

MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

Texas Council of Chapters Minutes of 4th Qtr, 2009 Teleconference Meeting November 14, 2009

Meeting was duly called to order by President Jim Cunningham at 0900 hrs.

Roll call was taken and a quorum was present and acting throughout the meeting.

Attendees:

TCC Officers

Jim Cunningham, President
David Briggs, 2nd VP Legislative
David Patrick, Secretary

14 Chapters Represented

Alamo, Austin, Central Texas, Del Rio/Ft. Clark, Highland Lakes, Lone Star, North DFW, East Texas, El Paso, Greater Dallas, Greater Lubbock, Heart of TX, Rose Capital and Wichita Falls.

Additions to agenda: None

Opening Comments: President Cunningham welcomed all to the conference call.

Secretary Report: The minutes of the 3rd Qtr meeting in Wichita Falls, Aug 22, 2009 were filed and made a matter of record without additions or corrections. David Patrick asked all attendees for their help in keeping email addresses updated on their Chapter leadership – send changes to David at dwpatrick01@gmail.com .

Treasurer Report: The financial report for Aug 14 – November 7, 2009 filed and made a matter of record. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the 2010 Budget was approved. Financials and budget are attached.

Legislative Report: David Briggs made the following comments:

- There is little legislation going on at the Federal level as the Defense budget is finished and the House and Senate continue to be occupied with the Health Care reform.
- Keep up the grass roots efforts as they do have a great impact on shaping and influencing legislation.

- There was discussion on the recently approved Federal Charter for MOAA. Texas does not require organizations to be federally chartered in order to be on state commissions and panels – but several states do so the overall impact will be significant.

Auxiliary Report: No report.

Chapter Reports:

Written reports were submitted by the following Chapters and can be viewed on www.texas-moaa.org - *Quarterly Meetings/Archives/Officer and Chapter Reports:*

Austin, Central Texas, Del Rio/Ft. Clark, Highland Lakes, Lone Star, North DFW, East Texas, El Paso, Greater Dallas, Greater Lubbock, Heart of TX, Rose Capital.

Verbal Updates were given by:

Highland Lakes: Is considering disbanding due to poor participation.

Wichita Falls: Focus has been on filing for non-profit designation; the work of their Personal Affairs Committee; and how to get more active duty involved.

President’s Comments: President Cunningham gave a detailed report on the following key areas:

- The MOAA National meeting last month in San Diego was well done with great fellowship.
- At the end of the calendar quarter in Oct, there were 366 new Give Me Ten members in Texas led by the El Paso and Alamo chapters. There were a number of Life Member conversions.
- Be sure on the legislative front – both Federal and State – that we stay totally neutral in our advocating of benefits for military and veterans and their families. Don’t have a political agenda. There is a lot of misinformation on the internet about military benefits and legislative efforts– go to the MOAA website to get the accurate information.
- We are looking at a total revision to the TCC bylaws in 2010 to include consideration of deleting the 1st & 2nd designations to the Vice President titles, establishing Regional VP positions and revising any other sections in the bylaws needing attention.
- We will be coming to you to get your requirements on how many and what types of 2nd Lt rank you will need in 2010 for the Gold Bar program.
- The Texas Veteran Scratch Off was recently rolled out. The Texas Vets Commissions is in the process of setting up procedures on how the funds will be accessed and distributed.
- Governor Perry just approved monies to hire additional counselors to help process the veteran claims backlogs and to support mental health facilities.

Business Discussion and Old Business:

Previous Taskings/Action Items: All Chapters: Contact ROTC units in their area to see who wants to participate in the Gold Bar Program. Once the numbers of gold bars needed are identified for the 2009-2010 school year, TCC will send that info to national MOAA. **Status: Item Remains Open.** David Patrick will send out e-mail in Dec 2009 to chapters formalizing the process to determine what sort of bars and in what service are needed.

Report by Rural/Extreme Rural Health Care for Veterans Committee: Gary Harber, Greater Lubbock, reported that his committee is still in the “gathering info” stage to make sure they proceed with valid information.

TCC Elections: Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the following were elected by acclamation for 2010-2011:

President – Ed Stone, El Paso Chapter
1st Vice-President – Membership & Chapter Development – Jim Snow, Rose Capital Chapter
2nd Vice President – Legislative – David Briggs, Greater Dallas Chapter
Treasurer – Louraine Robertson, Highland Lakes Chapter

Congratulations to all!!

