



OKLAHOMA COUNCIL OF CHAPTERS

MEETING MINUTES

12 AUG 2023

COUNCIL PRESIDENT, DENNIS CLIPPINGER, CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 1000 AT THE NORMAN PUBLIC LIBRARY – CENTRAL, IN NORMAN, OK.

REPRESENTATIVES AND GUESTS WHO WERE INVITED AND ATTENDED THE MEETING:

KEN BARTELS	PAST COUNCIL PRESIDENT
BARBARA BOWMAN	SURVIVING SPOUSE LIAISON
FLOYD BRANSON	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	COUNCIL PRESIDENT
MARY RAPP	SECRETARY, GREEN COUNTRY CHAPTER
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	PAST COUNCIL PRESIDENT

DENNIS CLIPPINGER LED THE COUNCIL IN THE INVOCATION AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

MINUTES: MEMBERS PRESENT REVIEWED THE MAY 2023 MEETING MINUTES. NO CHANGES WERE NOTED. THE COUNCIL APPROVED THE MEETING MINUTES.

TREASURER'S REPORT: JERRY WEST SUMMARIZED THE TREASURER'S REPORT. THE BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE IS \$5289.48 AS OF 12 AUG 23. THE COUNCIL APPROVED THE TREASURER'S REPORT.

CHAPTER REPORTS:

- CIMARRON CHAPTER - FLOYD BRANSON PROVIDED AN ORAL REPORT. 30 PEOPLE TYPICALLY ATTEND A CHAPTER MEETING. FALL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR 19 SEP AT 1800 AT SMOKEY JOES BBQ (WEST STILLWATER), ROTC COMMANDERS ARE SCHEDULED TO ATTEND. FLOYD MADE THE QUARTERLY UPDATE OF EVENTS ON THEIR CHAPTER WEBSITE. EMPHASIZING QUALITY GUEST SPEAKERS AT MEETINGS. MEETINGS ARE HELD QUARTERLY. CHAPTER PROVIDES \$1000 SCHOLARSHIP TO OSU BURSAR ACCOUNT.
- GREEN COUNTRY CHAPTER - MARK SEGOVIA PROVIDED ORAL REPORT – 31 PAYING MEMBERS. SURVIVING SPOUSE GROUP IS DOING WELL WITH MEETING AND SPEAKERS. RECENT SPEAKER DISCUSSED ACQUISITION OF AIR FORCE ONE. JUN CELEBRATED WOMEN IN THE MILITARY. JIM BRIDENSTEIN WAS JULY SPEAKER AND SPOKE ABOUT THE US SPACE FORCE AND NASA. NO MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR AUG. SEE WRITTEN REPORT FOR DETAILS. JROTC PRESENTED 11 \$100 CHECKS. WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE VETERAN'S PARADE IN OCT. WILL VISIT RETIREMENT HOME IN CLAREMORE IN NOV. WILL ALSO HOST A TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER. DISCUSSED OK VETERANS CALENDAR AND HOW CHAPTERS CAN ADVERTISE EVENTS ON THIS WEBSITE.

- NORMAN CHAPTER - CHRIS SARTORIUS PROVIDED AN ORAL REPORT – SEE WRITTEN REPORT FOR DETAILS
- SOUTHERN OKLAHOMA CHAPTER - JANET SKELTON PROVIDED AN ORAL REPORT. STATED 30 MEMBERS IN THE CHAPTER. 24 MEMBERS ATTENDED THE LAST MEETING. ON 8 JUN, COL JANOSKOW ATTENDED THE MEETING AND PROVIDED A MOAA ISSUES UPDATE. JANET WILL BUILD AN INFORMATION PACKET FOR SURVIVING SPOUSES. CHAPTER IS INVOLVED WITH CROSS TIMBERS HOSPICE AND THE “WE HONOR VETERANS” CEREMONIES.
- SOUTHWEST OKLAHOMA CHAPTER - DON DURANT PROVIDED AN ORAL REPORT. 98 CURRENT MEMBERS BUT DECREASING. THE CHAPTER IS ACTIVE MAINTAINING VETERAN GRAVESITES IN THE LAWTON AREA INCLUDING A WWI GRAVESITE. CHAPTER AWARDS 5 X \$1000 SCHOLARSHIPS TO H.S. STUDENTS. PROVIDES FUNDING FOR HOMELESS VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS. PRESENTED MOAA MEDALS AND MONETARY AWARDS TO JROTC AND UNIVERSITY STUDENTS AT CAMERON UNIVERSITY. PRESENTED THREE NATIONAL LEADERSHIP AWARDS TO KEY CHAPTER MEMBERS. DENNIS CLIPPINGER ATTENDED ADVOCACY IN ACTION IN DC. CHAPTER RECEIVED A 4-STAR CHAPTER COMMUNICATION AWARD AND PARTICIPATED IN AN AWARD REVIEW VIDEO CONFERENCE. FINANCIAL REPORT: \$9000 IN THE BANK AND \$3500 IN SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS:

DENNIS HIGHLIGHTED THE ROYAL BAVARIA RESTAURANT IN MOORE, OK

PLEASE EDIT THE STATE COUNCIL ROSTER AND RETURN TO OUR SECRETARY DURING THIS MEETING.

