

Maryland Council
Military Officers Association of America
Meeting Minutes
28 February 2010

Members Present:

Jack Fringer, President
Norm Taylor, First Vice-President
John Whitman, Second Vice-President
James Pede, Secretary
Greg Dalke, Treasurer
Jim Shiffrin, Webmaster
Tom Smith, Past President, Maryland Council
Jim Coleman, President, Annapolis Chapter
Gunter Finkenauer, President, General Smallwood Chapter
David Peterson, Second Vice President, Montgomery Chapter
Pete Dillingham, Outgoing President, Upper Eastern Shore
George Evans, Incoming President, Upper Eastern Shore
David Robinson, President, Susquehanna Chapter
Chip Chipley, past President, Upper Potomac Chapter
Evelyn Deluca-Widmer, President, Southern Maryland Chapter

Members Absent:

James Shelley, President, Baltimore Chapter
Harvey Kaplan, President, Montgomery Chapter
Raymond Rowland, President, Prince George's Chapter

Call to Order. The Maryland Council, MOAA, met at Club Meade, Ft Meade Maryland on 28 February 2010. LTC Jack Fringer opened the meeting following brunch at 1240 introducing BG James Adkins and his wife as our guests of honor.

OLD BUSINESS:

Review and approval of minutes: Minutes were provided to all attendees. December 2009 minutes were reviewed and accepted as written.

Treasurer's report: CDR Dalke provided year ending report stating no changes from the previous report in December. As of the end of December council assets stand at \$9, 681 with \$5,000 in a certificate of deposit (CD). In May an additional \$2,500 will be added to the CD.

CDR Dalke reminded all presidents that dues are \$1 per head and may be sent in at this time.

New Business:

Maryland Veterans Task Force: LTC Fringer reminded everyone that the task force continues to work the critical issues confronting veterans in the state assembly. Each year the task force covers their expenses from their own pockets and from donations provided by the council. In 2009 the council provided \$200 and LTC Fringer made a motion to contribute \$200 for 2010. The motion was seconded and passed.

MOAA Awards Program: LTC Fringer again encouraged all to participate in the MOAA awards program throughout the year. He reported that the communications award submissions were due earlier in February and said the web site was submitted at that time for an award. The level of excellence award is due 1 June and he asked all presidents to work hard to meet the deadline.

Maryland Council Convention: LTC Fringer discussed the idea of holding a Maryland MOAA Council sponsored convention for the state. He asked for all chapters to consider hosting the convention.

TOPS Program: LTC Fringer introduced James Dittbrenner as the new council TOPS representative. A transition program is being drafted to help our council move forward in assisting new retirees and our membership.

Chapter President Update: All chapter presidents provided current updates of their chapters.

Storming the Hill: LTC Fringer asked the membership to confirm financial support to those involved in the "Storming the Hill" event. The motion was seconded and passed.

Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW) Dinner: Col Gorham Black (FGGM/MOAA) invited everyone present to attend the 20 March MOWW dinner featuring LTG Lloyd Austin, currently Director of the Joint Staff, Pentagon.

Council Recognition: LTC Fringer acknowledged the many contributions and achievements of BG James Adkins during his tenure as Maryland's former Secretary of Veterans Affairs and currently as Adjutant General. He thanked BG Adkins presenting him with a small token of appreciation.

The meeting was adjourned at 1340. The next scheduled meeting is 6 May 2010 at 1300 at Club Meade. Brunch will be available.

James Pede, Maj, USAF Ret
Secretary

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