



Maryland Council
Military Officers Association of America
Meeting Minutes
29 April 2012 at the Fleet Reserve Club
Annapolis, Maryland

Members Present:

Norm Taylor, President
John Whitman, First Vice-President
Gunter Finkenauer, Second Vice-President
Greg Dalke, Treasurer
James Pede, Secretary
Jim Shiffrin, Webmaster, President, Ft Meade Chapter
Jack Fringer, Legislative Liaison
Tom Smith, Director
James Dittbrenner, Montgomery Chapter
Eleanor Layman, Auxiliary Rep, Ft Meade Chapter
Harvey Kaplan, President, Montgomery County Chapter
Andy Fallon, President, Annapolis Chapter
Tony Blankenship, President, Southern Maryland Chapter
James Shellem, President, Upper Eastern Shore
Reggie Sealey, President, PG County Chapter
Raymond Rowland, Past President PG County Chapter
Steve Regner, Sec/Treas, PG County Chapter
Dan Donohue, Gen Smallwood Chapter
Robert Murray, Treasurer, Upper Potomac Chapter
Jeff Brock, President, Susquehanna Chapter

Members Absent:

Ken McCreedy, President, General Smallwood Chapter
Tom Seybold, Baltimore Chapter
Luke Brennecke, President, Upper Potomac Chapter
Dave Peterson, Director

The Maryland Council of Chapters met 29 April 2012 at 1300 in the Fleet Reserve Club, Annapolis, Maryland.

Following the pledge and introduction of new members, CAPT Taylor opened the meeting with a review and approval of the minutes from 5 February.

Minutes were approved by vote but discussion continued concerning an open item regarding charitable requests. All agreed that funding one organization would 'swamp' the council with requests from many organizations. (Closed)

Maj Whitman moved that we cover costs associated with Storming the Hill. Jim Dittbrenner seconded and the motion carried. (Cosed)

Treasurer's report: CMD Dalke presented the treasurer's report (Atch 1) saying that council assets stand at \$9,331.99 with \$7500 in a CD. To date, only the Gen Smallwood Chapter had not responded to the request for dues. He reminded everyone that the council has no Maryland tax free status. A letter from the council treasurer would be needed and a Form 990 filed. CAPT Taylor asked if the non profit status equaled tax exempt status. CMD Dlake said no, the two are very different things. The council agreed to drop the tax exempt, non profit issue ONCE AND FOR ALL! (Closed)

TOPS Report: Jim Dittbrenner provided the TOPS Liaison Report saying Ft Meade BANG effort was ending as the local representative retired from the position. He asked the FGGM President to advertise for a new volunteer to help reestablish the BANG in the Ft Meade area. (Open)

Legislative Liaison: LTC Fringer reminded all that the upcoming Maryland Congressional Luncheon is scheduled for 11 September 2012, Rayburn Building, Room 2168. He estimated we would fill the room with 100-120 participants. The first planning meeting was held, the menu selected, and the price established at \$35. Invitations were sent to chapter presidents for them to send to their legislators. LTC Fringer asked that presidents copy him on all correspondence and asked them to consolidate all reservation information by chapter. When all reservations are final that information should be provided to Maj Pede. LTC Fringer invited anyone interested to attend the next planning meeting on 13 June 2012 at the Ft Meade Golf Club.

LTC Fringer reported on three bills of interest to the council from the Maryland legislative session. As expected, the military pension reduction to taxes failed to leave committee again this year. However, a task force to study veteran courts was passed and an initiative to ad a "V" to veteran's license plates was passed.

Storming the Hill: Maj Whitman said the Maryland delegates he visited 'listened politely.' He referred everyone to MDMOAA.ORG for more detailed information. The three key issues this year were rejection of TRICARE hikes, resistance to force reductions, and rejection of 'fast track' changes. He reported that only Rep Bartlett met our representatives personally.

Maryland Veterans Commission: Col Kaplan reported that the commission met with the Governor on 17 April. Twenty four members were present. Several issues of note include: A \$3.8 million increase to Charlotte Hall funding; there are over 6200 names on the commission email distribution list; and Veterans claims in Baltimore are so backlogged that many are being 'farmed out' to other areas to expedite service. Regarding the veterans courts bill, Jim Campbell, Montgomery County Chapter, will be our representative for 18 months to evaluate how the courts will proceed.

