



OKLAHOMA COUNCIL OF CHAPTERS
MEETING MINUTES
17 FEB 2024



Council President, Dennis Clippinger, called the meeting to order at 0957 at the La Madeleine restaurant, in Norman, OK.

Representatives and guests who were invited and attended the meeting (Listed in alphabetical order):

Ken Bartels	Past Council President and Cimarron Chapter
Barbara Bowman	Council Surviving Spouse Liaison and Norman Chapter, Surviving Spouse Liaison
Bob Bahr	Cimarron Chapter President
Dennis Clippinger	Council President
Don DuRant	Southwest OK Chapter President
Pat McGaugh	Council Legislative Liaison and Norman Chapter, Legislative Liaison
Ed Petersen	Past Council President
Chris Sartorius	Council 1st Vice President, Secretary, and Norman Chapter President
Mark Segovia	Green Country Chapter President
Alta Segovia	Guest - Green Country Chapter President Spouse
Janet Skelton	Southern OK Chapter President
Jerry West	Council Treasurer and Past Council President

Dennis Clippinger led the Council in the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: Members present reviewed the Nov 2023 meeting minutes. No changes were noted. The council approved the meeting minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Dennis Clippinger summarized the Treasurer's Report. The bank account balance is \$5284.48 as of Feb 24. The council approved the treasurer's report. 2024 Council dues are due after 1 Jan 2023 and based on 31 Dec 2023 membership roster. Four chapters have paid dues as of 17 Feb 2024. Dennis will submit a travel voucher for reimbursement for past travel to visit chapters.

Chapter Reports:

- Cimarron Chapter - Ken Bartels provided an oral report. Elected a new VP (Dr. Bob Bahr, USAF, Veterinarian, and commander of local American Legion chapter). Chapter needs new VP and a few other positions before applying for another LOE award. Provides OSU ROTC scholarship awards. Enid H.S. has JROTC program and the chapter awarded \$50 award and certificate for this unit. 17 Apr is ceremony date. Apr award ceremony at OSU. 27 Feb is next chapter meeting at Smokey Joe's BBQ. New OSU USAF ROTC commander is the guest speaker.
- Green Country Chapter - Mark Segovia provided an oral report. see his written report on the Google Drive
- Norman Chapter - Chris Sartorius provided an oral report.

- Southern Oklahoma Chapter - Janet Skelton provided an oral report. 29 members attended last meeting, 19 paid dues at that meeting. Amber Savage from Tom Cole's office attended. adopted two veterans at local Vet centers - will provide cards and small gifts for these vets on their birthday. Planning a canned food drive. 7 chapter members on carter county Vet council. Planning Memorial Day ceremony. Adm Slovanik is guest of honor and Adm Hull will also attend. Many chapter members participate in Patriot Guard. Work ongoing to recognize Vietnam Veterans in March.
- Southwest Oklahoma Chapter - Don Durant provided an oral Report. See written briefing report on the Google drive.

Council President's Comments:

Presented 2022 LOE awards

OK State Council - 5 Star LOE for 2022 presented to Ed Peterson

Green Country - 5 Star LOE presented to Mark Segovia

Norman - 4 Star LOE Presented to Chris Sartorius

Southern - 5 Star LOE presented to Janet Skelton

SW OK - 5 Star LOE presented to Don DuRant

OK highlight - Jim Stafford Air and Space Museum in Weatherford, OK. Lucile's Roadhouse is a great restaurant in Weatherford on Route 66.

Council/Chapter Ad Program - \$100 is available to provide an advertisement for AMBA on one of your chapter documents.

Council/Chapter Community Sponsorship Program - \$300 available. Go to MOAA HQ website to apply. Funds can be used for chapter events recognizing ROTC students, recruiting events, chapter banners or table coverings. Can be used to cover meals for ROTC scholarship recipients.

Fundraisers - SW OK has a 50/50 raffle. Norman does a prize raffle at each meeting.

National Level Officer Visit - We will have a national level officer at our May 2024 OK state Council Meeting.

Coins - US DoD Coins.com is an excellent vendor to work with to acquire challenge coins. They will help with the coin design. They are very quick (2-3 weeks). coin cost is \$6.59/coin.

OK Veterans Council Report: No report - Next meeting is Mar 2024.

Legislative Update: Pat McGaugh provided an oral report. See written report for details on bills introduced for the upcoming 2024 OK Legislature session. Please send Pat news about new legislative initiatives so he can research them for future updates.

Surviving Spouse Liaison: Barbara Bowman was absent due to illness.

Unfinished Business:

OK MOAA State Conference - Possible venues in Tulsa: Hardesty Regional Library has a 250-person auditorium which may be a meeting option. parking is excellent and room is free of charge. Meeting rooms at local hotels are expensive.

HQ MOAA Leadership Workshops - two national virtual workshops currently scheduled. No regional workshop for our region in 2024. Wed, 13 Mar workshop for new leaders. Encourage new chapter officers to attend. 14 Aug focused on experience leaders.

HQ MOAA Website - vast amount of information can be found under the Council/Chapter portion of the website.

SW OK Chapter Website (<http://www.swokmoaa.org/>) - see video recordings of past guest speakers.

MOAA Roundtables Discussions - see HQ MOAA website for details on past and upcoming topics. These are recorded sessions for future reference.

New Business:

Spring 2024 Advocacy - Advocacy in Action is 15-18 Apr 2024 in Washington, DC. priorities are:
Maj Richard Star Act
BAH Restoration Act
Protecting Tricare for Life

HQ MOAA New Council and Chapter liaison - Dena Kilgore (Tel: 703-838-8818)

Tax exempt and Liability Insurance - MOAA chapters are not covered by HQ MOAA national tax exemption or liability insurance

Past President's Comments: No Comments

Announcements:

Next Meeting Date: Sat, 18 May 2024, 1000-1200, Norman Central Library (if open). HQ MOAA guest speaker will provide an update.

Adjournment: Dennis Clippinger adjourned the meeting at 1147L.

Respectfully submitted by:

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