



# OKLAHOMA COUNCIL OF CHAPTERS

## MEETING MINUTES

### 6 MAY 2023

COUNCIL PRESIDENT, ED PETERSEN, CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 1004 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 1 <sup>ST</sup> VICE 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 2 <sup>ND</sup> 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

ED PETERSEN LED THE COUNCIL IN THE INVOCATION AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

**MINUTES:** MEMBERS PRESENT REVIEWED THE FEB 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 \$5242.48 AS OF 19 APR 23. THE COUNCIL APPROVED THE TREASURER'S REPORT.

#### CHAPTER REPORTS:

- CIMARRON CHAPTER - REPRESENTATIVE ABSENT - NO REPORT
- GREEN COUNTRY CHAPTER - ORAL REPORT FROM MARK SEGOVIA – SEE WRITTEN REPORT FOR DETAILS
- NORMAN CHAPTER - ORAL REPORT FROM CHRIS SARTORIUS – SEE WRITTEN REPORT FOR DETAILS
- SOUTHERN OKLAHOMA CHAPTER - REPRESENTATIVE ABSENT - NO REPORT
- SOUTHWEST OKLAHOMA CHAPTER - ORAL REPORT FROM DENNIS CLIPPINGER

#### COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

**OK VETERANS COUNCIL - BRIEFED UPCOMING EVENTS BASED ON INFORMATION FROM THE OK VETERANS COUNCIL - SEE THE GOOGLE SHARED DRIVE FOR DETAILED INFORMATION ON THESE EVENTS.**

**MOAA ADVOCACY IN ACTION - DENNIS CLIPPINGER PROVIDED AN UPDATE ON HIS RECENT ATTENDANCE AT THE ADVOCACY IN ACTION SERIES OF EVENTS IN WASHINGTON, DC. HE DESCRIBED HIS POSITIVE EXPERIENCE WITH MOAA HQ AND THE AGENDA, INCLUDING VISITING MEMBERS AND STAFF FROM OUR OK CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION. SEE RELEVANT DOCUMENTS IN THE GOOGLE SHARED FOLDER FOR FURTHER INFORMATION. 170 MOAA INDIVIDUALS ATTENDED THESE EVENTS FROM 34 COUNCILS. DENNIS MET WITH 5 OF 7 OK CONGRESSIONAL STAFFS.**

**LOE AWARDS - OK COUNCIL, GREEN COUNTRY, NORMAN, SOUTHERN OK, SOUTHWEST OK HAVE SUBMITTED AWARD NOMINATIONS.**

**HARRIS COMMUNICATION AWARDS - DENNIS ENCOURAGED EVERYONE TO MAKE A SUBMISSION FOR THIS AWARD.**

**OTHER AWARDS - LEGISLATIVE AWARD, SURVIVING SPOUSE LIAISON AWARD DUE 1 JUN 23.**

**PLEASE ADD OUR NEW PRESIDENT, DENNIS CLIPINGER, TO YOUR CHAPTER'S E-MAIL ADDRESS BOOK. INVITE DENNIS TO UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS.**

**BRANDING - DO USE THE MOAA TRADEMARKED SHIELD AND MASTHEAD (FOUND IN THE GOOGLE SHARED DRIVE). DO NOT USE US MILITARY SERVICE SEALS.**

**INSURANCE ADVERTISING - IF YOU DESIRE TO EARN \$100 BY INCLUDING A MOAA INSURANCE AD IN A NEWSLETTER (ONCE) TO APPLY SEND MICHELE ARMESTO AN E-MAIL AT MICHELE.ARMESTO@MERCER.COM.**

**COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIP GRANT - SEE MOAA WEBSITE UNDER FUNDRAISING FOR INFO ON \$300 GRANT**

**MOAA MEMBERSHIP - OFFICIAL NUMBER OF NATIONAL MEMBERS AS OF 1 JUN 23 IS 360,000 (210,000 PAID MEMBERS)**

**GOALS AND OBJECTIVES - DENNIS CLIPPINGER DISTRIBUTED 2023 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES. CHAPTER ACTION - DENNIS ENCOURAGES EVERYONE TO DEVELOP CHAPTER GOALS EMPHASIZING THE FOLLOWING AREAS: 1. LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY AT NATIONAL AND CHAPTER LEVEL, 2. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT, 3. MEMBERSHIP GROWTH**

**LEADER TRAINING WORKSHOP - NEXT OPPORTUNITY IS IN 2024 FOR OUR REGION**

**MOAA WEBINARS - THESE ARE AVAILABLE TO HELP CHAPTER LEADERS. NEXT WEBINARS DEALS WITH AWARDS.**

**MOAA STRUCTURE - 349 CHAPTERS, 34 COUNCILS, 10 SATELLITES, AND 6 VIRTUAL CHAPTERS. 36,385 CHAPTER MEMBERS NATIONWIDE (REGULAR AND VIRTUAL CHAPTER MEMBERS). 85% OF CHAPTER MEMBERS ARE NATIONAL MEMBERS.**

**WHY JOIN MOAA - LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY, PHILANTHROPY AND COMMUNITY SERVICE, CAMARADERIE WITH A PURPOSE**

**SUCCESSFUL CHAPTER TRAITS - CHAPTER PURPOSE, LEGISLATIVE ENGAGEMENT, COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT, MEMBERSHIP GROWTH**

**OK VETERANS COUNCIL REPORT: DENNIS CLIPPINGER ATTENDED THE MOST RECENT MEETING AND PROVIDED A VERBAL REPORT TO THE COUNCIL. HE HIGHLIGHTED SOME OF THE RECENT CHALLENGES WITH THE OK VETERAN'S COMMISSION. THERE ARE TWO COMPETING OK LEGISLATURE BILLS TO ADDRESS THE MEMBERSHIP COMPOSITION OF THE COMMISSION. IF ADVOCATING FOR ONE OF THESE BILLS, DO SO AS AN INDIVIDUAL, NOT IN AN OFFICIAL MOAA**

CAPACITY. NEXT OK VETERANS COUNCIL MEETING IS 5 JUN 23/1000 CDT AT ST LUKE'S METHODIST CHURCH IN OKC AT 222 NW 15TH ST.

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:** LEGISLATIVE LIAISON ABSENT DUE TO BUSINESS TRAVEL BUT HE DID SEND A WRITTEN REPORT. SEE THE SHARED FOLDER TO ACCESS THIS REPORT.

**SURVIVING SPOUSE LIAISON:** BARBARA BOWMAN - DISCUSSED DFAS SURVIVOR SBP NEWSLETTER. STRESSED THE NEED TO PLAN AHEAD FOR END OF LIFE ISSUES. US ARMY SURVIVOR OUTREACH SERVICES (AVAILABLE VIA GOOGLE SEARCH) HAS EXCELLENT INFORMATION, INCLUDING CHECKLISTS, TO HELP THIS TYPE OF PLANNING.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** NONE

**NEW BUSINESS:** POSSIBLE OK STATE CONVENTION IN AUG/SEP IN EVEN NUMBERED YEARS - FUTURE DISCUSSION IN AUG 23 MEETING

**PAST PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:** NO COMMENTS FROM PAST PRESIDENT'S JERRY WEST OR ED PETERSEN.

**COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** 12 AUG 2023, 1000-1200, NORMAN PUBLIC LIBRARY – CENTRAL, 103 WEST ACRES ST, NORMAN, OK 73069

**ADJOURNMENT:** DENNIS CLIPPINGER ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 1215L.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

CHRIS SARTORIUS  
COUNCIL SECRETARY  
MOAA / OKLAHOMA COUNCIL OF CHAPTERS