

HIGH COUNTRY CHAPTER  
MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA



SECRETARY'S REPORT

Board of Directors Meeting 5 March 2024

I. The Board of Directors meeting of the High Country Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America was conducted on 5 March 2024 at Basils restaurant, Boone, NC. The call to order by President Frankie Pennington Groff occurred at 1700.

A. Directors attending:

1. Mary (Frankie) Groff (President)(Surviving Spouse)
2. Frederick (Fred) Schmitt CAPT, USCG (Ret)(1st Vice President)(Chair Nominating Committee)
3. George Brudzinski LtCol, USMC (Ret)(Treasurer)
4. Patsy Alley (Surviving Spouse)
5. Douglas (Doug) May PhD, Capt., USMC (Fmr)(Immediate Past President)
6. Eric Timmens CAPT, USN (Ret)
7. David Hollis LTC, USA (Ret)

B. Directors absent:

1. Lance Campbell LTC, USA (Ret)(Secretary)
2. Robert (Bob) Love LT USN (Fmr) (ROTC/WHS M CJROTC Liaison) (Chair Membership)
3. James (Jim) Fisher CAPT USN (Ret)(Chaplain) (Personal Affairs) (Newsletter)
4. Melanie Trado MAJ USAR
5. Adam Greene LTC, USA Professor of Military Science & Chair Military Affairs Committee App State University (Legislative Affairs aka Advocacy Chair)

C. Quorum (8req) - No (7)

1. Per Chapter by-laws, we should have 14 Directors - currently, we have 12.

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.

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- III. The Pledge of Allegiance occurred in presence of the American Flag.
- IV. An invocation was not offered at this meeting.
- V. The Secretary's Report, for the 6 February BOD meeting, held at Basils restaurant, was received electronically by the Board prior to the meeting.
- A. The Secretary's Report was reviewed by the Board prior to the meeting.
    - 1. The only edit: correcting the fee for ads on the back of the Memorial Day Event from \$10 each to \$100 each.
  - B. The report was accepted unanimously by the Board.
- VI. A detailed Treasurer's Report was submitted by George electronically to the Board. Income/Expenses were clearly itemized stating a checking account balance of \$17,961.70 as of 1 March 2024. 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.
- VII. Standing Business
- A. Update of Chapter By-Laws:
    - 1. Action item: Secretary shall edit the following suggested additions.
      - a) Suggested additions:
        - (1) Article I - Organization - Section 5: adding 501c19 as the tax exempt non-profit as clarification.
        - (2) Article III - Membership - Section 1: adding United States Space Force in the 1st sentence.
          - (a) Section 2 B. Surviving spouses: adding may serve as "Board members".
        - (3) Article VIII - Duties and Responsibilities - Section 3: The 2nd Vice President will be the Legislative Committee Chair.

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- B. The Chapter's flag installation activity at the Mount Lawn Cemetery prior to Memorial Day & Veterans Day was discussed.
1. Flags will be placed at Mount Lawn Cemetery on May 25<sup>th</sup> and retrieved on June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- C. 2024 Memorial Day event at the Boone Mall.
1. Fred will 'MC' the ceremony.
    - a) Fred is well into securing Boone Mall, the Community Band, and the American Legion.
  2. George has put a down payment towards the 300 chairs. The chairs will be delivered on Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> and picked up on Tuesday the 27<sup>th</sup>.
  3. Bricca Sweet LTC (ret) will be the guest speaker.
- D. Update on 2024 GMM/Holiday Party
1. In Melanie Trado's absence she let us know that all is in place for the event.
  2. A flyer has been sent to the membership detailing venue, time, and menu.
  3. Frankie will put together an agenda to be placed on the tables.
  4. Board members will supply desserts.
  5. To date there have been 29 RSVPs.
- E. Appalachian State University and WHS ROTC programs
1. George Brudzinski will be the final speaker at the WHS speaker program on March 14<sup>th</sup>.
  2. George Brudzinski will present a Challenge Coin to the cadets' program.
- F. Level of Excellence Award
1. Frankie announced that the Chapter received the LOE award for 2022.
  2. Frankie will contact MOAA for additional streamers for the medallions.

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- G. The next Adopt a Street will be held on April 13, 2024. We will meet at BooneShine at 11:00 am. After clean up we can enjoy lunch and social time.
  
- VIII. The meeting was adjourned at 1757 by unanimous decision with the next BOD meeting scheduled for 2 April 2024 (**Tues**) @1700 Basils Restaurant.
  - a. Frankie has communicated with Basils regarding continuation of hosting - we are confirmed through July 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Frankie Pennington Groff (Surviving Spouse)