Bob Rymal, Greater Dallas, thank the current officers for their excellent leadership and work the past two years.

New Business: Ed Stone and David Patrick unveiled the draft of the new TCC Operational Plan, 2010 & 2011. It will be presented to the membership for approval at the 1st Qtr 2010 meeting in Tyler. Input and comments are welcome.

Action Items:

MOAA Board Elections: Upon recommendation from Jim Endicott, Central Texas, put on agenda for 1st Qtr 2010 meeting in Tyler: (1) Election to the National MOAA Board – we need to push selection of Texas candidates; and (2) Get Texas representation on the MOAA Nominating Committee.

Gold Bar Program: David Patrick will send out e-mail in Dec 2009 to chapters formalizing the process to determine what sort of bars and in what service are needed.

Other Comments:

Pat Christ, Central Texas, commented on the recent Ft. Hood tragedy. The community is trying to find normalcy and the healing process continues. The Central Texas Chapter is actively involved in this process with donation of funds, etc. Jim Cunningham offered whatever help the TCC could provide.

Next/Future Meetings:

1st Qtr 2010 - Feb 12 & 13 Tyler, TX (Rose Capital Chapter)

- Business meeting, 1500-1700, Friday, Feb 12
- Installation of New Officers Dinner, Evening, Friday, Feb 12
- Chapter Development Workshop, 0800-1200, Saturday, Feb 13

Meeting adjourned at 1040 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,



David Patrick, Col, USAF (Ret)
Secretary

2 Attachments

**TEXAS COUNCIL OF CHAPTERS-MOAA
FINANCIAL REPORT, 14 AUGUST – 7 NOVEMBER 2009**

Beginning balance, 14 August 2009			\$6,724.13
Income:	Dues (Greater Lubbock & Wichita Falls)	48.00	
	Interest	<u>1.65</u>	<u>49.65</u>
			\$6,773.78
Expenses:	Quarterly Meeting (Wichita Falls)	250.00	
	Gold Bar Program	89.30	
	MOAA Scholarship Fund	<u>75.00</u>	<u>414.30</u>
Ending balance, 7 November 2009			\$6,359.48
Balance in American Bank			\$6,359.48

Respectfully submitted,

(signed by)

Louraine Robertson, Treasurer

TEXAS COUNCIL OF CHAPTERS—2009 DUES PAID

TX 01 Abilene	31.60	TX 08 Highland Lakes	28.80
TX 16 Alamo	200.00	TX 24 Hill Country	46.80
TX 02 Austin	96.00	TX 11 Lone Star	91.60

TX 22 Central	18.40	TX 31 North DFW	43.20 *
TX 29 Del Rio/Ft. Clark	5.20	TX 23 Northeast	20.00
TX 04 East Texas	13.20	TX 30 Oilpatch	20.00
TX 05 El Paso	200.00	TX 19 Panhandle	21.20
TX 06 Ft. Wolters	6.00	TX 27 Rio Grande Valley	7.20
TX 03 Greater Dallas	136.80	TX 25 Rose Capital	46.80
TX 13 Greater Lubbock	31.60	TX 20 Wichita Falls	16.40
TX 07 Heart of TX	32.40		

Total Collected: \$ 1,113.20

*Collected in 2008

Still to be heard from: Golden Triangle. Brazos Valley has notified us that they are not going to join TCC.

**TEXAS COUNCIL OF CHAPTERS – MOAA
2010 BUDGET (With 2009 Comparison)**

		2009 Budget	Actual to 11/7/09	2010 Proposed
Income:	Dues	\$1,115.00	1,070.00*	1,120.00
	Interest earned	15.00	5.28	10.00
	MOAA Nat'l. "Give Me 10"	<u>0</u>	<u>500.00</u>	<u>0</u>
		1,130.00	1,575.28	1,130.00
Expenses:	President	0	0	0
	Quarterly meetings	1,000.00	389.87	1,000.00
	Texan Newsletter	0	0	0
	Secretary	0	0	0
	Treasurer	0	0	0
	Legislative	0	0	0
	Veteran's Coalition Dues	50.00	50.00	50.00
	Nonprofit Renewal, Sec. of State	5.00	0	5.00
	MOAA Scholarship Fund	<u>75.00</u>	<u>75.00</u>	<u>75.00</u>
		\$1,130.00	\$ 514.87	\$1,130.00

Note: We actually collected \$1,113.20 in dues, difference was an early payment recorded in 2008.

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