

SOUTHWEST ILLINOIS CHAPTER, MOAA
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
12 May 12

CALL TO ORDER: President Rick Antaya
PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

- GOAL 1. Increase membership. Focusing on active duty component. Making some headway thanks to membership chair Bob Norman.
- Goal 2. Moving monthly meeting away from the 3-day weekends to increase attendance. Didn't seem to make much difference in attendance.
- Scholarship auction. Membership was great in supporting this fundraiser. Collected enough to fully fund both scholarships.
- USO and Fisher House collection. Really great. Delivered a combined total of \$2,275.00 as well as 2 loads of goodies. Thank you to all members and friends who contributed to this effort.

TREASURER. DICK GLOGOWSKI

- Financially sound. Can cover 3rd scholarship this year without problem. Need to think about using some of our savings in some way.
- Congressional debate. Chapter is attempting to set up a debate for the 19th congressional race. Democratic candidate is reluctant to commit to the debate.
- Need to fill the position of 2nd vice president. Please consider helping.
- Would like to prepare a calendar of events for the coming year. May not have exact site but at least would have the dates. Maybe would help our attendance.
- Eventually we will have to look at the issue of how much member information would be accessible on our website. Would like to be able to notify people when dues are to be paid.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT/MEMBERSHIP. BOB NORMAN

- Went to San Antonio to accept the Four Star Excellence Award from National. Only about 30% of chapters achieve the excellence award.
- Membership. Meeting with the Company Grade Officers and have recruited some members. Unfortunately our most active Lt is PCSing this summer. Will keep meeting with them.
- Working to get a presence with the Professional Officer Organization Council on Scott and the O'Fallon Military Affairs Council. These efforts are to recruit new members as well as identify community activities we could support.
- Chapter finally has our website up and running! Still pretty basic but we will grow.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT/PROGRAMS. VACANT.

- Report by Rick Antaya.
- This position is empty. Please consider helping here.
- The year started shaky but settled down. In September our speaker canceled and in Oct we didn't meet the required number of attendees and cancelled the meeting. After that we had some great speakers and some great food.

PUBLIC RELATIONS/WAYNE MCCOLLUM

- The Retirees Affair Office (RAO) on Scott publishes the Retirees Report quarterly. This newsletter is sent to all retired Air Force persons in the area. If you are from sister service and would like to receive it, please contact the RAO at 618-256-5092. If you have suggestions for articles or would like to contribute something, let them know.

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS/LEN BUTLER

- If Congress cannot agree on a budget, there will be a 50% of the cuts will come from defense spending even though defense constitutes only 30% of the budget.
- Highly encourage everyone to look at the MOAA website, read the magazine, and respond to legislative action alerts. As an organization, we have some clout. Turn over to Dale Yonker to report on Storming the Hill.

STORMING THE HILL/DALE YONKER

- Hosted by National MOAA, about 150 Council of Chapters and/or Chapter Presidents from across the United States and Puerto Rico met in Washington DC in preparation to visit nearly all 535 congressional members or their staffs to present MOAA's side on issues involving military matters. Of all the military organizations, MOAA is the only big one watching out for people issues.
- The focus this year was to encourage congressional members to:
 - reject disproportional TRICARE fee hikes
 - protect against accelerated force cuts that would decrease time at home between deployments
 - resist efforts to "fast track" military retirement changes.
- Encourage to visit MOAA.org to learn more about these issues.
- Community Blueprint. Test program by MOAA to assist chapter to help veterans in their communities. The goal is better coordination of available community resources. For more information, contact Dale Yonker.

ROTC/DALE DAVIDSON

- Report given by Rick Antaya
- Presented awards to 6 JROTC programs and to 1 ROTC program.
- Awarded the Freedom scholarship to a student from Mascoutah High School JROTC program.

SCHOLARSHIP/RON MOREY

- Didn't get as many candidates as would have liked. Will start advertising earlier next year.
- Thank you to the panel of members who evaluated and selected the winners.
- The winner of the Charles Nalley scholarship is Lauren Grant from Edwardsville High School, daughter of Tom and Wendy Grant, and granddaughter of chapter member Toni Grant.
- The winner of the Freedom scholarship is Justine Johnson from Mascoutah High School JROTC program.
- Possibility of a third scholarship is pending.

Submitted by Ann Morey, Secretary