Community Blueprint: CAPT Taylor announced the establishment of a new MOAA program nationwide called Community Blueprint. It was first reported a last year's general membership meeting in San Antonio. The effort seeks to harness the leadership of MOAA with many local community interests and organizations to help our military members and communities. CAPT Taylor said he would talk with Col Kaplan and Jim Dittbrenner about starting the effort in Montgomery County.

Levels of Excellence: LTC Fringer reminded all that submissions are due 1 June.

The meeting adjourned at 1500. The next meeting will be 5 August 2012 at the Fleet Reserve Club, Annapolis.

JAMES PEDE, Maj, USAF Ret
MD Council Secretary

1 ATCH: Treasurer's Report
2 ATCH: Standing Committees

ATCH 1: Treasurer's Report

Maryland MOAA Council
Treasurer's Report, as of 30-June-2011 (CDR Greg Dalke, USN, retired)

Balance Sheet	28-Feb-10	30-Jun-11	change in position
Assets			
Cash	\$9,500.28	\$8,494.99	(\$1,005.29)
CD	\$2,000.28	\$994.99	(\$1,005.29)
	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$0.00
Liabilities			
Equities	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$9,500.28	\$8,494.99	(\$1,005.29)
A=L+E	\$9,500.28	\$8,494.99	(\$1,005.29)

Financial Activities or Profit-Loss Statement						
YTD Actuals:	Receipts	2011 Budget:	(from)	(description)	(date)	(amounts)
\$610.00	dues:	\$800.00	S Ch.	chk #1063	3-May-11	\$68.00
			GB Ch.	chk #381	3-May-11	\$51.00
			UP Ch.	chk #457	3-May-11	\$75.00
\$206.25	other:	\$206.00	CD interest	auto deposit	16-May-11	\$206.25
\$816.25	<totals>	\$1,006.00		Total:		\$400.25
	Expenses	2011 Budget	(to)	(description)	(date)	(amounts)
\$143.64	mail/web:	\$0.00	Web Site (3 years)	chk #291	22-Jun-11	\$143.64
\$50.19	meetings:	\$0.00	Sherraton Annapolis	chks #285,287,288	26-Mar-11	\$50.19
\$165.15	intl gifts:	\$100.00	Past Prez & Gavel	chk #290	22-May-11	\$165.15
\$467.68	flags:	\$500.00	FlagZone	chk #292	27-Jun-11	\$467.68
\$239.50	extl gifts:	\$250.00	MD RYTF	chk #286	26-Mar-11	\$200.00
\$378.88	campaigns:	\$1,650.00	Storming the Hill	chk #289	22-May-11	\$378.88
\$1,445.04	<totals>	\$2,500.00		Total:		\$1,405.54
	Difference: Receipts to Expenses					(\$1,005.29)

- Notes: 1. In 2006, checks by Dalke started at #260 & finished at #xxx.
 2. Maryland MOAA Chapters:
 A Ch. = Annapolis Chapter
 FGGM Ch. = Fort George G. Meade Chapter
 GB Ch. = Greater Baltimore 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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2011-2012 <http://www.mdmoaa.org>**

Legislative Affairs Committee:	Jack Fringer (Chair) Harvey Kaplan Jeff Brock Dave Peterson Cyrus Stroman
Chapter Committee	Gunter Finkenauer (Chair) Tom Smith Tony Blankenship Jim Pede Andy Fallon
Public Relations Committee	Ken McCreedy (Chair) Jim Shiffrin Luke Brennecke Jim Dittbrenner Eleanor Layman
Finance Committee	John Whitman (Chair) Jim Shellem Reggie Sealey Greg Dalke
Personal Affairs Officer	Tom Smith (Chaplain)
Auxiliary Liaison Officer	Eleanor Layman
Maryland Vets Commission	Dave Peterson
Immediate Past President	Jack Fringer
Directors	Tom Smith & Dave Peterson

**Level of Excellence Award
1 June 2013 (for 2012)**

**Gunter Finkenauer (Co-Project Manager)
2nd Vice President (Co-Project Manager)**

**Congressional Luncheon
11 September 2012**

**Jack Fringer (Project Manager)
Jim Pede
Harvey Kaplan
Chapter Legislative Chairs/Liaisons**