter members who are actively employed to work with recently retired folks. The most important BANG issue is finding chapter members who will work as TOPS POC.

Maryland Retired Veterans Task Force: CAPT Peterson reported that Secretary Chow submitted his resignation due to the results of the recent election. He told everyone that the vets commission is sending all veterans a benefits guide covering MD state benefits and services.

Annual MDCOC National Guard Award: This year's award winner is the 290<sup>th</sup> Military Police Company from Parkville MD. The council award will be presented on 14 December at 1100hrs. Col Fallon and Maj Whitman will try to attend. Bill Benson said he would make the presentation as his final act as council chair for the yearly award.

Streamer Presentation: COL Fallon called on CAPT Norm Taylor to affix the 2011 Levels of Excellence Award to our colors. The original award 'went missing' some time long ago!

COL Fallon concluded the meeting. Next meeting is TBD

JAMES PEDE, Major, USAF Ret  
MD Council Secretary

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**Maryland MOAA Council**

*Treasurer's Report, as of 30-November-2014 (CDR Greg Dalke, USN, retired)*

Balance Sheet		31-Mar-14	30-Nov-14		change in position
	<b>Assets</b>	\$9,582.00	\$9,092.84		(\$489.16)
	BB&T Cash	\$1,042.44	\$0.00		(\$1,042.44)
	NFCU Checking	\$962.06	\$4,015.26		\$3,053.20
	NFCU Savings (2)	\$77.50	\$77.58		\$0.08
	Cash	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
	CD (BB&T - NFCU)	\$7,500.00	\$5,000.00		(\$2,500.00)
	<b>Liabilities</b>	\$426.31	\$0.00		(\$426.31)
	<b>Equities</b>	\$9,155.69	\$9,092.84		(\$62.85)
	A=L+E	\$9,582.00	\$9,092.84		(\$489.16)

Financial Activities or Profit-Loss Statement						
YTD Actuals:	Receipts	2014 Budget:	(from)	(description)	(date)	(amounts)
\$550.00	dues:	\$800.00	PGC Ch.	chk #1137: 2014 dues	2-Sep-14	\$17.00
			UES Ch. & donation	chk #5599: 2014 dues plus	27-Jun-14	\$150.00
\$206.69	int/divs on accts:	\$206.00	NFCU	dividends	30-Nov-14	\$0.32
			BB&T	interest on CD	15-May-14	\$206.25
\$10,990.89	other:	\$0.00	BB&T	deposit	29-Sep-14	\$7,474.10
			BB&T to NFCU	xfr of funds, chk #305 & ca	26-Aug-14	\$200.00
			BB&T to NFCU	account closure	3-Nov-14	\$828.01
			Chapters	2014 Legislative Luncheon	various	\$1,102.00
			National	2014 Legislative Luncheon	3-Nov-14	\$1,260.00
\$11,747.58	<totals>	\$1,006.00			Total:	\$11,237.68
YTD Actuals:	Expenses	2014 Budget:	(to)	(description)	(date)	(amounts)
\$6,361.97	mail/web/bank:	\$180.00	BB&T to NFCU	BB&T chk #305	26-Aug-14	\$100.00
			BB&T to NFCU	cash	26-Aug-14	\$100.00
			BB&T to NFCU	cash	3-Nov-14	\$828.01
			NFCU	BB&T chk #307: Share Cert	29-Sep-14	\$5,000.00
			UES Ch.	chk #157: MD Nat'l Guard c	17-Jun-14	\$100.00
			Jim Shiffrin	chk #158: domain renew	21-Jun-14	\$177.78
\$0.00	meetings:	\$0.00				
\$0.00	int'l gifts:	\$250.00				
\$57.00	ext'l gifts:	\$325.00				
\$3,221.09	campaigns:	\$650.00	Greg Dalke (reimb.)	BB&T chk #306: Leg. Lunc	29-Sep-14	\$2,794.78
\$9,640.06	<totals>	\$1,405.00			Total:	\$9,100.57
\$2,107.52	<b>Difference: Receipts to Expenses</b>					\$2,137.11

- Notes: 1. In 2006, checks by Dalke started at #260 & finished at #307 (BB&T).  
 2. In 2012, checks by Dalke started at #146 & finished at #150 (NFCU); in 2013, restart at #0001 & finished at #0012; in 2013, restart at #151 & finished at #xxxx (NFCU).  
 3. Maryland MOAA Chapters:  
 A Ch. = Annapolis Chapter  
 FGGM Ch. = Fort George G. Meade Chapter  
 GB Ch. = Greater Baltimore/ Star Spangled Banner Chapter  
 GWS Ch. = General William Smallwood Chapter  
 (LES Ch. = Lower Eastern Shore Chapter)  
 MC Ch. = Montgomery County Chapter  
 PGC Ch. = Prince Georges County Chapter  
 S Ch. = Susquehanna Chapter  
 SM Ch. = Southern Maryland Chapter  
 UES Ch. = Upper Eastern Shore Chapter  
 UP Ch. = Upper Potomac Chapter



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## Maryland Networking Liaison (TOPS) Report 6 December 2014

Chapter Presidents and TOPS Networking Liaison members are receiving this report. Current status:

1. Current efforts to establish MOAA BANG groups sponsored by the Montgomery County and the Ft. Meade Chapters is currently stalled. Facilities have been confirmed, and speakers and programs lined up. Final approval of location for the Montgomery County chapter is with Maryland's Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation. Chapter members are in the process of being recruited to support the program. Need Chapter members who are employed to make the BANG concept work.

Ft. Meade's BANG has the sponsorship of Northrop Grumman and its location immediately outside Ft. Meade, next to the NSA facilities. Chapter support is the next step for implementation. Again, speakers and programs have been identified. Ft. Meade's ACAP has also agreed to promote the MOAA BANG once operational.

Unable to detect concern for the transitioning service members once separated from active duty. As reported in the May Report, State and County LVERS and DVOPs are limited in supporting the transitioned service member still looking for employment.

2. The follow on counseling, resume critiques, and source identifications have resulted in an identifying 14 new MOAA members. This is the result of requests generated from the Career Fair and Open House listings, and the Job Postings. Efforts have been initiated with MOAA Transition Center to see how this arena can be expanded for recruitment purposes. New requests for follow on information via the Career Fair listings are running at of 15 per career fair distribution, at least five from officers. The desired result here is to identify the individuals and what chapter they can or have joined, and acknowledging the Chapter's TOPS representative's recruitment efforts. Heavy referral to MOAA chapters in Mid-West and California from East Coast recipients of the listings and postings.
3. The Job Postings side of the TOPS Liaison distribution has grown significantly. Distribution of Job Postings is undertaken either twice or three times a week with the listing of more than 200 positions per distribution. These job postings range from New York to Florida with requests for California.
4. Distribution of the Career Fair and Open House listings continues to grow on average of a net gain of 20 per week. Follow on counseling (all ranks) is averaging 20 hours per transitioning military member. This is usually, but not always, following participation in the individual's TAP. Distribution at the first tier of the listing has now reached 1003 recipients. Third tier now above 76,000.

Respectfully submitted,

James P. Dittbrenner  
Maryland Networking Liaison