PHIL BROWN PASSED AWAY THIS SUMMER - FUNERAL CEREMONY WAS IN TULSA, HE IS BURIED AT FT. SILL MILITARY CEMETERY. MOTION TO DONATE \$100 TO MOAA FOUNDATION IN PHIL BROWN’S NAME. MOTION PASSED. DENNIS CLIPPINGER MATCHED THE DONATION.

PACT ACT - NEW DEADLINE IS 14 AUG 2023 TO APPLY FOR BACKDATED BENEFITS.

MOAA VIRTUAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

NATIONAL HQ CORRESPONDENCE - ENCOURAGE CHAPTER MEMBERS TO SIGN-UP FOR THESE NEWSLETTERS WHICH MOAA HQ PUBLISHES EVERY THURSDAY.

LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY - IF WE INTERACT WITH OUR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES, PLEASE REGISTER THIS INTERACTION ON THE MOAA NATIONAL HQ WEBSITE. VISIT THE LEGISLATIVE ACTION CENTER ON THE MOAA HQ WEBSITE. ADVOCATE FOR RESTORATION OF 100% FOR BAH AND BETTER PRESCRIPTION SERVICE FROM TRICARE.

MAIN MOAA MISSIONS - LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY, IMPACTFUL COMMUNITY SERVICE, MEMBERSHIP GROWTH (MOAA NATIONAL HAS 360,000 MEMBERS) ARE PRINCIPAL MOAA MISSIONS. WE NEED MEMBERSHIP GROWTH AT THE CHAPTER LEVEL.

MOAA VIDEOS - VISIT THE MOAA HQ WEBSITE (COUNCIL AND CHAPTER WEBINARS AND VIDEO ARCHIVE) FOR VIDEOS RELEVANT FOR LOCAL CHAPTERS

CHAPTER PUBLICITY - USE MOAA HQ COUNCIL AND CHAPTER ELECTRONIC SUPPORT MESSAGES FUNCTION TO ADVERTISE LOCAL CHAPTER EVENTS. REQUIRES 60 DAY NOTICE

MOAA ANNUAL MEETING - FRIDAY, 3 NOV 2023 IN WASHINGTON, DC. NO LOE GALA IS SCHEDULED. NO LOE RESULTS YET. ANY MOAA MEMBER IS ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING.

CHAPTER VISITS - MOAA STATE COUNCIL PRESIDENT WANTS TO ATTEND A CHAPTER MEETING BEFORE THE END OF 2023. PLEASE SEND YOUR CHAPTER MEETING SCHEDULE TO DENNIS CLIPPINGER

OK VETERANS COUNCIL REPORT: NO REPORT FROM SUMMER MEETING(S). DENNIS CLIPPINGER WILL ATTEND THE NEXT MEETING.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: PAT MCGAUGH PROVIDED AN ORAL REPORT. SEE WRITTEN REPORT FOR DETAILS ON BILLS INTRODUCED DURING THE RECENT OK LEGISLATURE SPECIAL SESSION. PLEASE SEND PAT NEWS ABOUT NEW LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES SO HE CAN RESEARCH THEM FOR FUTURE UPDATES.

SURVIVING SPOUSE LIAISON: BARBARA BOWMAN DID NOT ATTEND THE MEETING.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: POSSIBLE OK STATE CONVENTION IN AUG/SEP (IN LIEU OF AUG STATE COUNCIL MEETING) IN EVEN NUMBERED YEARS. DENNIS CLIPPINGER DISCUSSED THE CONCEPT FOR THIS MEETING. STATE CHAPTERS WOULD SEND KEY CHAPTER OFFICERS. FIRST, ONE-DAY/ONE-NIGHT MEETING WOULD BE HELD IN TULSA. A REGISTRATION FEE AND STATE COUNCIL FUNDS WOULD BE USED TO COVER MEALS, DRINKS/SNACKS, AND OTHER EXPENSES. CHAPTERS WOULD PAY HOTEL COSTS AND THE REGISTRATION FEE. NATIONAL HQ WOULD SEND REPRESENTATIVES. POTENTIAL GUEST SPEAKERS COULD ATTEND FROM NATIONAL HQ. DIGITAL MARKETING COULD BE A TOPIC FOR THE CONFERENCE.

PAST PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS: ED PETERSON DISCUSSED THE MILITARY COALITION. THERE ARE 161 AMERICAN LEGION CHAPTERS IN OK WITH 5,300 MEMBERS. MOAA IS THE ONLY PURELY OFFICER ORGANIZATION. WE ADVOCATE FOR ALL RANKS AND ALL SERVICES. EMPHASIZE OUR CONCERN FOR ENLISTED MEMBERS WHEN DISCUSSING MOAA MEMBERSHIP WITH POTENTIAL CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP RECRUITS.

COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

NEXT MEETING DATE: 4 NOV 2023, 1000-1200, NORMAN PUBLIC LIBRARY – CENTRAL, 103 WEST ACRES ST, NORMAN, OK 73069

ADJOURNMENT: DENNIS CLIPPINGER ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 1139L.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

CHRIS SARTORIUS
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MOAA / OKLAHOMA COUNCIL OF CHAPTERS