

PMOAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
February 21, 2023

President Pyle called the meeting to order at 1702 hours at the Pensacola Yacht Club with the following members present: CAPT Pyle, LtCol Wenzel, MAJ Werner, RADM Engel, LtCol Nelson, CPT Clark, LCDR Judd, LTC Chlebo, MAJ Dillard, CPT Kirschner, Immediate Past President, Jean Booton, Beacon Editor and Maj Booton, Scholarship Chair. Absent or excused: LCDR Brown and Mrs. Dickson.

January 24, 2023 Minutes – A motion was made by LCDR Judd, seconded by CPT Clark, to approve the January minutes as published in the Beacon. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report – Prior to the meeting, LtCol Nelson provided board members with an email copy of the 21 February 2023 Treasurer Report. The checking account balance is \$1,338.18; Savings account is \$7,607.53; PayPal account is \$801.26 and the CD is \$10,008.02 (purchase of the CD was approved at the January board meeting) and the American Funds account is \$83,058.78. A motion was made by LCDR Judd, seconded by CPT Clark, to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

REPORTS

1st VP – No Report

2nd VP – MAJ Werner and LtCol Nelson are actively monitoring those members who have not yet paid their 2023 dues. The updated recruiting brochure is ready for printing after a couple changes are made for clarification.

Survivor Assistance – No Report

Scholarship Committee – Maj Booton will be meeting with the Scholarship committee members next week to select an essay topic. ROTC students are qualified to apply for a scholarship after completing their freshman year. Maj Booton will meet with the UWF instructors to discuss the PMOAA scholarship program.

Beacon Editor – Jean Booton states she is not receiving emails from the PMOAA web site. This was discussed in some detail with LtCol Nelson stating he will add Jean to the individual email listing. He also added that sometimes cox.net and gmail.net block the Beacons. Deadline for the March Beacon is due NLT COB Friday, 24 February.

Clarification of Surviving Spouse Memberships – When a member with a MOAA lifetime membership passes away, that lifetime MOAA membership is passed to the surviving spouse. The surviving spouse will not pay MOAA dues. Once the lifetime membership is passed to the surviving spouse, the spouse will receive a **one year free PMOAA chapter membership**. After the one year free chapter membership, if the spouse desires to maintain affiliation with PMOAA, he/she must pay chapter dues.

U[on the death of a PMOAA member, regardless of MOAA affiliation, the Surviving Spouse receives a one year free membership in the PMOAA Chapter. After that, dues must be paid to remain an active PMOAA chapter member. Surviving spouses are encouraged to continue paying the MOAA membership dues (except lifetime members).

VA Update – LTC Chlebo gave an update to the board. He along with LCDR Brown will reach out to local veteran organizations. The University of West Florida Military and Veterans Resource Center holds quarterly meetings during which local veteran organization are provided the opportunity to share information and network.

OLD BUSINESS

Level of Excellence Award – LCDR Judd reported that to date, 14,000+ volunteer hours have been submitted by 32 respondents. This the last call for submission.

Clarification of IRS Tax Code - Captain Pyle has submitted a letter dated February 22, 2023 to the IRS regarding clarification and their recommendation on deductibility of charitable donations. Results pending.

NEW BUSINESS

Community Outreach Grants – a volunteer is needed to serve as chair of this endeavor for 2024. This is a mechanism by which a \$5K grant can be provided to a veteran organization using established criteria. It was recommended that the Veteran's Court be given consideration.

JROTC/ROTC Coordinator – CPT Kirschner will serve as the chair and has already been in contact with the various schools.

FCOC State Convention will be held in St. Augustine from May 19-21, 2023. Captain Pyle and his wife will attend. Other members are encouraged to review the FCOC web site for more information and application forms. A motion was made by CPT Kirschner, seconded by LtCol Nelson, to approve a full page color ad for the convention at the cost of \$300. Motion carried.

Bylaws – RADM Engel will serve as the chair of the Bylaws review committee. After discussions today regarding surviving spouses, Article 1, Section 2 will need to be revised.

Silent Auction – Since PMOAA doesn't have an annual fund raising event, it was suggested we do a silent auction at one of our meetings. Sandy Pyle volunteered to coordinate this event. Board members agreed that this would be a good idea. **Meeting date undecided.** The annual raffle, chaired by Liz Richbourg, would continue.

Other Business/Comments

It was suggested that important PMOAA dates be listed each month on the back of the agenda.

Dinner Meeting Agenda – format was established.

Invitation – PMOAA has been invited to attend the joint MOAA meeting sponsored by the Baldwin County MOAA chapter on July 27, 2023 at the Daphne Civic Center. Gail Joyce, a National MOAA Board of Director and the Chair of the Surviving Spouse Advisory Council is the guest speaker. Captain Pyle and his wife will attend. Further information will be presented at our April 16 membership meeting.

The next board meeting will be held on March 21, at 1700 hours at the PYC, Board of Directors room. The next membership meeting is on Thursday 16 March at Azalea Trace with City Councilwoman Allison Patton as the guest speaker.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan M. Engel, Secretary

APPROVED 3/21/2023