

HIGH COUNTRY CHAPTER
MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA



SECRETARY'S REPORT

Board of Directors Meeting 1 Aug 2023

I. The Board of Directors meeting of the High Country Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America was conducted 1 Aug 2023 at Basils restaurant, Boone, NC. The call to order by President Frankie Groff occurred at 1724.

A. Directors attending:

- A.1. Mary (Frankie) Groff (President)(Surviving Spouse)
- A.2. George Brudzinski LtCol, USMC (Ret)(Treasurer)
- A.3. Lance Campbell LTC, USA (Ret)(Secretary)
- A.4. Douglas (Doug) May PhD, Capt, USMC (Fmr)(Immediate Past President)(Webmaster ['Zoom-master'])
- A.5. Frederick (Fred) Schmitt CAPT, USCG (Ret)(1st Vice President)
(Chair Nominating Committee)
- A.6. Patsy Alley (Surviving Spouse)
- A.7. Melanie Trado MAJ USAR
- A.8. Robert (Bob) Love LT USN (Fmr)(ROTC/MCJROTC Liaison)(Chair Membership)

A. Directors absent:

- A.1. Richard (Rick) Williams CAPT USN (Ret)
- A.2. James (Jim) Fisher CAPT USN (Ret)(Chaplain)(Personal Affairs)
(Newsletter)
- A.3. Adam Greene LTC, USA Professor of Military Science & Chair Military Affairs Committee ASU (Legislative Affairs aka Advocacy Chair)
- A.4. Benjamin (Ben) Covington COL, USA (Ret)
- A.4.a) The Board acknowledged with great respect and sadness the passing of longtime member retired COL USA, and friend, Ben Covington.
(A.4.a.1) Details on memorial plans to follow.

B. Quorum (8req) - Yes (8)

- A.1. The BOD acknowledges & appreciates the early notification by Directors if unable to attend meetings.

II. The Agenda (Frankie), Secretary's Report (Lance) & Treasurer's report (George) were sent electronically to the Board prior to the meeting.

A. BOD acknowledged receipt of same.

HIGH COUNTRY CHAPTER
MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA



SECRETARY'S REPORT

III. The Pledge of Allegiance occurred at 1725 in presence of the American Flag.

IV. The Secretary's Report, for the 11 July 2023 BOD meeting, held at Basils restaurant, was received electronically by the Board prior to the meeting.

A. The Secretary's Report was summarized by Lance including comments/edits to initial minutes sent subsequent to 11 July.

B. The report was accepted unanimously by the Board with no edits.

C. Lance had sent an updated roster to the board.

C.1. Only change to roster is inclusion of new member Roberta Christine Bryant LT USN (FMR).

C.1.a) Kudos to Bob for a comprehensive welcoming email to this new member.

A.1. It was mentioned that Joy Timmens is considering re-joining the Chapter.

A.1.a) Bob to send an encouraging email including an invitation to our planned GMM.

V. A detailed Treasurer's Report was previously submitted by George electronically to the Board. Income/Expenses were clearly itemized stating a checking account balance of \$13,616.04 as of 27 July 2023. Included was the operating budget itemizing revenue/expenses & budget/actual amounts, again clearly communicated. Balance reflects cumulative fiscal YTD checking account interest and member dues.

B. Report included:

B.1. George had sent an encouraging email to members suggesting a donation to the Chapter to sustain budget shortfalls.

B.1.a) Thus far, \$300 has been received.

(B.1.a.1) Frankie inquired as to a 'target' for the donations - no specific target has been suggested.

B.2. Fred has appropriately suggested that we need to discuss next fiscal year's plan. Without either an increase in revenues or decrease in expenses, our financial status may be jeopardized.

B.2.a) Suggestions for a 'fund-raiser' were invited including an invitation to members for ideas, perhaps at our upcoming GMM 24 Aug 2023.

HIGH COUNTRY CHAPTER
MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA



SECRETARY'S REPORT

VI. Standing Business

C. Detailed discussions regarding Veterans Day 2023 Boone Mall activities will commence in September.

C.1. Importantly, the Chapter will schedule a flag installation activity at the Mount Lawn Cemetery prior to 2023 Veterans Day, similar to the 2023 Memorial Day activity.

C.1.a) Date to be determined.

D. Discussion on 2nd quarter General Membership Meeting (GMM).

D.1. Suggestion was to accomplish an informal venue similar to 18 Aug 2022 Blowing Rock Rotary Pavilion catered BBQ.

D.1.a) Lance explored the BR venue & committed a \$100 deposit to Blowing Rock Parks & Recreation to reserve the Rotary Pavilion 24 August 2023 0800-2100.

D.1.b) Bob L. explored possible vendor for catering & agreed with 'Hog Wild' folks who supported the 2022 event.

(D.1.b.1) The cost to the Chapter would be \$15/person with a 50 person minimum.

(D.1.b.1.a) \$15/person was previously agreed upon.

(D.1.b.1.b) Menu:

(D.1.b.1.b.a) Chicken & pork BBQ

(D.1.b.1.b.b) Baked Beans

(D.1.b.1.b.c) Coleslaw

(D.1.b.1.b.d) Potato Salad

(D.1.b.1.b.e) Rolls

(D.1.b.1.b.f) Iced Tea

(D.1.b.1.c) Since Bob & Diane will be out of country during Aug-Sept, Frankie agreed to liaison with the caterer.

(D.1.b.2) Frankie will get out another, perhaps 2, 'Save the Date' notifications to membership including honorary members, New River Chapter, Executive Officer of ASU ROTC & Rep Virginia Foxx.

(D.1.b.2.a) This note shall include:

(D.1.b.2.a.a) Members asked to bring desserts to share

(D.1.b.2.a.b) BYOB

(D.1.b.2.a.c) Cash or check only reminder.

HIGH COUNTRY CHAPTER
MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA



SECRETARY'S REPORT

E. ASU ROTC/WHS MCJROTC update:

E.1. Bob is continuing communication with D.J. Weatherford (ASU ROTC liaison with PMS LTC Adam Greene) and Wes Young (WHS MCJROTC) on mutual cooperation.

E.1.a) Bob mentioned continuing planning for Chapter speaker series for WHS MCJROTC.

(E.1.a.1) Timeframe: Feb-March 2024.

F. Membership: Bob reported currently 1 membership application submitted (Roberta Christine Bryant). Welcome LT Bryant!

VII. The meeting was adjourned at 1800 by unanimous decision with next BOD meeting scheduled for 5 Sept 2023 (Tues) @1700 Basils Restaurant.

G. Frankie shall communicate with Basils regarding continuation of hosting.

Respectfully submitted,

Lance Campbell LTC, USA (Ret)